

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 first quarter of 2004 (January through March).

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.

First Quarter Highlights: Changes in activity compared to the first quarter of 2003.

Canadian Imports	930.3	down slightly
LNG Imports	151.4	up 101.6%
Mexican Imports	-0-	same
Total Imports	1,081.7	up 6.9%
Canadian Exports	83.6	up 5.6%
Mexican Exports	83.2	up 17.8%
Japanese Exports	15.8	up 2.6%
Total Exports	182.6	up 10.5%

Puerto Rican Imports	5.3	same
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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 first 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 3 countries (Algeria, Oman, and Trinidad), totaling 151.4 Bcf. This compares to 39 cargoes and 75.1 Bcf in the first quarter of 2003, and 54 cargoes and 144.3 Bcf last quarter.

First Quarter Data: Natural gas imports under all long-term contracts totaled 162.2 Bcf, compared to 166.7 Bcf in the first quarter 2003. Long-term Canadian imports decreased 16.7 percent (124.0 v. 148.9 Bcf). The average price of this gas was \$5.48 per MMBtu, compared to \$5.32 per MMBtu in the first quarter of 2003 and \$4.47 per MMBtu last quarter. Long-term LNG imports increased 116.4 percent compared to the first quarter 2003 (38.3 v. 17.7 Bcf). Under long-term contracts, Distrigas imported 17.3 Bcf from Trinidad at an average price of \$5.30 per MMBtu,

and BG LNG imported 21.0 Bcf from Trinidad at \$5.71 per MMBtu.

During the first quarter, 103 companies used short-term authorizations to import 919.5 Bcf, which is an 8.8 percent increase over the first quarter of 2003 (845.4 Bcf). Of this total, 806.3 Bcf was imported from Canada at an average price of \$5.52 per MMBtu, compared to 788.1 Bcf at \$6.13 in the first quarter 2003, and 736.0 Bcf at \$4.70 in the previous quarter. There were no imports from Mexico since the first quarter of 2002. Short-term LNG imports totaled 113.2 Bcf for the quarter, compared to 57.4 Bcf in the first quarter of 2003 and 127.2 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	22	\$5.50
Eastport, ID	19	\$4.94
Sherwood, ND	18	\$5.52
Sumas, WA	12	\$5.00
Noyes, MN	11	\$5.53
Niagara Falls, NY	8	\$6.24
Waddington, NY	3	\$7.23
Grand Island, NY	3	\$6.09
Calais, ME	2	\$7.07
Other	2	\$5.86

In addition, 25 short-term export authorizations were used, exporting a total of 166.8 Bcf of gas. Fifteen companies exported 83.6 Bcf to Canada at an average price of \$5.82 per MMBtu; 10 companies exported 83.2 Bcf to Mexico at \$5.48. Finally, 15.8 Bcf of LNG was exported to Japan at \$4.47 (delivered).

Year to Date Data: Comparing the first 3 months of 2004 with the first 3 months of 2003, total gas imports increased 6.9 percent (1,081.7 v. 1,012.1 Bcf) and total gas exports increased 10.5 percent (182.6 v. 165.2 Bcf). Canadian imports decreased about 0.1 percent (930.3 v. 937.0 Bcf); and LNG imports increased 101.6 percent (151.4 v. 75.1 Bcf). Exports to Canada increased 5.6 percent (83.6 v. 79.2 Bcf) and exports to Mexico increased 17.8 percent (83.2 v. 70.6 Bcf). LNG exports to Japan decreased by 2.6 percent (15.8 v. 15.4 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. Revisions to past quarters are reflected in the report for the quarter during which they are filed. 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.