

May 27, 2004

BY EMAIL AND FACSIMILE

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

Re: Rule Certification. NYMEX Submission 04.71: Notification of Listing Additional Months in the Houston Ship Channel Basis Swap Futures Contract (Symbol NH)

Dear CFTC Commissioners:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or the "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it is expanding the listed contract months for the Exchange's Houston Ship Channel Basis Swap futures contract through the contract month December 2007 in addition to the current listing of 36 contract months which currently runs through May 2007. This futures contract is listed for trading and clearing on NYMEX ClearPortsm.

This expansion in listed contract months will go into effect on trade date Tuesday, June 1, 2004. Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the listing of these additional months complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Dan McElduff at (212) 299-2606; or contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2390.

Very truly yours,

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