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Ms. Karen Klitzman
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Re: Applications of the New York Mercantile Exchange for Designation as a Contract Market in Crude Oil Average Price, Heating Oil Average Price and Unleaded Gasoline Average Price Option Contracts.

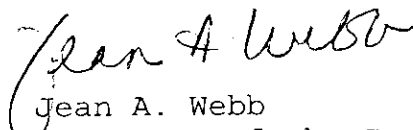
Dear Ms. Klitzman:

In a submission dated May 19, 1999, and received by the Commission on May 20, 1999, the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX or Exchange) applied pursuant to Sections 4c and 6 of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act), 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 8, and Commission Regulations § 33.4 and 33.5, 17 C.F.R. § 33.5, for designation as contract markets in average price options on the referenced petroleum commodities, and for approval of corresponding rules pursuant to Section 5a(a)(12) of the Act. The Exchange submitted supplemental submissions dated July 27, August 11 and 27, 1999.

Acting pursuant to Sections 4c and 5 of the Act, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 7, the Commission today designated the NYMEX as a contract market in light sweet crude oil average price options, New York Harbor No. 2 heating oil average price options and New York Harbor unleaded regular gasoline average price options pursuant to Sections 4c and 5 of the Act, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 7. Additionally, on the same date, the Commission, pursuant to Section 5a(a)(12) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. § 7a(a)(12), approved

proposed rules XX.01 through XX.07 for each of the three subject proposed option contracts, and amendments to general option rules 300.02 through 300.08 and rules 9.26, 9.27 and 9.34 regarding speculative limits were approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean A. Webb". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Jean A. Webb
Secretary of the Commission

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of the New York
Mercantile Exchange for Designation as a
Contract Market in Light Sweet Crude Oil
Average Price Options

ORDER OF DESIGNATION

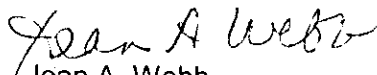
The New York Mercantile Exchange, having submitted an application for designation as a contract market in light sweet crude oil (crude oil) average price options pursuant to Sections 4c and 6 of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act), 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 8, and Commission Regulations 33.4 and 33.5, 17 C.F.R. §33.5, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission having reviewed the application and the complete record in this matter, and for the reasons set forth in the memorandum submitted to the Commission by its staff recommending designation of this contract market, the Commission finds that for purposes of this application the New York Mercantile Exchange has demonstrated compliance with the requirements of Sections 4c and 5 of the Act, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 7, and the regulations thereunder. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, under Sections 4c and 5 of the Act, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 7, that the application of the New York Mercantile Exchange for designation as a contract market in crude oil average price options is granted, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this grant of designation shall be subject to compliance with all sections of the Act and regulations thereunder applicable to the New York Mercantile Exchange as a contract market under the Act.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 13th day of September, 1999.

By the Commission


Jean A. Webb
Secretary of the Commission

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of the COMEX
Division of the New York Mercantile Exchange
for Designation as a Contract Market in New
York Harbor No. 2 Heating Oil Average Price
Options

ORDER OF DESIGNATION

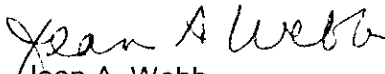
The New York Mercantile Exchange, having submitted an application for designation as a contract market in New York Harbor No. 2 Heating Oil (Heating Oil) average price options pursuant to Sections 4c and 6 of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act), 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 8, and Commission Regulations 33.4 and 33.5, 17 C.F.R. §33.5, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission having reviewed the application and the complete record in this matter, and for the reasons set forth in the memorandum submitted to the Commission by its staff recommending designation of this contract market, the Commission finds that for purposes of this application the New York Mercantile Exchange has demonstrated compliance with the requirements of Sections 4c and 5 of the Act, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 7, and the regulations thereunder. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, under Sections 4c and 5 of the Act, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 7, that the application of the New York Mercantile Exchange for designation as a contract market in heating oil average price options is granted, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this grant of designation shall be subject to compliance with all sections of the Act and regulations thereunder applicable to the New York Mercantile Exchange as a contract market under the Act.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 13th day of September , 1999.

By the Commission


Jean A. Webb
Secretary of the Commission

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of the COMEX
Division of the New York Mercantile Exchange
for Designation as a Contract Market in New
York Harbor Unleaded Regular Gasoline
Average Price Options

ORDER OF DESIGNATION

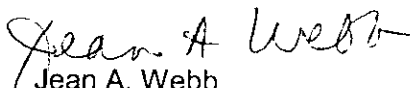
The New York Mercantile Exchange, having submitted an application for designation as a contract market in New York Harbor unleaded regular gasoline (gasoline) average price options pursuant to Sections 4c and 6 of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act), 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 8, and Commission Regulations 33.4 and 33.5, 17 C.F.R. §33.5, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission having reviewed the application and the complete record in this matter, and for the reasons set forth in the memorandum submitted to the Commission by its staff recommending designation of this contract market, the Commission finds that for purposes of this application the New York Mercantile Exchange has demonstrated compliance with the requirements of Sections 4c and 5 of the Act, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 7, and the regulations thereunder. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, under Sections 4c and 5 of the Act, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6c and 7, that the application of the New York Mercantile Exchange for designation as a contract market in gasoline average price options is granted, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this grant of designation shall be subject to compliance with all sections of the Act and regulations thereunder applicable to the New York Mercantile Exchange as a contract market under the Act.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 13th day of September , 1999.

By the Commission


Jean A. Webb
Secretary of the Commission