

## 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 2003 (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 2002.

Canadian Imports	885.8	down 11%
LNG Imports	144.3	up 108%
Mexican Imports	-0-	same
<b>Total Imports</b>	1,030.1	down 3%
Canadian Exports	90.4	up 41.5%
Mexican Exports	98.3	up 38.8%
Japanese Exports	18.9	up 12.5%
<b>Total Exports</b>	207.6	up 37%

Puerto Rican Imports	7.7	up 64%
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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, 6 importers of LNG (Distrigas Corp.; BG LNG Services, Inc.; BP Energy Co.; Shell NA LNG, LLC; Statoil Natural Gas, LLC; and Total Gas & Power North America, Inc.) brought in 54 cargoes from 5 countries (Algeria, Nigeria, Oman, Qatar and Trinidad), totaling 144.3 Bcf. This compares to 35 cargoes and 69.4 Bcf in the fourth quarter of 2002, and 60 cargoes and 160.6 Bcf last quarter.

**Fourth Quarter Data:** Comparing fourth quarter 2003 to fourth quarter 2002 data, total imports were down 3 percent and total exports were up 37 percent. Specifically, **natural gas imports under all long-term contracts** totaled 168.9 Bcf, compared to 203.4 Bcf in the fourth quarter 2002. **Long-term Canadian imports** decreased 19.5 percent (151.8 v. 188.5 Bcf). The average price of this gas was \$4.47 per MMBtu, which is 20 cents lower than the preceding quarter and 58 cents higher than the fourth quarter 2002. **Long-term LNG imports** increased 14.7 percent compared to the

fourth quarter 2002 (17.1 v. 14.9 Bcf). Under long-term contracts, Distrigas imported 14.5 Bcf from Trinidad at an average price of \$3.86 per MMBtu, and BG LNG imported 2.6 Bcf from Trinidad at \$6.11 per MMBtu.

During the fourth quarter, 110 companies used **short-term authorizations to import** 861.2 Bcf, which is just a slight increase (0.1 percent) over the fourth quarter 2002 (860.4 Bcf). Of this total, 734.0 Bcf was **imported from Canada** at an average price of \$4.70 per MMBtu, compared to 805.9 Bcf at \$3.87 in the fourth quarter 2002, and 687.9 Bcf at \$4.70 in the previous quarter. There were no **imports from Mexico** this quarter, last quarter, or in the fourth quarter 2002. **Short-term LNG imports** totaled 127.2 Bcf for the quarter, compared to 146.0 Bcf last quarter and 54.5 Bcf in the fourth quarter 2002. 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	22	\$4.32
Port of Morgan, MT	20	\$4.64
Sherwood, ND	17	\$4.69
Sumas, WA	11	\$4.44
Noyes, MN	11	\$4.93
Niagara Falls, NY	8	\$5.34
Waddington, NY	4	\$5.63
Grand Island, NY	2	\$5.54
Calais, ME	2	\$4.67
Other	3	\$4.73

In addition, 30 **short-term export** authorizations were used to export 188.7 Bcf. Nineteen companies exported 90.4 Bcf to Canada at an average price of \$4.94 per MMBtu; 11 companies exported 98.3 Bcf to Mexico at \$4.86; and 18.9 Bcf of LNG was exported to Japan at \$4.40 (delivered).

**2003 Highlights:** Comparing 2003 with 2002, total gas imports decreased 1.7 percent (4,005.9 v. 4,076.7 Bcf) and total gas exports increased 34 percent (691.9 v. 516.2 Bcf). Canadian imports decreased 9 percent (3,499.4 v. 3,846.3 Bcf); Mexican imports decreased 100 percent (zero v. 1.7 Bcf); and LNG imports increased 121 percent (506.5 v. 228.7 Bcf). Exports to Canada increased 55 percent (294.3 v. 189.3 Bcf) and exports to Mexico increased 26.5 percent (333.2 v. 263.5 Bcf). LNG exports to Japan increased slightly (64.4 v. 63.4 Bcf).

The quarterly report and future revisions to the 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).