

## 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 first quarter of 2010 (January through March).

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.

### **First Quarter Highlights**

Imports totaled 1,048 Bcf and exports totaled 278.9 Bcf, resulting in net imports of 769.1 Bcf. As usual, most of the imports came from Canada, comprising nearly 86 percent of the total. Imports from Mexico made up 0.73 percent and LNG imports made up the remaining 13.3 percent of the total. As illustrated in the following tables, imports were up in all categories compared to last quarter. Average prices also increased compared to last quarter.

Exports were down nearly 4 percent compared to last quarter. The decrease was due to a decrease in exports to Mexico and exports of LNG and despite an increase in exports to Canada. As with the imports, the majority of exports went to Canada, making up nearly 73 percent of the total. Exports to Mexico comprised over 23 percent and LNG imports comprised over 3 percent of the total exports.

LNG imports increased dramatically compared to last quarter (up 40.8 percent) and to the first quarter of 2009 (up 61.3 percent). Forty-nine full and 2 partial cargoes of LNG were imported. LNG import prices were up over 27 percent compared to last quarter but down nearly 21 percent compared to the first quarter 2009. LNG exports were down over 12 percent compared to last quarter and but up by nearly 21 percent as compared to the first quarter 2009. There was one re-exported cargo of LNG that went to Spain in February.

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](mailto:yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov).