



## **Amerex Brokers LLC Named to the CFTC's Newly Formed Energy Markets Advisory Committee**

HOUSTON – May 16, 2008 - Mike Prokop, Executive Vice President of Amerex Brokers LLC, has been named to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's ("CFTC") newly formed Energy Markets Advisory Committee ("EMAC"). Amerex was the only inter-dealer broker selected by the CFTC to join this committee. Representatives from major exchanges, large energy companies, consumer and end-user organizations, banks, utilities and academic institutions were also named to the committee. The EMAC is designed to provide a public forum to examine emerging issues related to the energy markets and the CFTC's role in these markets under the Commodity Exchange Act.

"In these historic times for the markets, I am pleased to have such a diverse and knowledgeable group of energy industry participants to assist the Commission in its role in policing the energy markets," said CFTC Acting Chairman Walter L. Lukken in an announcement released by the CFTC on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mike Prokop of Amerex adds, "It is an honor to have Amerex chosen by the CFTC to take part in such an important endeavor. I am looking forward to working with the other members of the EMAC and the Commission as we discuss important issues facing the energy market today."

The first meeting of the 25-person committee is scheduled for June 10, 2008.

### **About Amerex Brokers LLC**

Founded in 1978, Amerex is a leading over-the-counter energy brokerage offering services in electricity, natural gas, emission credits and allowances, renewable energy credits, retail energy procurement and energy data services. From its office in Houston, Amerex offers liquidity and timely execution to meet the needs of a global client network of more than 1,000 firms including thousands of traders and risk management professionals. For additional information, please visit [www.amerexenergy.com](http://www.amerexenergy.com). Amerex Brokers LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GFI Group Inc. (Nasdaq: GFIG), a leading inter-dealer broker specializing in over-the-counter derivatives products and related securities. GFI provides brokerage services, market data and analytics software products for a range of credit, financial, equity and commodity instruments. GFI operates one of the largest OTC energy brokerage businesses in North America both directly and through its wholly owned subsidiaries Amerex and StarSupply.

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