



## Special Executive Report

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**SUBJECT:** NYMEX Natural Gas (Platts) Products

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") uses S&P Global Platts natural gas indexes for settling and clearing contracts ("NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products") under a non-exclusive licensing agreement. That license for NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products will end on October 31, 2017 and will not be renewed.\*

In order to best serve our market participants, and pursuant to contractual and regulatory requirements, NYMEX will continue to use Platts natural gas indexes for settling and clearing contracts with certain exceptions up to and beyond October 31, 2017. The Exchange will use Platts natural gas indexes to support trading and clearing in listed contract months until their ordinary expiry, which for certain products extends into 2021.

The Q&As that follow include details on the Exchange's use of Platts natural gas indexes prior to and after October 31, 2017.

### Questions and Answers Regarding NYMEX Natural Gas (Platts) Products

#### The Continued Listing of Products

**Q:** Will NYMEX continue to list all contract months in NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products with open interest in one or more listed expirations after October 31, 2017?

**A:** Yes. NYMEX will continue to list all contract months in products with open interest in one or more expirations after October 31, 2017. NYMEX will maintain the listing of these contract months until their ordinary expiration in accordance with each product's current listing schedule which may include expirations up to and including 2021.

**Q:** Will NYMEX continue to list contract months without open interest after October 31, 2017?

**A:** Yes. For the avoidance of any doubt, NYMEX will continue to list for trading all contract months – with or without open interest – for all NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products provided that such products have open interest in at least one expiration after October 31, 2017. NYMEX will continue to list these contract months until their ordinary expiration in accordance with each product's current listing schedule which may include expirations up to and including 2021.

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**Q:** Does NYMEX intend to delist any NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products prior to October 31, 2017?

**A:** NYMEX generally does not intend to delist any products but may prior to October 31, 2017 delist NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products without any open interest in any listed contract month.

**Q:** Does NYMEX intend to delist any NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products after October 31, 2017?

**A:** NYMEX will delist NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products without any open interest in any listed expiration after October 31, 2017.

### **The Continued Trading of Products**

**Q:** Will trading in listed contract months after October 31, 2017 be limited to liquidation trading only?

**A:** No. NYMEX will continue to use Platts natural gas indexes to fully support trading and clearing in listed contract months after October 31, 2017. Market participants will fully retain the ability to establish new positions in listed contract months, including new positions in contract months without open interest. Market participants will also fully retain the ability to offset current positions and enter into EFRP and block trades.

**Q:** Will there be any disruptions to the ability of market participants to trade listed NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products after October 31, 2017?

**A:** Market participants should anticipate no disruption to their ability to trade NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products after October 31, 2017.

### **The Continued Listing of Additional Contract Months**

**Q:** Will NYMEX continue to list new contract months in NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products prior to October 31, 2017?

**A:** Yes. NYMEX will continue to list new contract months for products with open interest in one or more contract months. Newly-listed contract months will be rolled out in accordance with each product's current listing schedule which may include expirations up to and including 2021.

**Q:** Will the Exchange list new contract months for NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products after October 31, 2017?

**A:** No. NYMEX will not list any additional contract months in NYMEX natural gas (Platts) products after October 31, 2017. As noted above, however, listed contract months will continue to be available for trading until their normal expiry, which in certain cases may extend into 2021.

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