

Special Executive Report

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Amendments to NYMEX Rules 9A.27 and 9A.27A to Establish Hard Expiration Position Limits for Certain Natural Gas Financially-Settled Contracts

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. is amending Rules 9A.27, Expiration Month Position Limit, and 9A.27A, Expiration Position Accountability Levels. Effective for the October 2009 expiration, these amendments will establish hard expiration position limits for the following natural gas financially-settled contracts:

Henry Hub Penultimate Financial Futures Contract	HP
Natural Gas Look-Alike Option	LN
Henry Hub Natural Gas Penultimate Swap Futures Contract	NP
NYMEX Natural Gas miNY Futures Contract	QG
Henry Hub Financial Last Day Futures Contract	HH
Henry Hub Swap Futures Contract	NN
Henry Hub Financial Last Day Option Contract	E7

The amendments are being implemented in response to a Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") rulemaking, anticipated to be in force by September 2009 that will require exempt commercial markets to establish hard position limits for significant price discovery contracts ("SPDCs"). As such, these amendments are being implemented to establish hard expiration position limits for the above-cited natural gas financially-settled contracts similar to those required to be established for SPDCs. In conjunction with the implementation of the CFTC's final rulemaking, the amendments, reflected in Chapter 9A, Appendix A (attached) will, as previously stated, be made effective in conjunction with the October 2009 expiration of the natural gas financially-settled contracts.

Questions regarding these amendments can be directed to Anthony V. Densieski, Director, Market Surveillance, at 212.299.2881, or Chris Reinhardt, Supervisor, Market Surveillance at 212.299.2884.

Attachment

NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO NYMEX RULES 9A.27 and 9A.27A
(bold/underline indicates additions; strikethrough indicates deletions)

<u>Contract Name</u>	<u>Rule Chapter</u>	<u>Commodity Code</u>	<u>All Month Accountability Level</u>	<u>Any One Month Accountability Level</u>	<u>Expiration Month Limit</u>	<u>Expiration Accountability Level- Penultimate and Metals Contracts</u>	<u>Expiration Accountability Level Last Day Contract</u>	<u>Reporting Level</u>	<u>Aggregate Into (1)</u>	<u>Aggregate Into (2)</u>
			<u>Rule 9A.26</u>	<u>Rule 9A.26</u>	<u>Rule 9A.27</u>	<u>Rule 9A.27A</u>	<u>Rule 9A.27A</u>	<u>Rule 9A.34</u>		
<i>Natural Gas</i>										
<i>United Kingdom</i>										
<i>USA</i>										
Henry Hub Penultimate Financial Futures Contract	824	HP	12,000	12,000	<u>1,000</u>	1,000		100	HP	
Natural Gas Look-Alike Option	560	LN	12,000	12,000	<u>1,000</u>	1,000		100	HP	
Henry Hub Natural Gas Penultimate Swap Futures Contract	529	NP	12,000	12,000	<u>1,000</u>	1,000		100	HP	
NYMEX Natural Gas miNY Futures Contract	402	QG	12,000	12,000	<u>1,000</u>	1,000		175	HP	
Henry Hub Financial Last Day Futures Contract	823	HH	12,000	12,000	<u>1,000</u>		-1,000	100	HH	
Henry Hub Swap Futures Contract	508	NN	12,000	12,000	<u>1,000</u>		-1,000	175	HH	
Henry Hub Financial Last Day Option Contract	375	E7	12,000	12,000	<u>1,000</u>		-1,000	100	HH	