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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 # 08.137;
Notification of Amendment to Exchange Rule 933.01 Relating to the Expiration of
the Central Appalachian Coal Option Contract**

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 Rule 933.01 relating to the expiration of the Central Appalachian Coal Option contract to reflect the over-the-counter practice. Pursuant to this amendment, the Central Appalachian Coal Option contract will expire on the first business day of the calendar month preceding the delivery month of the underlying Central Appalachian Coal futures contract. Currently, the contract expires three business days immediately preceding the expiration of the underlying Central Appalachian Coal futures contract. The Central Appalachian Coal Option contract has never traded and has no open interest.

The amendment to Rule 933.01, Expiration of Central Appalachian Coal Option contract, will be made effective Sunday, December 21, 2008 for trade date Monday, December 22, 2008.

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. Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Bob Biolsi at (212) 299-2610 or the undersigned at (202) 715-8517.

Sincerely,



De'Ana H. Dow
Managing Director
Government Relation

Attachment

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Rule Amendments to the Central Appalachian Coal Option Contract

933.01 Expiration of Central Appalachian Coal Option Contracts

The Central Appalachian Coal Option contract shall expire ~~three business days immediately preceding the expiration of the underlying Central Appalachian Coal futures contract~~ **on the first business day of the calendar month preceding the delivery month of the underlying Central Appalachian Coal futures contract.** The expiration date shall be announced prior to the listing of the option contract.