

Advisory Notice

Clearing House

08-298

TO: Clearing Member Firms
Chief Financial Officers
Back Office Managers
Margin Managers

FROM: CME Clearing

SUBJECT: Performance Bond Requirement Changes.

DATE: Wednesday, October 29th, 2008.

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As per the normal review of market volatility to ensure adequate collateral coverage, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc., Clearing House Risk Management staff approved the performance bond requirements for the following products listed below. The rates are effective at the close of business on **Thursday, October 30th, 2008.**

MARGIN RATE AND TIER CHANGES FOR NATURAL GAS FUTURES (NG), HENRY HUB SWAP FUTURES (NN), NATURAL GAS PENULTIMATE (HP), NATURAL GAS LAST DAY (HH), GLOBEX NATURAL GAS miNY™ FUTURES (QG), HENRY HUB SWING SWAP FUTURES (SN), AND HENRY HUB PENULTIMATE SWAP (NP) CONTRACTS

Note: The revised margins are in **bold**.

NG/NN/NP/HH/HP/QG Intra-Commodity Spread and Scan Tiers

Tiers	New	Old
1	1st Nearby	1st Nearby
2	2nd Nearby	2nd Nearby
3	3rd - 4th Nearby	3rd - 5th Nearby
4	5th- 11th Nearby	6th- 12th Nearby
5	12th– 16th Nearby	13th– 17th Nearby
6	17th– 28th Nearby	18th– 29th Nearby
7	29th- 40th Nearby	30th- 41st Nearby
8	41st- 52nd Nearby	42nd- 53rd Nearby
9	Greater than 52nd Nearby	Greater than 53rd Nearby

NYMEX Division Outright (Scan) Margins on Natural Gas Futures (NG), Natural Gas Penultimate (HP) and Natural Gas Last Day (HH)

Tiers	Clearing Member / Maintenance Margin		Member Customer Initial Margin		Non-Member Customer Initial Margin	
	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old
1	\$7,250	\$8,250	\$7,975	\$9,075	\$9,788	\$11,138
2	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$7,700	\$8,800	\$9,450	\$10,800
3	\$6,750	\$7,750	\$7,425	\$8,525	\$9,113	\$10,463
4	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$5,775	\$5,775	\$7,088	\$7,088
5	\$5,250	\$5,500	\$5,775	\$6,050	\$7,088	\$7,425
6	\$4,000	\$4,250	\$4,400	\$4,675	\$5,400	\$5,738
7	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$3,850	\$4,400	\$4,725	\$5,400
8	\$3,250	\$3,750	\$3,575	\$4,125	\$4,388	\$5,063
9	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$3,300	\$3,850	\$4,050	\$4,725

NYMEX Division Outright (Scan) Margins on Henry Hub Swap Futures (NN) Henry Hub Penultimate Swap (NP) and GLOBEX miNY Natural Gas (QG)

Tiers	Clearing Member / Maintenance Margin		Member Customer Initial Margin		Non-Member Customer Initial Margin	
	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old
1	\$1,813	\$2,063	\$1,994	\$2,269	\$2,447	\$2,784
2	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$1,925	\$2,200	\$2,363	\$2,700
3	\$1,688	\$1,938	\$1,856	\$2,131	\$2,278	\$2,616
4	\$1,313	\$1,313	\$1,444	\$1,444	\$1,772	\$1,772
5	\$1,313	\$1,375	\$1,444	\$1,513	\$1,772	\$1,856
6	\$1,000	\$1,063	\$1,100	\$1,169	\$1,350	\$1,434
7	\$875	\$1,000	\$963	\$1,100	\$1,181	\$1,350
8	\$813	\$938	\$894	\$1,031	\$1,097	\$1,266
9	\$750	\$875	\$825	\$963	\$1,013	\$1,181

NYMEX Division Outright (Scan) Margin on Henry Hub Swing Swap Futures (SN)

Tiers	Clearing Member / Maintenance Margin		Member Customer Initial Margin		Non-Member Customer Initial Margin	
	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old
1	\$1,813	\$2,063	\$1,994	\$2,269	\$2,447	\$2,784