

## 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 third quarter of 2003 (July through September).

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.

**Third Quarter Highlights:** Changes in activity compared to the third quarter of 2002 (volumes shown in Bcf).

Canadian Imports	783.7 Bcf	down 20.6%
LNG Imports	160.6 Bcf	up 157%
Mexican Imports	-0- Bcf	unchanged
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>944.3 Bcf</b>	down 10%
Canadian Exports	46.4 Bcf	up 18.7%
Mexican Exports	85.0 Bcf	unchanged
Japanese Exports	17.2 Bcf	up 2.4%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>148.6 Bcf</b>	up 5.5%

Puerto Rican Imports	6.5 Bcf	up 6.6%
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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 third quarter, 5 importers of LNG (BG LNG Services, LLC; BP Energy Co.; Distrigas Corp.; Shell NA LNG, LLC; and Statoil Natural Gas, LLC) brought in 60 cargoes from 6 countries (Algeria, Malaysia, Nigeria, Oman, Qatar, and Trinidad), totaling 160.6 Bcf. This compares to 29 cargoes and 62.5 Bcf in the third quarter of 2002, and 51 cargoes and 126.4 Bcf last quarter.

**Third Quarter Data: Natural gas imports under all long-term contracts** totaled 171.4 Bcf, compared to 205.6 Bcf in the third quarter 2002. **Long-term Canadian imports** decreased 17.5 percent (156.8 v. 190.1 Bcf). The average price of this gas was \$4.64 per MMBtu, which is 16 cents lower than the preceding quarter and \$1.42 higher than the third quarter 2002. **Long-term LNG imports** decreased 5.8 percent compared to the third quarter 2002 (14.6 v. 15.5 Bcf). Distrigas imported all 14.6 Bcf from Trinidad at an average price of \$4.00 per MMBtu.

During the third quarter, 92 companies used **short-term authorizations to import** 772.9 Bcf, which is an 8.4 percent decrease from the third quarter 2002 (843.4 Bcf). Of this total, 626.9 Bcf was **imported from Canada** at an average price of \$4.71 per MMBtu, compared to 796.5 Bcf at \$2.68 in the third quarter 2002, and 652.0 Bcf at \$5.18 in the previous quarter. There were no **imports from Mexico** this quarter. **Short-term LNG imports** totaled 146.0 Bcf for the quarter, compared to 110.0 Bcf last quarter and 47.0 Bcf in the third quarter 2002. BG LNG imported 16.4 Bcf from Algeria at an average price of \$4.95 per MMBtu; 2.7 Bcf from Malaysia at \$4.53; 19.2 Bcf from Nigeria at \$4.18; 5.0 from Oman at \$3.38; 8.7 Bcf from Qatar at \$4.69; and 48.8 Bcf from Trinidad at \$4.76. BP Energy Company imported 11.7 Bcf from Trinidad at \$4.65. Distrigas imported 27.7 Bcf from Trinidad at \$4.18. Shell NA LNG imported a partial cargo of 0.2 Bcf from Trinidad at \$4.80. Statoil Natural Gas imported 5.7 Bcf from Trinidad at \$4.60.

Short-term imports from Canada by point of entry:

Point of Entry	% of Imports	Wt. Avg. \$
Eastport, ID	23	\$4.52
Port of Morgan, MT	21	\$4.72
Sherwood, ND	19	\$4.74
Sumas, WA	11	\$4.31
Niagara Falls, NY	9	\$5.22
Noyes, MN	7	\$4.78
Waddington, NY	3	\$5.20
Calais, ME	3	\$4.70
Grand Island, NY	2	\$5.23
Other	2	\$4.93

In addition, 21 **short-term export** authorizations were used to export 131.4 Bcf. Thirteen companies exported 46.4 Bcf to Canada at an average price of \$5.21 per MMBtu; 8 companies exported 85.0 Bcf to Mexico at \$5.05; and 17.2 Bcf of LNG was exported to Japan at \$4.46 (delivered).

**Year to Date Data:** Comparing the first 9 months of 2003 with the first 9 months of 2002, total gas imports decreased 4 percent (2,891.2 v. 3,013.0 Bcf) and total gas exports increased 26 percent (459.5 v. 364.8 Bcf). Canadian imports decreased by 332.8 Bcf or 11.3 percent (2,529.0 v. 2,851.8 Bcf); Mexican imports decreased 100 percent (0.0 v. 1.8 Bcf); and LNG imports increased 127 percent (362.2 v. 159.4 Bcf). Exports to Canada increased 42.7 percent (179.1 v. 125.5 Bcf) and exports to Mexico increased 21.9 percent (234.9 v. 192.7 Bcf). LNG exports to Japan decreased slightly (45.5 v. 46.6 Bcf).

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