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Mr. David Stawick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
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Re: Rule Certification. Submission #08.96: Expansion of Listed Months for Seven (7) Existing Natural Gas Swap Futures Contracts Listed on ClearPort® clearing and trading.

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 expanding the listed contract months for seven natural gas basis swap futures contracts listed on ClearPort® clearing and trading. The Exchange intends to expand the listed months for Transco Z3 Natural Gas Basis Swap Futures (CZ), FGT Zone 3 Natural Gas Basis Swap Futures (FP), Tennessee 500 Leg Natural Gas Basis Swap Futures (NM), Trunkline, LA Natural Gas Basis Swap Futures (NU), NGPL LA Natural Gas Basis Swap Futures (NY), Tetco East LA Natural Gas Basis Swap Futures (TE), and Transco Zone 4 Natural Gas Basis Swap Futures (TR) contracts to the current year plus five consecutive years through December 2013. This is being done in accordance with NYMEX Rules 639.04, 806.04, 770.04, 773.04, 626.04, 640.04 and 805.04 which place the discretion for expanding months with the Board.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the expansion of listed months complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. This expansion will become effective on Sunday evening, October 26, 2008 (for trade date Monday, October 27, 2008).

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact at Bob Levin at 212-299-2390 or the undersigned at 201-715-8517.

Sincerely,



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