

## 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 2006 (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 2005 (Bcf).

Canadian Imports	934.2	down 4.2%
LNG Imports	134.7	down 20.2%
Mexican Imports	6.7	down 9.5%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>1075.6</b>	down 6.6%
Canadian Exports	122.2	up 108.9%
Mexican Exports	65.9	up 17.5%
LNG Exports (Japan)	12.4	down 25.8%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>200.5</b>	up 52.7%

Puerto Rican Imports	7.7	up 28.3%
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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 50 cargoes from three countries (Egypt, Nigeria, and Trinidad), totaling 134.7 Bcf. This compares to 61 cargoes and 168.8 Bcf in the fourth quarter of 2005, and 54 cargoes and 149.7 Bcf last quarter.

**Fourth Quarter Data:** Natural gas imports under all long-term contracts totaled 139.9 Bcf, compared to 123.7 Bcf in the fourth quarter 2005. Long-term Canadian imports decreased 18.7 percent (72.1 v. 88.7 Bcf). The average price of this gas was \$6.03 per MMBtu, compared to \$10.46 in the fourth quarter of 2005 and \$6.05 last quarter. Long-term LNG imports increased nearly 93 percent compared to the fourth quarter 2005 (67.7 v. 35.1 Bcf). Under long-term contracts, Distrigas imported 17.5 Bcf from Trinidad at

an average price of \$6.21 per MMBtu. BG LNG imported 32.5 Bcf from Trinidad at \$6.40 per MMBtu and 17.8 Bcf from Nigeria at \$5.12 per MMBtu.

During the fourth quarter, 119 companies used short-term authorizations to import 935.8 Bcf, which is 9.1 percent less than the fourth quarter of 2005 (1,027.3 Bcf). Of this total, 862.1 Bcf was imported from Canada at \$6.49 per MMBtu, compared to 886.1 Bcf at \$11.19 in the fourth quarter 2005, and 855.3 Bcf at \$6.00 in the previous quarter. Imports from Mexico totaled 6.7 Bcf at \$5.55 per MMBtu, compared to 7.4 Bcf at \$8.46 in the fourth quarter of 2005 and 3.3 Bcf at \$4.77 last quarter. Short-term LNG imports totaled 66.9 Bcf for the quarter, compared to 133.8 Bcf in the fourth quarter of 2005 and 70.5 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. \$
Eastport, ID	21	\$5.97
Port of Morgan, MT	18	\$6.35
Sherwood, ND	17	\$6.36
Noyes, MN	14	\$6.55
Waddington, NY	9	\$7.44
Niagara Falls, NY	8	\$6.96
Sumas, WA	7	\$6.21
Grand Island, NY	2	\$7.15
Calais, ME	2	\$6.80
Other	2	\$7.27

In addition, 13 short-term export authorizations were used, exporting a total of 188.1 Bcf. Twenty-five companies exported 122.2 Bcf to Canada at an average price of \$ 6.83 per MMBtu; 14 companies exported 65.9 Bcf to Mexico at \$6.30 per MMBtu. Finally, 12.4 Bcf of LNG was exported to Japan at \$6.30 (delivered).

**Year to Date Data:** Comparing 2006 with 2005, total gas imports decreased 3.2 percent (4,264.7 v. 4,403.5 Bcf) and total gas exports decreased slightly (724.7 v. 729.2 Bcf). Canadian imports decreased 2.5 percent (3,668.4 v. 3,762.9 Bcf); and LNG imports decreased 7.6 percent (583.5 v. 631.3 Bcf). Imports from Mexico increased 36.6 percent (12.7 Bcf v. 9.3 Bcf). Exports to Canada decreased 4.8 percent (341.8 v. 359.0 Bcf) and exports to Mexico increased 5.5 percent (322.1 v. 305.2 Bcf). LNG exports to Japan decreased by 6.6 percent (60.8 v. 65.1 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](mailto:yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov).

**SHORT-TERM LNG IMPORTS 4th QUARTER 2006**

<b>IMPORTER</b>	<b>COUNTRY OF ORIGIN</b>	<b>VOLUME (Bcf)</b>	<b>WEIGHTED AVG. PRICE (\$/MMBtu)</b>
BG LNG	Egypt	25.0	\$6.72
BP ENERGY	Egypt	3.0	\$8.15
BP ENERGY	Trinidad	6.0	\$5.21
DISTRIGAS	Trinidad	27.0	\$8.01
SHELL	Trinidad	3.0	\$8.42
STATOIL	Egypt	3.0	\$8.32
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>66.9</b>	<b>\$7.32</b>