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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name Arent Fox PLLC			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1050 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036-5339			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name	Telephone	E-mail (optional)	5. Senate ID #
Michael J. Kurman	202/857-6345		4208-3716
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self			6. House ID #
New York Mercantile Exchange			30861238

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2005 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-Dec
9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report 10. Check if this is a Termination Report ⇒ Termination Date _____

11. No Lobbyin

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was: Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ <u>100,000</u> <small>Income (nearest \$20,000)</small>	EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were: Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ <small>Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</small>
Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).	14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition <input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6011 Internal Revenue Code <input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code

Signature _____

Printed Name and Title Michael J. Kurman, Member

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New York Mercantile Exchange

Registrant Name _____ Client Name _____

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each cod information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code AGR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Reauthorization of Commodity Exchange Act

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

Check if None

House of Representatives
Senate
Commodity Futures Trading Commission

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Harry Katrichis	
Lance Kotschwar	General Counsel, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry
Gordon Taylor	Chief of Staff to Rep. Chris John (D-LA)

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

Check if None

Signature _____ Date _____

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15. General issue area code ENG (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Provisions of the energy bill (H.R. 6) related to natural gas and electricity markets

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- Executive Office of the President
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Signature Michael J. Kurman

Date 8/5/05

