

# **Advisory Notice**

Clearing House

#10-423

TO: Clearing Member Firms

FROM: CME Clearing

SUBJECT: Green Exchange Product Migration — Monday, January 24, 2011

DATE: October 7, 2010

## **Background**

Currently, there are thirty-eight emissions products (the "<u>Green products</u>") listed on the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("<u>NYMEX</u>") Designated Contract Market ("<u>DCM</u>" or "<u>Exchange</u>").

Recently, Green Exchange LLC ("<u>GreenX</u>") received a license to operate as a DCM by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("<u>CFTC</u>"). As GreenX recently announced, on the trade date of Monday, January 24, 2011, the existing Green products will be de-listed from trading on the NYMEX Exchange and listed for trading on the GreenX Exchange (the "<u>Transition</u>"). (The GreenX press release regarding the Transition is available at <a href="http://nymex.greenfutures.com/news/articles/09-30-2010.html">http://nymex.greenfutures.com/news/articles/09-30-2010.html</a>.)

Under the Transition, the Green products – which will continue to be listed on the NYMEX Exchange through the end of day on Friday, January 21 – will be listed on the new GreenX Exchange as of Sunday night, January 23, for trade date Monday, January 24. After this date, the Green products will only be available for trading on the GreenX Exchange.

Following the Transition, the Green products will, without interruption, continue to be available for trading via CME Globex and for submission for clearing via CME ClearPort services.

#### Open Interest Migration

In connection with the Transition, CME Clearing will conduct the open interest migration for the Green products on **Saturday**, **January 22**, **2011**.

In connection with the Transition, the **product exchange acronym** for all of the Green products will change from **NYMEX** to **GEX**.

Note that the **firm exchange acronym** – the value used in Front-End Clearing to quality the firm number on the trade – will **not** change, and will remain as its current value of **NYMEX**. In this regard, GreenX is like COMEX, and following the Transition:

- There will be three product exchanges NYMEX, COMEX, and GEX
- The firm exchange for all three product exchanges will be NYMEX

Also note that the U.S. CFTC code for GreenX is GE.

### Key Testing Date - Monday, November 1, 2010

In CME's New Release testing environment, several Green products have long been set up as GreenX Exchange-listed products, and many clearing firms have already verified their ability to support the separate product exchange acronym in their bookkeeping systems. On Monday, November 1, 2010, the remaining Green products will be transitioned in the New Release testing environment.

So, clearing firms may test <u>all</u> Green products, as Green Exchange products, in the New Release testing environment, at any time beginning Monday, November 1, 2010.

Functionality that firms may wish to test includes loading of settlement prices, trade loads, PCS submission, point balancing, SPAN margining and large trader submission. Call to request test data. We can inject electronic or CME ClearPort trades as needed for testing.

#### Other Notes

Following the Transition, GreenX will be a "participant-based" contract market. Firms and individuals that seek trading privileges through direct access to the contract market through CME Globex must first apply to GreenX for, and be granted, GreenX Participant status. In addition, any current CME, CBOT, NYMEX and/or COMEX clearing firm that wishes to clear GreenX products after the Transition must become a GreenX Clearing Member. To become a Green Exchange Clearing Member, a clearing firm must first be granted Green Exchange Participant status. (See CME Group NY Division Clearing Notice to Operations Managers of Clearing Member Firms issued July 12, 2010.)

For previously published advisories on this conversion please see:

Advisory 09-534, published Nov. 30, 2009, at:

http://www.cmegroup.com/tools-

information/lookups/advisories/clearing/Chadv09534.html

Advisory 09-586, published Dec. 28, 2009, at:

http://www.cmegroup.com/tools-information/lookups/advisories/clearing/files/Chadv09-

586 ndf

Advisory 10-003, published Jan. 5, 2010, at:

http://www.cmegroup.com/tools-information/lookups/advisories/clearing/Chadv10-

003.html

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The full set of Green products, in alphabetical order by clearing product code, is as follows:

Clearing		Name
Code	Code	
09	SNV	Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> ) Emission 25-Allowance Current Futures
10	V10	Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> ) Emission 25- Allowance Vintage 2010 Futures
11	V11	Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> ) Emission 25- Allowance Vintage 2011 Futures
12	V12	Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> ) Emission 25- Allowance Vintage 2012 Futures
13	V13	Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> ) Emission 25- Allowance Vintage 2013 Futures
14	V14	Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> ) Emission 25- Allowance Vintage 2014 Futures
6P		In Delivery Month Certified Emission Reduction (CER) Options
6S	CRE	In Delivery Month Certified Emission Reduction (CER) Futures
6T	EAF	In Delivery Month European Union Allowance (EUA) Futures
6U		In Delivery Month European Union Allowance (EUA) Options
76	76X	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO <sub>2</sub> Allowance Vintage 2010 Futures
86	86N	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO <sub>2</sub> Allowance Vintage 2011 Futures
92	92X	Climate Action Registry (CAR) - Vintage 2009 Futures
93	93X	Climate Action Registry (CAR) - Vintage 2010 Futures
94	94X	Climate Action Registry (CAR) - Vintage 2011 Futures
95	95X	Climate Action Registry (CAR) - Vintage 2012 Futures
96	96X	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO <sub>2</sub> Allowance Vintage 2012 Futures
98	98N	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO <sub>2</sub> Allowance Vintage 2009 Futures
9E		In Delivery Month Certified Emission Reduction (CER) Serial Options
9G		In Delivery Month European Union Allowance (EUA) Serial Options
AS		SO <sub>2</sub> Emissions Allowance Options
AV		European Union Allowance (EUA) Options
СО		Climate Action Registry (CAR) Options
CR	CR	Climate Action Registry (CAR) - non Vintage Futures
EUL	EUL	Daily European Union Allowance (EUA) Futures (launching Nov. 1, 2010)
OR		Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO <sub>2</sub> Allowance Options
RC	EUA	European Union Allowance (EUA) Futures
RJ	RGI	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO <sub>2</sub> Allowance Futures
RS	RSN	SO <sub>2</sub> Emissions Allowance Futures
S2		SO <sub>2</sub> Emission 25-Allowance Options
VA	CCR	Certified Emission Reduction (CER) Futures
VG		Certified Emission Reduction (CER) Options
YJ	YJN	Seasonal NO <sub>x</sub> Emissions Allowance Vintage 2010 Futures
YM	YMN	Seasonal NO <sub>x</sub> Emissions Allowance Vintage 2012 Futures

Clearing Code	Globex Code	Name
YN	YKN	Seasonal NO <sub>X</sub> Emissions Allowance Vintage 2011 Futures
YP	YPN	Annual NO <sub>X</sub> Emissions Allowance Vintage 2010 Futures
YQ	YQN	Annual NO <sub>X</sub> Emissions Allowance Vintage 2011 Futures
YR	YRN	Annual NO <sub>X</sub> Emissions Allowance Vintage 2012 Futures

Note that the following products – RN, WW and YI – no longer have contracts eligible for trading and are not part of the migration.