# Leading OTC Energy Broker Data to Settle New NYMEX Electricity Futures Contracts

HOUSTON – March 7, 2008 – The SNL Energy ERCOT Broker Index will be used as the settlement vehicle for the eight new NYMEX electricity futures contracts slated for the Texas market starting on March 9, 2008 for trade date March 10, 2008.

The daily and monthly contracts will provide transparency and clearing for the day-ahead market in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and will settle based on ERCOT Broker Indices published by SNL Energy.

SNL Energy's ERCOT Broker Index is a next day ERCOT index based on transactional information from OTC energy brokers Amerex, ICAP and Tullett Prebon. SNL Energy provides data aggregation, error checking, and daily posting of the Index. The Index is posted for public use on SNL Energy's website at <a href="http://www.snl.com/energy/ercot/">http://www.snl.com/energy/ercot/</a>.

Randy Rischard, Publisher, SNL Energy states, "We have been posting the SNL ERCOT Broker Index since September of 2006. Our methodologies have been proven and we are confident we will deliver a reliable index to settle the new NYMEX ERCOT contracts."

Mike Prokop, Executive Vice President, Amerex Brokers LLC continues, "The advantages of using broker data for index creation are clear: the data contributed is accurate, it is from a deep pool of liquidity and it is available on a timely basis when the market needs it."

"Launching these new ERCOT contracts re-affirms the close working relationship the NYMEX has with the energy broker community and the commitment to our customers to provide the most functional and liquid contracts possible," adds James Newsome, President and Chief Executive Officer of NYMEX.

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