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CME Group Announces Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures Open Interest Reaches Record 1.62 Million Contracts

CHICAGO, Sept. 4, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>CME Group</u>, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, today announced Henry Hub Natural Gas futures open interest reached a record 1,617,589 contracts on Friday, August 31, surpassing the previous record of 1,606,874 contracts set on August 17, 2018. Open interest represents the total number of outstanding positions held by all participants in a given market.

Nine of the top 10 Henry Hub Natural Gas futures open interest days have occurred during August 2018. Prior to that, the previous open interest record was 1,594,382 contracts set on April 18, 2013.

CME Group offers Henry Hub Natural Gas futures and options to market participants seeking to hedge natural gas price risk, which can be impacted by a variety of factors, including weather-related demand and supply fundamentals.

Henry Hub Natural Gas (NG) futures contracts are listed by and subject to the rules of NYMEX. To learn more about NG futures and options from CME Group, please visit: <u>www.cmegroup.com/henryhub</u>.

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