

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 third quarter of 2009 (July through September).

Sections 1 and 2 contain the quarterly summary charts and tables. Section 3 contains the detailed transactions of all the imports and 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.

Third Quarter Highlights

Imports totaled 976.8 Bcf and exports totaled 238.8 Bcf, resulting in net imports of 738 Bcf. As usual, most of the imports came from Canada, comprising 88 percent of the total. Imports from Mexico made up less than one percent (0.6 percent) and LNG imports made up 11.4 percent of the total. As illustrated in the following tables, imports were up more than 10 percent compared to last quarter. This increase was due to a rise in Canadian imports (up 19%) and in spite of decreases in Mexican imports (down 33%) and LNG imports (down 28.6%). Average prices were down an average of 8.7 percent all around.

Exports were up 6.9 percent compared to last quarter. The increase was due to a growth in exports to Mexico (up 19.8%) and LNG exports to Japan (up 67%) and in spite of a decrease in exports to Canada (down 3%). As with imports, the majority of exports went to Canada, making up over 56 percent of the total. Exports to Mexico comprised nearly 40 percent and LNG exports comprised just over 4 percent of the total exports.

LNG imports were down in the third quarter compared to last quarter, but were up over 13 percent compared to the third quarter 2008. Forty cargos of LNG were imported. LNG import prices were down nearly 3 percent compared to last quarter and down almost 64 percent compared to the third quarter 2008. LNG exports were down 18.3 percent compared to the third quarter 2008.

Please note that the data in this Report is subject to revision. Revisions occur when companies submit 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.