

Chapter 1012

Natural Gas Weekly Option

1012100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to weekly put and call options on the Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures contract. In addition to the Rules of this chapter, transactions in the Natural Gas Weekly Option contract shall be subject to the general Rules of the Exchange insofar as applicable.

1012101. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS

The number of weeks open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

1012101.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

1012101.B. Trading Unit

A Natural Gas Weekly call option traded on the Exchange represents an option to assume a long position in the nearest to expiry Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures contract. If expiration occurs after the Natural Gas Monthly option contract and on or before the first nearby Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures expiration, the contract will be exercisable into second closest to expiry Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures contract.

A Natural Gas Weekly put option traded on the Exchange represents an option to assume a short position in the nearest to expiry Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures contract. If expiration occurs after the Natural Gas Monthly option contract and on or before the first nearby Natural Gas Futures expiration, the contract will be exercisable into second closest to expiry Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures contract.

1012101.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in dollars and tenths of a cent per MMBtu and prices shall be in multiples of \$0.001 per MMBtu. The minimum price increment will be \$0.001. A cabinet trade may occur at a price of \$0.0001 per MMBtu, or \$1.00 per contract.

1012101.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

1012101.E. Termination of Trading

Options will expire at the close of trading on a Friday schedule. If such Friday falls on the expiration of a Natural Gas monthly option, the weekly option shall not be listed.

For the first (1st) weekly option of the month, if the first Friday of the listing is a scheduled Exchange holiday, the Natural Gas Weekly Option shall terminate on the first Business Day immediately preceding the Friday.

For the second (2nd) weekly option of the month, if the second Friday of the listing is a scheduled Exchange holiday, the Natural Gas Weekly Option shall terminate on the first Business Day immediately preceding the Friday.

For the third (3rd) weekly option of the listing, if the third Friday of the listing is a scheduled Exchange holiday, the Natural Gas Weekly Option shall terminate on the first Business Day immediately preceding the Friday.

For the fourth (4th) weekly option of the listing, if the fourth Friday of the listing is a scheduled Exchange holiday, the Natural Gas Weekly Option shall terminate on the first Business Day immediately preceding the Friday.

1012101. F. Type Option

The option is an American-style option which can be exercised on any Business Day prior to and until expiration day.

1012102. EXERCISE PRICES AND CHARACTERISTICS

Transactions shall be conducted for option contracts as set forth in Rule 300.20.

1012103. TEMPORARY TRADING HALT

When a Triggering Event (as defined in Chapter 220) in Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures occurs, trading in this option shall be subject to a coordinated Temporary Trading Halt (as defined in Chapter 220).