

SUMMARY

The Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities prepares quarterly reports showing natural gas import and export activity. Companies are required, as a condition of their authorizations, to file quarterly reports. This report is for the fourth quarter of 2005 (October through December).

Attachment A shows the percentage of takes to maximum firm contract levels and the weighted average per unit price for each of the long-term importers during the 5 most recent quarters.

Attachment B shows volumes and prices of gas purchased by long-term importers and exporters during the past 12 months.

Attachment C shows volume and price data for gas imported on a short-term/spot market basis.

Attachment D shows the gas exported on a short-term/spot market basis to Canada and Mexico.

Fourth Quarter Highlights: Changes in activity compared to the fourth quarter of 2004 (Bcf).

Canadian Imports	975.0	down 1.1%
LNG Imports	168.8	up 10.6%
Mexican Imports	7.4	up from 0.0
Total Imports	1,152.2	up 1.1%
Canadian Exports	58.5	down 47%
Mexican Exports	56.1	down 46.1%
LNG Exports (Japan)	16.7	up 1.8%
Total Exports	131.3	down 43.1%

Puerto Rican Imports	6.0	down 9.1%
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The Puerto Rican imports are shown in the tables above and on the next page, and in Attachment B-1. These imports are not reflected in any of the totals found on this page, as the summaries are only for trade pertaining to the continental U.S.

During the fourth quarter, 5 importers of LNG (BG LNG Services, LLC.; BP Energy Company; Distrigas Corporation; Shell NA LNG, LLC; and Statoil Natural Gas, LLC) brought in 61 cargoes from five countries (Algeria, Egypt, Malaysia, Nigeria, and Trinidad), totaling 168.8 Bcf. This compares to 56 cargoes and 152.6 Bcf in the fourth quarter of 2004, and 54 cargoes and 148.6 Bcf last quarter.

Fourth Quarter Data: Natural gas imports under all long-term contracts totaled 123.7 Bcf, compared to 157.1 Bcf in the fourth quarter 2004. **Long-term Canadian imports** decreased 16 percent (88.7 v. 105.6 Bcf). The average price of this gas was \$10.46 per MMBtu, compared to \$6.19 in the fourth quarter of 2004 and \$6.99 last quarter. **Long-term LNG imports** decreased 31.8 percent compared to the fourth quarter 2004 (35.1 v. 51.5 Bcf). Under long-term contracts,

Distrigas imported 14.8 Bcf from Trinidad at an average price of \$9.94 per MMBtu. BG LNG imported 20.3 Bcf from Trinidad at \$12.56 per MMBtu.

During the fourth quarter, 112 companies used **short-term authorizations to import** 1,027.6 Bcf, which is 4.7 percent more than the fourth quarter of 2004 (981.2 Bcf). Of this total, 886.3 Bcf was **imported from Canada** at \$11.25 per MMBtu, compared to 880.1 Bcf at \$6.37 in the fourth quarter 2004, and 841.2 Bcf at \$7.90 in the previous quarter. **Imports from Mexico** totaled 7.4 Bcf at \$8.46 per MMBtu, compared to 1.3 Bcf at \$9.32 last quarter. **Short-term LNG imports** totaled 133.8 Bcf for the quarter, compared to 101.1 Bcf in the fourth quarter of 2004 and 94.4 Bcf last quarter. See the table on the following page for more details.

Short-term imports from Canada by point of entry:

Point of Entry	% of Imports	Wt. Avg. \$
Port of Morgan, MT	19	\$10.79
Eastport, ID	18	\$10.28
Sherwood, ND	17	\$11.13
Noyes, MN	12	\$11.61
Niagara Falls, NY	9	\$12.61
Sumas, WA	8	\$10.12
Waddington, NY	8	\$12.33
Calais, ME	3	\$12.95
Grand Island, NY	3	\$12.42
Other	3	\$12.11

In addition, 31 **short-term export** authorizations were used, exporting a total of 114.6 Bcf. Eighteen companies exported 58.5 Bcf to Canada at an average price of \$11.58 per MMBtu; 13 companies exported 56.1 Bcf to Mexico at \$10.72 per MMBtu. Finally, 16.7 Bcf of **LNG was exported to Japan** at \$6.36 (delivered).

Year to Date Data: Comparing 2005 with 2004, total gas imports increased 1.4 percent (4,404.4 v. 4,342.3 Bcf) and total gas exports decreased 14.8 percent (728.6 v. 855.2 Bcf). Canadian imports increased 2 percent (3,763.8 v. 3,690.3 Bcf); and LNG imports decreased 3.2 percent (631.3 v. 652.0 Bcf). Imports from Mexico totaled 9.3 Bcf compared to none in 2004. Exports to Canada decreased 9.2 percent (358.3 v. 394.6 Bcf) and exports to Mexico decreased 23.4 percent (305.2 v. 398.5 Bcf). LNG exports to Japan increased by 4.8 percent (65.1 v. 62.1 Bcf).

Please note that the data in this Report is subject to revision. Revisions occur when companies file late or corrected data after the Report has been published. The Quarterly Report is available on the Fossil Energy Web Site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov> (click on Natural Gas Regulation). Any questions or comments about this report should be directed to Yvonne Caudillo at (202) 586-4587 or by E-mail at yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov.

SHORT-TERM LNG IMPORTS 4th QUARTER 2005

IMPORTER	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	VOLUME (Bcf)	WEIGHTED AVG. PRICE (\$/MMBtu)
BG LNG	Algeria	20.6	\$12.54
BG LNG	Egypt	22.0	\$12.03
BG LNG	Malaysia	3.1	\$13.19
BG LNG	Nigeria	2.9	\$10.53
BP ENERGY	Trinidad	20.3	\$12.23
DISTRIGAS	Trinidad	28.4	\$7.15
SHELL	Algeria	2.9	\$10.91
SHELL	Egypt	8.2	\$12.58
SHELL	Trinidad	10.9	\$12.18
STATOIL	Algeria	6.0	\$10.83
STATOIL	Egypt	8.5	\$11.86
TOTAL		133.8	\$11.06

2005 YEAR IN REVIEW

— YEAR AT A GLANCE —

TOTAL IMPORTS

<u>COUNTRY OF ORIGIN</u>	<u>BCF</u>	<u>WEIGHTED AVG. PRICE</u> <u>(\$/MMBtu)</u>
Canada	3763.8	\$7.95
Mexico	9.3	\$8.46
Algeria	97.2	\$8.13 *
Egypt	72.5	\$10.46 *
Malaysia	8.7	\$8.20 *
Nigeria	8.2	\$9.11 *
Oman	2.5	\$5.50 *
Qatar	3.0	\$5.31 *
Trinidad and Tobago	439.2	\$7.31 *
TOTAL	4404.4	

TOTAL EXPORTS

<u>COUNTRY OF DESTINATION</u>	<u>BCF</u>	<u>WEIGHTED AVG. PRICE</u> <u>(\$/MMBtu)</u>
Japan	65.1	\$5.71 **
Canada	358.3	\$7.65
Mexico	305.2	\$7.67
TOTAL	728.6	

* Landed price.
** Delivered price.