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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. David Stawick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: Rule Certification. New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. Submission #09.12: Notification of an Amendment to NYMEX Rule 6.21C, Block Trades.

Dear Mr. Stawick:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it is self-certifying an amendment to NYMEX Rule 6.21C, Block Trades, to raise the minimum size for a block trade in the American Style Crude Oil Options (LO) contract from 350 contracts to 1,000 contracts.

In early December 2008, the Exchange self-certified amendments to allow for the submission of block trades for certain NYMEX and COMEX option contracts. NYMEX had conducted analyses of executed trades which were primarily executed in a pit, and generally referred to prior CFTC guidance to determine appropriate minimum size for the block trades. Subsequent to implementation, Exchange staff had discussions with market participants which has led to the determination to raise the minimum block size for the LO contract primarily based upon the routine volume of bids and offers residing in the market at any one time.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the attached rule amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. These changes will be made effective on trade date February 9, 2009.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Thomas LaSala, Managing Director, NYMEX Chief Regulatory Officer, at (212) 299-2897, or the undersigned at (202) 638-3838.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "De'Ana H. Dow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

De'Ana H. Dow
Senior Vice President and
Chief Legislative Counsel

NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENT TO NYMEX RULE 6.21C
(Bold/strikethrough indicates deletions; bold/underlining indicates additions.)

6.21C Block Trades

(Sections (A) and (B) are unchanged.)

(C) Block trades shall be permitted in accordance with this Rule 6.21C in the following Exchange Options products, in any one contract month, under the conditions described:

- (1) Light Sweet Crude Oil Options (LO), for a minimum quantity threshold of ~~350~~ **1,000** contracts;
- (2) Henry Hub Natural Gas Options (ON), for a minimum quantity threshold of 1,600 contracts;
- (3) European-style Natural Gas Options (LN), for a minimum quantity threshold of 550 contracts;
- (4) New York Harbor RBOB Gasoline Options (OB), for a minimum quantity threshold of 350 contracts; and
- (5) New York Harbor Heating Oil Options (OH), for a minimum quantity threshold of 300 contracts.