

## 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 2006 (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 2005 (Bcf).

Canadian Imports	943.8	down 0.7%
LNG Imports	149.7	up 0.7%
Mexican Imports	3.3	up 153.8%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>1,096.8</b>	down 0.3%
Canadian Exports	56.7	up 6.4%
Mexican Exports	94.5	up 19.8%
LNG Exports (Japan)	14.9	down 19.9%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>166.1</b>	up 10.1%

Puerto Rican Imports	6.9	down 17.9%
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The Puerto Rican imports are shown in the table above, on the following 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, 6 importers of LNG (BG LNG Services, LLC.; BP Energy Company; Distrigas Corporation; Excelerate Energy LLC; Shell NA LNG, LLC; and Statoil Natural Gas, LLC) brought in 54 cargoes from 4 countries (Algeria, Egypt, Nigeria and Trinidad), totaling 149.7 Bcf. This compares to 54 cargoes and 148.6 Bcf in the third quarter of 2005, and 67 cargoes and 187.8 Bcf last quarter.

**Third Quarter Data: Natural gas imports under all long-term contracts** totaled 159.4 Bcf, compared to 164.5 Bcf in the third quarter 2005. **Long-term Canadian imports** decreased 27.2 percent (80.2 v. 110.2 Bcf). The average price of this gas was \$6.04 per MMBtu, compared to \$7.75 in the third quarter of 2005 and \$6.52 last quarter. **Long-term LNG imports** increased 46.1 percent compared to the third quarter 2005 (79.2 v. 54.2 Bcf). Under long-term contracts, Distrigas imported 26.5 Bcf from Trinidad at an average price of \$5.76 per MMBtu. BG LNG imported 34.3

Bcf from Trinidad at \$6.23 per MMBtu and 18.4 Bcf from Nigeria at \$5.98 per MMBtu.

During the third quarter, 108 companies used **short-term authorizations to import** 937.4 Bcf, which is 0.2 percent more than the third quarter of 2005 (935.6 Bcf). Of this total, 863.6 Bcf was **imported from Canada** at \$6.01 per MMBtu, compared to 839.9 Bcf at \$7.89 in the third quarter 2005, and 792.5 Bcf at \$6.11 in the previous quarter. **Imports from Mexico** totaled 3.3 Bcf at \$4.77 per MMBtu, compared to 1.3 Bcf at \$9.32 in the third quarter of 2005 and 0.2 Bcf at \$5.59 in the previous quarter. **Short-term LNG imports** totaled 70.5 Bcf for the quarter, compared to 94.4 Bcf in the third quarter of 2005 and 106.7 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	21	\$6.25
Eastport, ID	20	\$5.52
Sherwood, ND	16	\$5.88
Noyes, MN	11	\$5.84
Waddington, NY	10	\$6.39
Niagara Falls, NY	9	\$6.55
Sumas, WA	6	\$5.47
Calais, ME	3	\$6.52
Grand Island, NY	2	\$6.59
Other	2	\$6.32

In addition, 31 **short-term export** authorizations were used, exporting a total of 151.2 Bcf. Eighteen companies exported 56.7 Bcf to Canada at an average price of \$6.22 per MMBtu; 13 companies exported 94.5 Bcf to Mexico at \$6.25. Finally, 14.9 Bcf of **LNG was exported to Japan** at \$6.02 (delivered).

**Year to Date Data:** Comparing the third quarter of 2006 with the third quarter of 2005, total gas imports decreased 1.4 percent (3,208.3 v. 3,253.2 Bcf) and total gas exports decreased 12.4 percent (523.5 v. 597.9 Bcf). Canadian imports decreased 1.3 percent (2,753.4 v. 2,788.9 Bcf); and LNG imports decreased 0.3 percent (448.9 v. 462.4 Bcf). Imports from Mexico increased 216 percent (6.0 v. 1.9 Bcf). Exports to Canada increased 27.2 percent (218.8 v. 300.4 Bcf) and exports to Mexico increased 2.9 percent (256.3 v. 249.1 Bcf). LNG exports to Japan remained the same (48.4 v. 48.4 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 3rd QUARTER 2006**

<b>IMPORTER</b>	<b>COUNTRY OF ORIGIN</b>	<b>VOLUME (Bcf)</b>	<b>WEIGHTED AVG. PRICE (\$/MMBtu)</b>
BG LNG	Egypt	29.7	\$6.12
BP ENERGY	Trinidad	9.0	\$6.61
DISTRIGAS	Trinidad	11.1	\$7.74
EXCELERATE ENERGY	Trinidad	0.5	\$6.96
SHELL	Trinidad	6.0	\$6.21
STATOIL	Algeria	3.0	\$6.06
STATOIL	Egypt	3.0	\$5.65
STATOIL	Trinidad	8.2	\$6.69
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>70.5</b>	<b>\$6.50</b>