

Chapter 222

Argus Sour Crude Index (“ASCI”) vs. WTI Diff Spread Trade Month Futures

222.01 SCOPE

The provisions of these Rules shall apply to all contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

222.02 FLOATING PRICE

The Floating Price for each contract month is equal to the arithmetic average of the Argus Sour Crude Index (“ASCI”) differential (Diff) price for the front month from Argus Media, which is based on the ASCI price minus the WTI Formula Basis price, for the Trade month period beginning with the first business day after the 25th calendar day two months prior to the contract month through the last business day that falls on or before the 25th calendar day of the month prior to the contract month. If the 25th calendar day is a weekend or holiday, the Trade month period shall end on the first business day prior to the 25th calendar day.

222.03 CONTRACT QUANTITY AND VALUE

The contract quantity shall be 1,000 barrels. Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (1,000) multiplied by the settlement price.

222.04 CONTRACT MONTHS

Trading shall be conducted in contracts in such months as shall be determined by the Exchange.

222.05 PRICES AND FLUCTUATIONS

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per barrel. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.01 per barrel. There shall be no maximum price fluctuation.

222.06 TERMINATION OF TRADING

Trading shall cease at the close of trading on the last business day that falls on or before the 25th calendar day of the month prior to the contract month. If the 25th calendar day is a weekend or holiday, trading shall cease on the first business day prior to the 25th calendar day.

222.07 FINAL SETTLEMENT

Delivery under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

222.08 DISCLAIMER

See [NYMEX/COMEX Chapter iv. \(“DISCLAIMERS”\)](#) incorporated herein by reference.