

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 2004 (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 2003.

Canadian Imports	985.9	up 11%
LNG Imports	152.6	up 5.8%
Mexican Imports	-0-	same
Total Imports	1,138.5	up 10.3 %
Canadian Exports	110.4	up 22.3%
Mexican Exports	103.4	up 1.6%
Japanese Exports	16.4	down 13.2%
Total Exports	230.2	up 9.1%

Puerto Rican Imports	6.6	down 14.3%
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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 56 cargoes from 5 countries (Algeria, Australia, Nigeria, Qatar, and Trinidad), totaling 152.6 Bcf. This compares to 54 cargoes and 144.3 Bcf in the fourth quarter of 2003, and 71 cargoes and 191.6 Bcf last quarter.

Fourth Quarter Data: Natural gas imports under all long-term contracts totaled 157.4 Bcf, compared to 170.2 Bcf in the fourth quarter 2003. **Long-term Canadian imports** decreased 30.8 percent (105.9 v. 153.0 Bcf). The average price of this gas was \$6.19 per MMBtu, compared to \$4.47 per MMBtu in the fourth quarter of 2003 and \$5.37 per MMBtu last quarter. **Long-term LNG imports** increased 201.2 percent compared to the fourth quarter 2003 (51.5 v. 17.1 Bcf). Under long-term contracts, Distrigas imported 16.9 Bcf from Trinidad at an average price of \$5.70 per MMBtu.

BG LNG imported 31.5 Bcf from Trinidad at \$6.83 per MMBtu, and 3.14 Bcf from Australia at \$6.45 per MMBtu.

During the fourth quarter, 101 companies used **short-term authorizations to import** 981.1 Bcf, which is a 13.8 percent increase over the fourth quarter of 2003 (862.3 Bcf). Of this total, 880.0 Bcf was **imported from Canada** at an average price of \$6.37 per MMBtu, compared to 735.1 Bcf at \$4.70 in the fourth quarter 2003, and 771.0 Bcf at \$5.34 in the previous quarter. There have been no **imports from Mexico** since the first quarter of 2002. **Short-term LNG imports** totaled 101.1 Bcf for the quarter, compared to 127.2 Bcf in the fourth quarter of 2003 and 130.5 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	\$5.86
Port of Morgan, MT	20	\$6.32
Sherwood, ND	15	\$6.30
Noyes, MN	13	\$6.61
Sumas, WA	9	\$6.03
Waddington, NY	8	\$6.84
Niagara Falls, NY	7	\$7.06
Grand Island, NY	3	\$7.36
Calais, ME	2	\$6.97
Other	2	\$6.25

In addition, 30 **short-term export** authorizations were used, exporting a total of 213.8 Bcf. Eighteen companies exported 110.4 Bcf to Canada at an average price of \$7.30 per MMBtu; 12 companies exported 103.4 Bcf to Mexico at \$6.39. Finally, 16.4 Bcf of **LNG was exported to Japan** at \$5.24 (delivered).

Year to Date Data: Comparing 2004 with 2003, total gas imports increased 8.1 percent (4,341.8 v. 4,015.3 Bcf) and total gas exports increased 25.9 percent (854.2 v. 678.6 Bcf). Canadian imports increased about 5.2 percent (3,689.8 v. 3,508.8 Bcf); and LNG imports increased 28.7 percent (652.0 v. 506.5 Bcf). Exports to Canada increased 45.6 percent (394.6 v. 271.0 Bcf) and exports to Mexico increased 15.8 percent (397.5 v. 343.2 Bcf). LNG exports to Japan decreased by 3.6 percent (62.1 v. 64.4 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.

SHORT-TERM LNG IMPORTS 4th QUARTER 2004

IMPORTER	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	VOLUME (Bcf)	WEIGHTED AVG. PRICE (\$/MMBtu)
BG LNG	Algeria	14.0	\$6.07
BG LNG	Qatar	3.0	\$4.83
BP ENERGY	Nigeria	3.0	\$7.16
BP ENERGY	Trinidad	18.1	\$6.65
DISTRIGAS	Trinidad	29.8	\$4.96
SHELL	Trinidad	14.7	\$7.05
STATOIL	Algeria	11.2	\$6.24
STATOIL	Trinidad	7.3	\$6.80
TOTAL		101.1	\$6.06