

SUMMARY

The Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities prepares quarterly reports showing natural gas import and export activity. Companies are required, as a condition of their authorizations, to file monthly reports. This Natural Gas Import and Export Report is for the second quarter of 2012 (April through June).

Sections 1 and 2 contain the quarterly summary charts and tables. Section 3 contains the detailed transactions of all the imports/exports. The data in Section 3 is separated by long-term imports, long-term exports, short-term imports, and short-term exports. There is a table of contents for your convenience.

Second Quarter 2012 Highlights

Imports totaled 782.6 Bcf and exports totaled 381.3 Bcf, resulting in net imports of 401.3 Bcf. As usual, most of the imports came from Canada, comprising 95.9 percent of the total. Imports from Mexico made up 0.01 percent and LNG imports made up the remaining 4.09 percent of the total. As with the imports, the majority of exports went to Canada, making up 57.68 percent of the total. Exports to Mexico comprised 40.96 percent and LNG exports comprised 1.36 percent of the total exports. There were no re-exports of previously imported foreign-source LNG in the second quarter of 2012.

Second Quarter 2012 vs. First Quarter 2012 - Highlights

As illustrated in the following tables, total imports decreased (6.8 percent) compared to last quarter. This decrease in imports was across the board for Canadian (down 4.3%), Mexican (down 3.7%) and LNG (down 42.0 %). The average price decreased 21.9 percent for pipeline imports and 2.9 percent for LNG imports.

Total exports were down 5.1 percent from last quarter. The decrease was due to a 16.5 percent decrease in Canadian exports and a 51.3 percent decrease in LNG exports (due to a lack of LNG re-exports), but despite a 22.3 percent increase in Mexican exports. Pipeline export prices were down 14.8 percent compared to last quarter.

Second Quarter 2012 vs. Second Quarter 2011 – Highlights

Total imports were down 6.2 percent from the second quarter of 2011. This decrease was due to a 72 percent decrease in Mexican imports and a 66.5 percent decrease in LNG imports, but despite a small 1.7 percent increase in Canadian imports. The average price decreased 49.5 percent for pipeline imports and 31.5 percent for LNG imports.

Total exports were up slightly by 0.8 percent. This increase was due to a 16.8 percent increase in Mexican exports and a 4.5 percent increase in LNG exports, but despite a 2.9 percent decrease in Canadian exports and the lack of LNG re-exports. For this same period, pipeline export prices were down by 46.5 percent.

LNG Imports and Exports

LNG imports decreased 42 percent compared to last quarter and 66.5 percent compared to the second quarter of 2011. Eleven cargos of LNG were imported this quarter. LNG import prices were down 2.9 percent from last quarter and down 31.5 percent from the second quarter 2011. There were 2 LNG export cargos this quarter, compared to none last quarter and 3 in the second quarter of 2011. There were no LNG re-exports this quarter, compared to 4 last quarter and 5 in the second quarter of 2011.

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). We welcome questions or comments about this Report. They should be directed to Yvonne Caudillo at (202) 586-4587 or by E-mail at yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov.