WEEKLY GAS MARKET ANALYSIS



3 October – 9 October 2010

Preface

As part of its monitoring roles for the National Gas Market Bulletin Board (Bulletin Board) and the Declared Wholesale Gas Market (Victorian Gas Market), the AER publishes a weekly gas market report. Part A of the report looks at gas usage and flows of registered facilities in southern and eastern Australia (as reported on the Bulletin Board). Part B provides a summary of operational and market data in the Victorian Gas Market.

The AER is responsible for monitoring and enforcing compliance with Part 20 of the National Gas Rules that authorise and govern conduct in the Short Term Trading Market (STTM). The STTM is a market for the wholesale trading of natural gas at defined hubs between pipelines and distribution systems, and began operation on 1 September 2010. With initial hubs of Sydney and Adelaide, additional hubs are intended for the future. Each hub is scheduled and settled separately, but all hubs operate under the same rules. Part C provides a summary of operational and market data in the STTM.

The Victorian Gas Market lies between the two STTM hubs and shares common production sources with the Adelaide and Sydney hubs. Participation in the Victorian Gas Market and the STTM hubs occurs on the basis of a different set of market rules and requires contractual arrangements with different pipeline owners. Participants operate in only those markets where they have production, gas and pipeline contracts. The larger number of retailers participating in the Victorian gas market reflects the increased number of retailers in Victoria. Some key differences between the STTM and the Victorian Gas Market are set out at the start of Part C.

This report will evolve over time and the nature of information presented may change. The AER welcomes feedback on the report from interested parties. Feedback can be sent to aerinquiry@aer.gov.au, with the subject title 'Comments on weekly gas report'.

Summary

Average daily prices in the Victoria market, Sydney hub and Adelaide hub are shown in figure 1.

Figure 1: Average daily price (\$/GJ) - All gas markets

3 Oct – 9 Oct	Victorian market*	STTM Sydney hub**	STTM Adelaide hub**
Average Price	1.01	2.31	3.24

^{*} weighted average daily imbalance price

STTM Gas Markets (Adelaide and Sydney)

Figure S3 shows that while weekly average ex ante prices in Sydney fell from the previous week, ex post prices increased significantly as a result of a \$390/GJ ex post price on 8 October (explained in detail later). Weekly average ex ante and ex post prices fell in Adelaide compared to the previous week. With the exception of 3 October, ex ante and ex post prices were very similar on each day this week (see figure S4).

^{**} ex ante market price

There were significant price differences, deviations and MOS payments in Sydney for the 6 October gas day.

Since the STTM commenced, variances between daily provisional, ex ante and ex post prices at the Sydney hub have been consistently larger than the Adelaide hub.

Figure 2 shows the differences between the provisional and ex ante prices and ex post prices for the Sydney hub on 6 October. The red line tracks how the price changed from the D-3 schedule to the ex ante schedule. The dotted red line represents the ex post price. The brown line represents the scheduled quantity of network demand. Offers in price bands over the three scheduling periods are shown for the range from 200 TJ to 300 TJ. Figure 2 shows the rebidding of gas offers in the provisional schedules. In particular, gas supply offers were moved into the \$2/GJ - \$3/GJ price band and then removed.

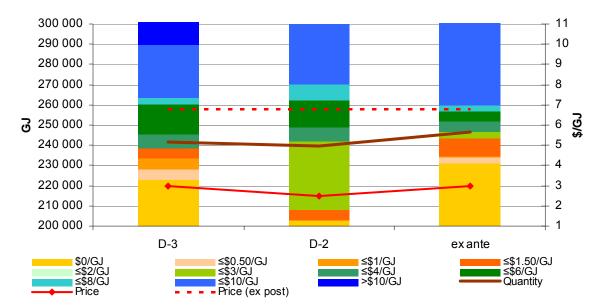


Figure 2: Offer price thresholds in the Sydney hub for 6 October*

For 6 October, the ex post price (which is derived from actual gas flows) was \$6.77/GJ. On the day there was a 13.4 TJ imbalance quantity, as more gas was required than had been scheduled (as shown in figure S19). Once the ex ante schedule was re run to account for the imbalance, offers priced between \$6/GJ and \$8/GJ were required, as shown by the light blue colour in the ex ante stack in figure 2.

Market schedule variations were also high on this day with a total quantity of around 3 TJ in comparison to the weekly average of 1.48 TJ (see figure S21 below).

Sydney hub - 8 October 2010

On 8 October, the ex post price in Sydney was \$390/GJ, close to the price cap of \$400/GJ, and significantly higher than the ex ante price of \$2.78/GJ. The AER understands the high ex post was caused by APA Group submitting incorrect allocation data for pipeline flows on the Moomba to Sydney Pipeline. APA submitted an allocation amount of 329 TJ for the MSP prior to the 11 am cut-off. Allocation amounts submitted prior to cut-off are used in the calculation of the ex post price.

After 11 am APA submitted revised allocation data of 140 TJ. In this case, this data submitted after cut-off was able to be used in the calculation of deviation quantities, which were relatively small on the day (i.e. there were small differences between what actually flowed and what was scheduled).

^{*}Withdrawal bids are not shown in the figure above. While withdrawal bids may also relevant to the calculation of prices – on this day the impact was not significant.

However, based on the ex post price of \$390/GJ, even with small deviation quantities, deviation charges exceeded \$2.5M. In comparison deviation charges for the other days in the week 3 to 9 October did not exceed \$100 000. Significantly, STTM users whose usage in the network exceeded scheduled gas on this day will pay for each GJ of deviation at the \$390/GJ ex post price.

The 8 October gas day also saw the highest quantities of MOS gas balancing services delivered to Sydney on the Eastern Gas Pipeline (EGP) since market start. MSP remains on average the predominant supplier of MOS services on a daily basis.

Since October, however, MOS services have increasingly been supplied via the EGP. With Trading Participant offers to supply MOS services on the EGP priced higher than offers on the MSP, MOS service payments in Sydney have been increasing since October. On 8 October, only a small amount of MOS was required from the MSP and was supplied in accordance with one offer priced at \$0.45/GJ. However, a much higher amount of 4.2 TJ of MOS was required on the EGP which resulted in MOS offers being scheduled at prices up to \$39.98/GJ. This led to the total amount of MOS service payments for Sydney reaching a significant amount of around \$44 000.

Victorian Gas Market

Figure V3 shows that average gas injections in Victoria fell by 189 TJ compared to the previous week, indicating a reduction in demand. Declining demand resulted in lower average prices this week despite a reduction in the volume of gas offered at \$0/GJ (see Figure V4). The average imbalance price decreased from \$1.67/GJ the previous week to \$1.01/GJ (see figure V2). AEMO issued demand overrides of -4 TJ on Thursday and -34 TJ on Saturday (see figure A5). A demand point constraint was applied to withdrawals at Culcairn on 5 October. Directional flow point constraints were applied to injections and withdrawals at SEA Gas on 3 October.

National Gas Market Bulletin Board

There was one instance of missing flow data on the Bulletin Board this week. TRUenergy failed to submit data for its Iona Underground gas storage facility on Wednesday 6 October.

Figure N4 shows changes in gas demand and production and pipeline flows compared to the previous week. Total average daily demand fell by 276 TJ (15 per cent) compared to the previous week largely due to decreased demand in Victoria, falling 184 TJ (26 per cent) compared to the previous week. While demand fell in most regions compared to the previous week, it was unchanged in Mt Isa and Tasmania.

Total average daily gas powered generation (GPG) gas usage fell slightly compared to the previous week. While falls were recorded in Queensland (the largest fall) and South Australia, usage remained relatively unchanged in Victoria, Tasmania and New South Wales.

Average daily production volumes fell by 278 TJ (14 per cent) compared to the previous week. Falls were recorded in the Otway Basin (73 TJ or 24 per cent), Eastern Victoria (139 TJ or 16 per cent), the Roma region (60 TJ or 11 per cent) with a smaller fall recorded at Moomba. Production at Ballera increased slightly compared to the previous week. Flows were down on most pipelines this week compared to the previous week, in line with reduced demand and production. The most significant reduction in flows occurred on the pipelines supplying gas to Melbourne.

Part A: National Gas Market Bulletin Board

Overview of pipeline and production flows

Figure N1 sets out the average daily pipeline flows into each key demand region across the National Gas Market. A list of pipeline facilities for each demand region is provided in Figure A1 of the Appendix.

Figure N1: Average daily pipeline flows (TJ) into each demand region

							QLD	
Average daily flows	NSW	ACT	VIC	SA	TAS	Brisbane	Mt Isa	Gladstone
3 October – 9 October	366	15	530	284	44	137	96	110
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11*	433	40	850	319	47	182	93	105
Financial Year-to-date 2009-10**	430	37	797	286	28	156	89	68

^{*}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the current week (inclusive)

Figure N2 provides the average daily amount of gas used for GPG (gas-powered generators) in each state.

Figure N2: Average daily gas (TJ) used by gas-powered generators in each state

Average daily gas for GPG usage^	NSW	VIC	SA	TAS	QLD
3 October – 9 October	91	9	171	27	114
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11*	82	15	183	32	156
Financial Year-to-date 2009-10**	83	38	153	13	126

[^]Estimated values based on application of implied heat rates for generators within the demand region sourced from ACIL Tasman's 2009 Final Report 'Fuel resource, new entry and generation costs in the NEM'

Notes: Data for each state collected on the following basis:

- 1. NSW Smithfield Energy, Uranquinty, Hunter Valley GT, Colongra and Tallawarra power stations.
- 2. VIC Laverton North, Valley Power, Jeeralang A, Jeeralang B, Somerton, Bairnsdale, and Newport power stations.
- 3. SA Dry Creek GT, Hallet, Pelican Point, Torrens Island, Mintaro, Osborne, Ladbroke Grove, and Quarantine power stations.
- 4. TAS Tamar Valley power stations.
- 5. QLD Braemar 1, Braemar 2, Roma, Oakey, Barcaldine, and Swanbank power stations.

Figure N3 sets out the daily average flows from production and storage facilities from each production zone across the National Gas Market. A list of production/storage facilities for each zone is provided in Figure A2.

Figure N3: Daily average production flows (TJ) for each production zone

Average daily flows	Roma (QLD)	Eastern Victoria	Otway Basin (VIC)	Moomba (SA/QLD)
3 October – 9 October	462	717	237	311
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11*	553	984	335	350
Financial Year-to-date 2009-10**	427	825	332	345

^{*}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the current week (inclusive)

Figure N4 shows the changes in average daily pipeline and production flows compared to the previous week, as well as the gas demand and GPG usage of gas in each region.

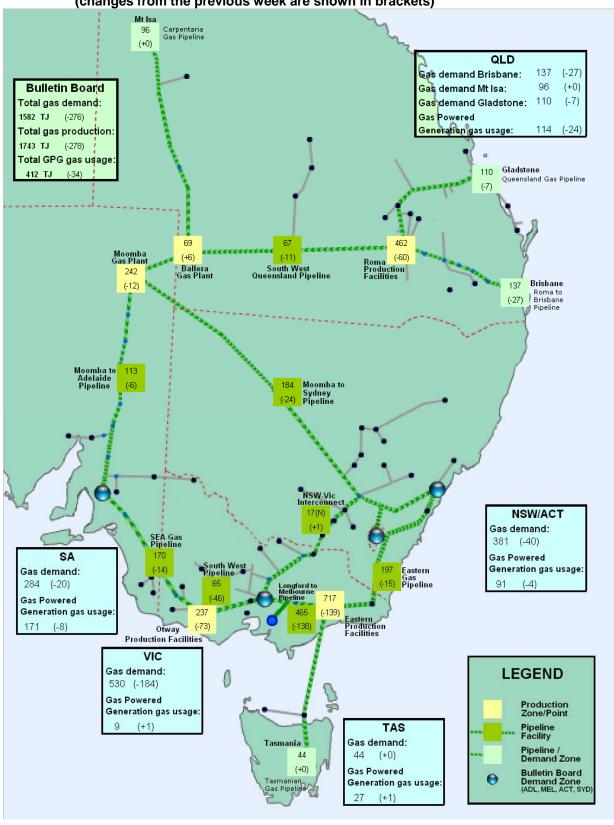
^{**}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2009 to the equivalent week in 2009-10 (inclusive) Source: National Gas Market Bulletin Board http://www.gasbb.com.au

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Figure N4: Gas production/consumption and pipeline flows (TJ) (changes from the previous week are shown in brackets)



Source: Natural Gas Market Bulletin Board http://www.gasbb.com.au

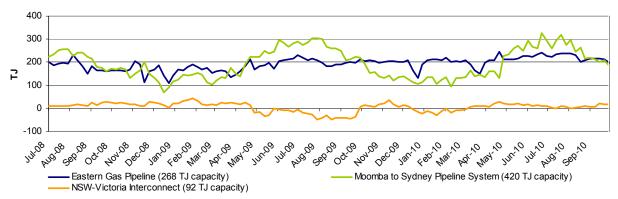
Notes: Direction of aggregate daily flows along the NSW-Vic Interconnect indicated on map by S (South) or N (North).

Numbers in brackets indicate a change in average daily flow from the previous week.

Gas flows into demand regions

The figures below provide the average daily flows into each of the demand regions served by multiple pipelines and supply sources.

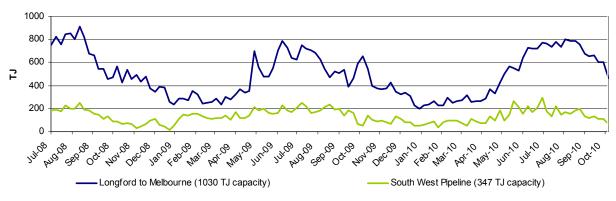
Figure N5: Average daily flows (TJ) into NSW/ACT demand region



Source: Natural Gas Market Bulletin Board http://www.gasbb.com.au

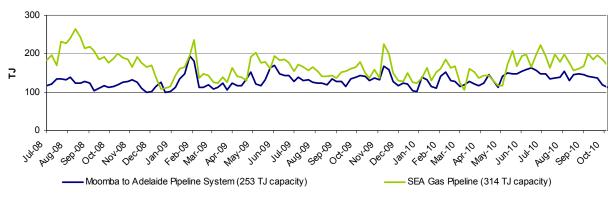
Notes: Negative flows on the NSW-Victoria Interconnect represent flows out of NSW into VIC.

Figure N6: Average daily flows (TJ) into VIC demand region



Source: Natural Gas Market Bulletin Board http://www.gasbb.com.au

Figure N7: Average daily flows (TJ) into SA demand region



Source: Natural Gas Market Bulletin Board http://www.gasbb.com.au

Part B: Victorian Gas Market

Participation in the market

Figure V1 shows participant bids submitted at the start of the gas day (6 am) at injection and withdrawal points on the Victorian Declared Transmission System (DTS). The orange shaded boxes indicate that the participant submitted bids at that location on at least one occasion during the week. An "S" indicates that some of this nominated gas was scheduled into the gas market, while "NS" indicates that none of the gas was scheduled. Green shading indicates where a change has occurred from the previous week.

Bids are scheduled in price merit order — this means injection bids which are less than the market clearing price will be scheduled, while withdrawal bids which are greater than the market clearing price will be scheduled into the market.

Figure V1: Injection and withdrawal point bids in the VIC Gas Market^

Market Participant	Participant type	No. of injection / withdrawal			Injecti	on bid	s in th	ne DTS	3		b	Withdids in		
		bid points	BassGas	Culcairn	IONA	LNG	Longford	SEA Gas	VicHub	Otway	Culcairn	IONA	SEA Gas	VicHub
AETV Power	Trader	1							NS					S
AGL (Qld)	Retailer	1				NS								
AGL	Retailer	4		NS	S	NS	S				NS	NS		
Aurora Energy	Retailer	1					S							
Aust. Power & Gas	Retailer	3			S	NS	S					S		
Coogee Energy	Transmission Customer	1					S							
Country Energy	Transmission Customer	1									S			
Energy Australia	Retailer	3			S		S		NS					NS
Internationa I Power	Transmission Customer	1											S	
Lumo Energy	Retailer	5		NS	S	NS		S	S		NS			
Lumo Energy	Trader	2			NS				NS			S		S
Origin (Vic)	Retailer	6	S	NS	NS	NS	S	S			S	S		
Origin (Uranquinty)	Trader	1					Ø							
Red Energy	Retailer	1					S							
Santos	Retailer	2						S						S
Simply Energy	Retailer	4			S	NS	S	S						
TRU Energy	Retailer	4			S	NS	S		NS			NS		NS
Visy Paper	Distribution Customer	2					S				S			

^Bids taken from 6 am data for each gas day during the current week.

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au (INT131)

Market Prices

Figure V2 displays volume-weighted average daily imbalance prices, compared to the 2010-11 financial year-to-date average and the 2009-10 financial year-to-date equivalent as well as daily imbalance prices for each day during the current week.

The daily average market price is a volume weighted imbalance price taking account of trading amounts at five times through the gas day — 6 am, 10 am, 2 pm, 6 pm and 10 pm.

Figure V2: Imbalance Weighted Prices (\$/GJ)

	3 October – 9 October		ptember – October		10-11 cial YTD*		09-10 sial YTD**
Average daily price	1.01		1.67	2	2.22	1	1.81
3 October – 9 October	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Daily price	0.30	0.73	0.71	0.66	2.49	0.80	1.40

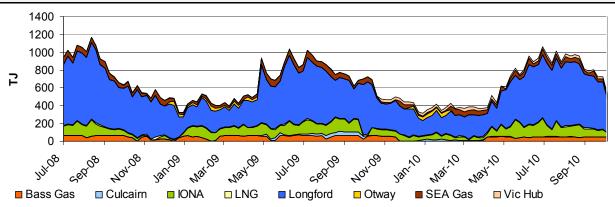
^{*}Average daily imbalance weighted average price from 1 July 2010 to the current week (inclusive)

System Injections

Figure V3 shows the average daily injections into the DTS for the current and previous week, compared with the 2010-11 and 2009-10 equivalent financial year-to-date daily averages.

Figure V3: Average daily flows (TJ) from Injection Points on the DTS

Injection Point:	3 October – 9 October	26 September – 2 October	2010-11 Financial YTD*	2009-10 Financial YTD**
Culcairn	0	0	1	32
Longford	381	530	627	532
LNG	5	10	8	9
IONA	45	77	104	116
VicHub	34	24	28	1
SEAGas	21	33	44	60
Bass Gas	50	50	50	56
Otway	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	536	725	863	807



^{*}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the current week (inclusive)

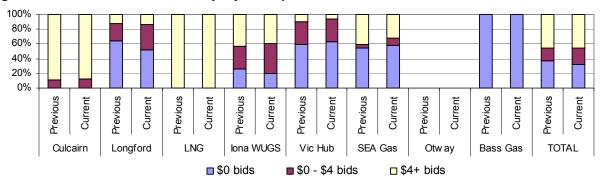
^{**}Average daily imbalance weighted average price from 1 July 2009 to the equivalent week in 2009-10 (inclusive) Source: http://www.aemo.com.au (INT 041)

^{**}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2009 to the equivalent week in 2009-10 (inclusive) Source: http://www.aemo.com.au (INT 150)

Bidding Activity

Figure V4 compares the price structure of gas bid at each of the injection points on the VPTS, within three price bands of \$0/GJ, \$0/GJ to \$4/GJ, and \$4/GJ and above, for the current week and for the previous week.

Figure V4: Price structure of bids by injection points



Source: http://www.aemo.com.au (INT 131) - bids submitted for the 6am schedule on each day of the week.

Notes: Figures in the table are rounded off the nearest round number (TJ); the maximum allowable bid is \$800/GJ.

Figure V5 provides a table of injection points on the DTS where market participants submitted intra-day renominations, for each day of the week.

Figure V5: Intra-day rebidding of gas injections

Injection Point:	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Culcairn	•			Lumo			
Longford	Origin Red	AGL Origin TRU	AGL TRU	AGL Origin TRU	AGL Origin TRU	TRU	AGL TRU
LNG							
lona	Origin	TRU Lumo		APG	Origin APG Lumo	Origin TRU APG	TRU
VicHub	AETV Lumo	AETV Lumo	AETV Lumo	AETV Lumo	AETV Lumo	AETV TRU Lumo	AETV Lumo
SEAGas	Origin Simply	Simply	Simply	Simply	Origin Simply	Simply	Simply
Bass Gas							

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au (INT 131)

Notes: Origin = Origin Energy | AGL = AGL Sales | TRU = TRUenergy | Simply = Simply Energy | AETV = AETV Power APG = Australian Power & Gas | CE = Country Energy | Lumo = Lumo Energy (formerly Victoria Electricity) | AGL (QLD) = AGL Sales (Queensland) | Red = Red Energy |

System withdrawals

Figure V6 shows the average daily gas usage on the DTS for the current and previous week, compared with the 2010-11 and 2009-10 equivalent financial year-to-date daily averages.

Figure V6: Average daily withdrawals (TJ) from system demand zones on the DTS

System withdrawal zone:	3 October – 9 October	26 September – 2 October	2010-11 Financial YTD*	2009-10 Financial YTD**
Ballarat	21	31	40	37
Geelong [^]	85	94	101	92
Gippsland	40	49	54	55
Melbourne	335	478	591	556
Northern	61	73	80	69
TOTAL	541	724	866	809

[^]Data presented also includes withdrawals for the Western system withdrawal zone or Western Transmission System (WTS).

^{*}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the current week (inclusive)

**Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2009 to the equivalent week in 2009-10 (inclusive)

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au (INT 150).

Part C: STTM MARKET DATA

What is the STTM?

The STTM is a market for the trading of natural gas at the wholesale level at defined hubs between pipelines and distribution systems. Currently the STTM has two hubs: Sydney and Adelaide.

The AER first commenced reporting on the STTM in September. The report deliberately contains a significant amount of information on the STTM. It is envisaged that over time as readers become familiar with the market, the amount of information will be reduced, while being mindful not to compromise the quality of the report.

Although the STTM and Victorian gas markets (discussed in Part B of this report) are both spot markets for gas, there are a number of key differences. Some of these differences are listed in the table below.

Key area of difference	Victoria Gas Market	STTM
AEMO role	 Wholesale market operator, Retail market operator, Transmission pipeline system operator 	Wholesale market operator,Retail market operator
Scheduling	 On the day scheduling comprising five pricing and operating schedules at set times. Ad hoc schedules if required. Day ahead and 2-Day ahead schedules (forecast data only). 	 Day ahead market schedules Shippers may vary from their market schedules when they nominate to pipeline operators 2-Day ahead and 3-Day ahead schedules (forecast data only).
Market Price	 Five ex ante prices for imbalances set on the day Ex ante prices in subsequent schedules after the 6am schedule apply to deviations Market price is for commodity only. Transportation is charged separately by pipeline owner 	 One ex ante market price set the day before the gas day One ex post imbalance price set the day after the gas day Price includes both commodity and delivery to the hub and represents purchase of gas at the hub
Linepack management (pipeline balancing mechanism)	 AEMO defines linepack target depending on operational conditions and is generally set seasonally not daily. Linepack account covers costs that includes costs of day to day linepack variations 	On the day pipeline balancing through Market Operator Service (MOS), provided by MOS offers from shippers
Transmission pipeline constraint management	 Ancillary payments for higher priced gas scheduled that relieves constraints Uplift payments to fund ancillary payments 	Capacity payments from shippers with non-firm contracts to shippers with firm contracts if a pipeline is constrained (based on the pipeline capacity price)

AEMO's website (<u>www.aemo.com.au</u>) contains documents that provide further detail on how the STTM works, including a glossary of terms.

Participation in the market

Figures S1 and S2 show participant supply offers and withdrawal bids submitted in the Sydney and Adelaide STTM hubs. The orange shaded boxes indicate that the participant submitted offers and bids at that location on at least one occasion during the week. An "S" indicates that some of this gas was scheduled into the gas market, while "NS" indicates that none of the gas was scheduled. Green shading indicates where a change has occurred from the previous week.

Offers and Bids are scheduled in price merit order—this means offers that are less than the market clearing price will be scheduled, while withdrawal bids that are greater than the market clearing price will be scheduled into the market.

Figure S1: Supply Offers and Withdrawal Bids (Sydney Hub)^

Trading Participant	Participant type^^	No. of		Offers			Bi	ds	
		supply offer / withdrawal bid points	EGP	MSP	ROS	EGP	MSP	ROS	SYD - NET
AETV Power	Shipper								
AGL Energy Sales & Marketing Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	4	S	S	S				S
AGL Wholesale Gas Limited	Shipper	2	S	NS					
BHP Billiton Petroleum (Bass Strait) PL	Shipper								
BlueScope Steel	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
Country Energy	STTM User,Shipper	2	S				S		
Delta Electricity	STTM User,Shipper								
EnergyAustralia	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	S					
Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd	Shipper								
OneSteel Manufacturing Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
OneSteel NSW Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
Origin Energy LPG Limited	STTM User,Shipper								
Origin Energy Retail Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	S					
Santos Direct Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
TRUenergy Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	S					
Tyco Water	STTM User								

[^]Offers and bids taken from the (D-1) ex ante schedule

^{^^}STTM Users also submit price-taker bids to satisfy customer demand, which are not included in this table

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 659, 668
EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility, SYD-NET=Sydney Hub

Figure S2: Supply Offers and Withdrawal Bids (Adelaide Hub)^

Trading Participant	Participant type^^	No. of	Offers		Bids		
		supply offers / withdrawal bids	MAP	SEAGAS	MAP	SEAGAS	ADL - NET
AGL South Australia Pty Limited	STTM User,Shipper	1	S				
AGL Wholesale Gas (SA) Pty Ltd	Shipper	2	S	S			
Adelaide Brighton Cement Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	S			
OneSteel Manufacturing Pty Ltd	Shipper						
Origin Energy Retail Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	S			
Pelican Point Power Limited	Shipper						
Simply Energy	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	S			
TRUenergy Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	S			

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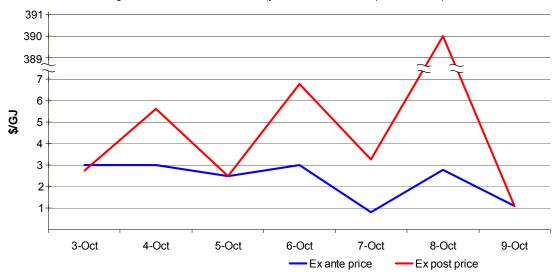
Ex ante and Ex post Market Prices

Figures S3 and S4 show ex ante and ex post prices at the Sydney and Adelaide Hubs. Differences between the ex ante and ex post price may arise where there are significant differences between price taker bids (demand forecasts) for the hub and actual demand in the hub. When this occurs, this leads to more or less gas being scheduled in the ex post market and a divergence between the ex ante and ex post prices.

Figure S3: Ex ante vs Ex post Price - Sydney Hub (\$/GJ)^

	3 Oct - 9 Oct	26 Sep – 2 Oct	2010-11 Financial YTD*
Ex ante price	2.31	2.37	4.24
Ex post price	58.85	3.12	8.51

^{*}Financial Year to date figures exclude market trial data (year-to-date from 1 September 2010)



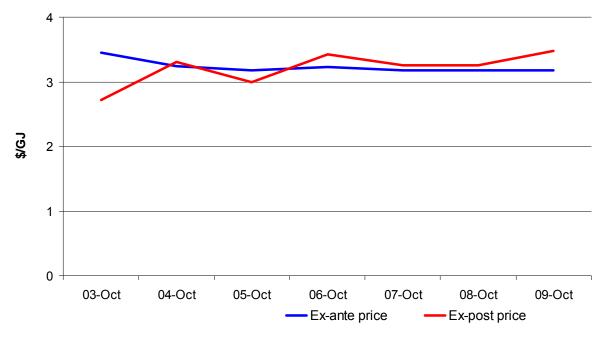
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 657

^{^^} STTM Users also submit price-taker bids to satisfy customer demand, which are not included in this table Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 659, 668 MAP=Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline, SEAGAS=SEA gas pipeline, ADL-NET=Adelaide Hub

Figure S4: Ex ante vs Ex post Price - Adelaide Hub (\$/GJ)

	3 Oct - 9 Oct	26 Sep – 2 Oct	2010-11 Financial YTD*
Ex ante price	3.24	3.54	4.43
Ex post price	3.20	3.40	4.31

^{*} Financial Year to date figures exclude market trial data (year-to-date from 1 September 2010)



Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 657

Scheduled gas

"Firm" and "non-firm" gas is scheduled to the STTM hubs. Firm capacity describes a facility contract that has the highest haulage priority. Non-firm (as available) capacity refers to facility contracts with lower order priority.

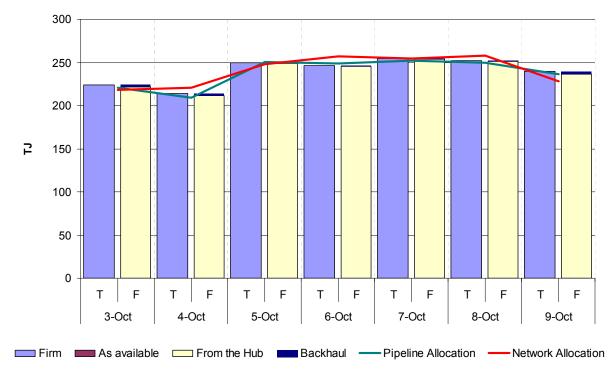
Gas can also be scheduled from the STTM hubs. This happens when Shippers "backhaul" gas from the hub or Users bid to take gas from the hub (including price taker bids).

Figures S5 and S6 show scheduled versus allocated gas at each hub. To understand the figures, the quantities of firm and non-firm gas scheduled via offers to the hub are indicated by the columns marked "T" (or **to** the hub). Firm offers are indicated by light purple shading and as available gas is indicated by maroon shading. Bids to take gas from the hub are indicated by columns marked "F" (or **from** the hub). User bids are indicated by light yellow shading and backhaul is indicated by dark blue shading.

The red line shows network (or in other words hub or demand side) allocations and the green line shows pipeline allocations. Allocations show actual gas flows for the day based on pipeline and network metered data.

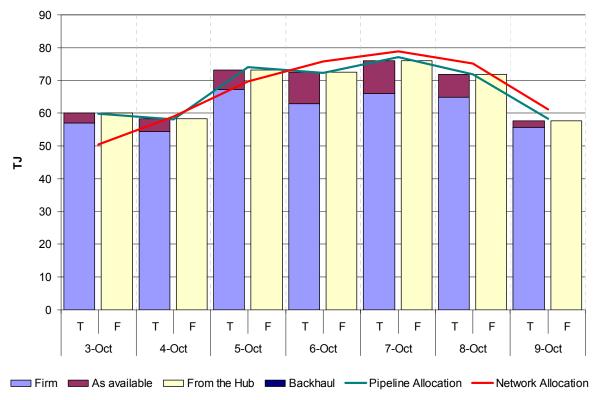
By comparing the level of the red line to the columns marked "F", it can be shown whether demand (allocation) was higher than scheduled. Similarly, comparing the green line to the columns marked "T" shows how the actual flow of gas (allocation) compared to what was scheduled.

Figure S5: Allocated vs scheduled ex ante quantity - Sydney Hub (TJ)^



Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 652, 658 and 664 (MOS allocations removed)

Figure S6: Allocated vs scheduled ex ante quantity - Adelaide Hub (TJ)



Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 652, 658 and 664 (MOS allocations removed)

Pipeline Facility Allocations

A number of pipelines supply the Adelaide and Sydney hubs. Figures S7 and S8 show, for each hub, the allocation (or actual flow) of gas to each of the pipeline facilities supplying the hub, the quantity of gas scheduled (ex ante) on the pipeline and the capacity of the pipeline.

For a gas day, the pipeline operator delivers gas to the hub, and users withdraw gas from the hub. However, the quantities delivered to or withdrawn from the hub may not, and generally will not, match with the ex ante schedules. In addition, during the day, as gas requirements become better known, and if permitted by their contracts, shippers may renominate quantities ("intraday nominations") with their pipeline operators.

Differences between the amount of gas scheduled and what was actually allocated can result in variations between the ex ante and ex post price, as the ex post price is related to the offers actually allocated while ex ante is related to the offers scheduled.

350 300 250 200 7 150 100 50 0 03-Oct 05-Oct 06-Oct 07-Oct 04-Oct 08-Oct 09-Oct EGP - Allocation MSP - Allocation ROS - Allocation EGP - Scheduled EGP - Capacity MSP - Scheduled MSP - Capacity ROS - Scheduled ROS - Capacity

Figure S7: Allocated vs scheduled pipeline quantities - Sydney Hub (TJ)

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 652, 653, 658 and 664 (MOS allocations removed)
EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park production facility

250 200 150 2 100 50 0 07-Oct 03-Oct 04-Oct 06-Oct 05-Oct 08-Oct 09-Oct MAP - Allocation SEAGAS - Allocation

MAP - Scheduled

MAP - Capacity

Figure S8: Allocated vs scheduled pipeline quantities - Adelaide Hub (TJ)

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 652, 653, 658 and 664 (MOS allocations removed) MAP=Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline, SEAGAS=SEA gas pipeline

Offers and Bids

Trading Participants submit offers to sell gas into an STTM hub and withdrawal bids to take gas from a hub.

SEAGAS - Scheduled

SEAGAS - Capacity

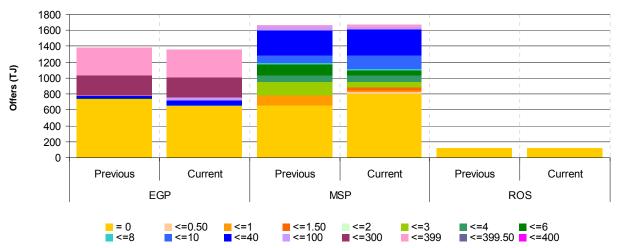
Figures S9 and S11 show for the Sydney and Adelaide hubs respectively, total offers within various price bands for the current week compared to the previous week for each of the pipeline facilities.

Figures S10 and S12 show for the Sydney and Adelaide hubs respectively, total bids within various price bands for the current week compared to the previous week for each of the pipeline facilities and the hubs themselves (NETSYD1 and NETADL1).

These figures also include information on price-taker bids. A price-taker bid is a bid for a quantity of gas that the user will accept at any price. Only STTM users are able to place price-taker bids, that is, to purchase gas at any price. These bids (which represent customer demand forecasts) must be submitted on a daily basis. Price-taker bid data is read against the right-hand-side axis.

Because scheduling is price-driven, offers for lower-priced gas are scheduled ahead of offers for higher-priced gas and bids for higher-priced gas are scheduled ahead of bids for lower-priced gas.

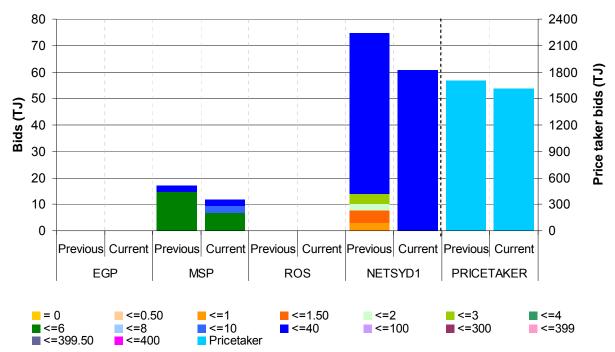
Figure S9: Total weekly Sydney hub offers (TJ) within price bands (\$/GJ)



Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 652, 659

EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility

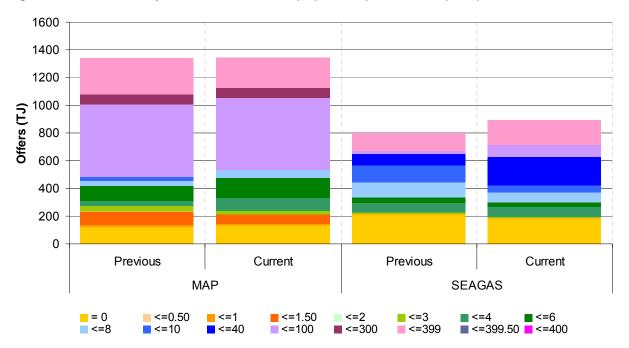
Figure S10: Total weekly Sydney hub bids (TJ) within price bands (\$/GJ)



Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 652, 659

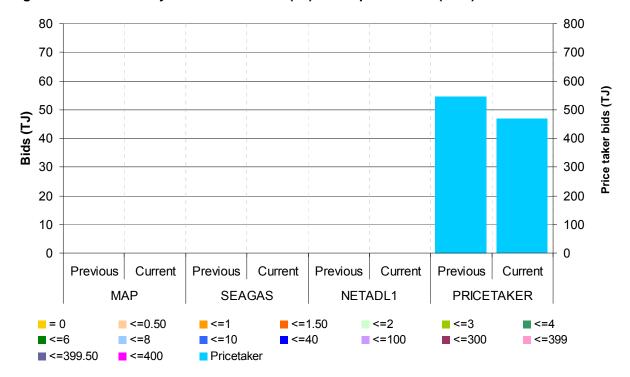
EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility, NETSYD1=Sydney Hub

Figure S11: Total weekly Adelaide hub offers (TJ) within price bands (\$/GJ)



Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 652, 659 MAP=Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline, SEAGAS=SEA gas pipeline

Figure S12: Total weekly Adelaide hub bids (TJ) within price bands (\$/GJ)



Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 652, 659 MAP=Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline, SEAGAS=SEA gas pipeline, NETADL1=Adelaide Hub

Re-offers and re-bids

In the STTM, offers and bids must first be submitted three days before the gas day (D-3), leading to an initial provisional price and schedule for the gas day. Re-offers and re-bids are then allowed for the D-2 schedule and finally for the D-1 "ex ante" schedule.

Re-offers and re-bids can lead to significant changes between D-3 and D-2 provisional prices and the ex ante price. Figures S13, S14, S15 and S16 show the participants that made inter-day re-offers and re-bids at the hubs for the different pipeline facilities.

Figure S13: Inter-day resubmission of offers at Sydney Hub

Pipeline	Schedule	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EGP	D-3 to D-2	AGL(ESM) BluSc EA SANTOS TRU	TRU	Country SANTOS	AGL(ESM)	AGL(ESM) SANTOS	Country SANTOS	SANTOS
	D-2 to D-1	Country SANTOS	Country SANTOS	AGL(ESM) Country	AGL(ESM) BluSc Country EA SANTOS	BluSc Country EA SANTOS	BluSc Country EA	BluSc Country EA SANTOS
MSP	D-3 to D-2	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU
	D-2 to D-1	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) TRU	AGL(ESM) TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU
ROS	D-3 to D-2	AGL(ESM)				AGL(ESM)		
	D-2 to D-1							

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 659
BluSc= BlueScope Steel I Country= Country Energy I Origin=Origin Energy Retail Ltd I TRU= TRUenergy Pty Ltd I

AGL(WG)= AGL Wholesale Gas Limited I EA=EnergyAustralia I OneStl(NSW)= OneSteel NSW Pty Ltd I

SANTOS= Santos Direct Pty Ltd I AGL(ESM)= AGL Energy Sales & Marketing Pty Ltd I

EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility

Figure S14: Inter-day resubmission of bids at Sydney Hub

Pipeline	Schedule	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	D-3 to D-2							
EGP	D-2 to D-1							
	D-3 to D-2			Country			Country	
MSP	D-2 to D-1	Country						
NETOVO	D-3 to D-2							
NETSYD1	D-2 to D-1							
200	D-3 to D-2							
ROS	D-2 to D-1							Country

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 659

Country= Country Energy

EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility, NETSYD1=Sydney Hub

Figure S15: Inter-day resubmission of offers at Adelaide Hub

Pipeline	Schedule	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAP	D-3 to D-2	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	ABC AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin TRU	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU
MAP	D-2 to D-1	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	ABC AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU
SEA-GAS	D-3 to D-2	AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	Origin Simply TRU	Origin Simply TRU	Origin TRU	Origin Simply TRU	Origin Simply TRU	Origin Simply TRU
	D-2 to D-1	Origin Simply TRU	Origin Simply TRU	TRU	Origin Simply TRU	Origin Simply TRU	Origin TRU	ABC Origin TRU

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 659

ABC= Adelaide Brighton Cement Ltd I AGL(WGSA)= AGL Wholesale Gas (SA) Pty Ltd I Origin=Origin Energy Retail Ltd I

Simply= Simply Energy I TRU= TRUenergy Pty Ltd I AGL(SA)= AGL South Australia Pty Limited I

MAP=Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline, SEAGAS=SEA gas pipeline

Figure S16 – Inter-day resubmission of bids at Adelaide Hub

There were no inter-day resubmissions of bids at the Adelaide Hub this week.

Market Operator Service

The Market Operator Service (MOS) is a daily mechanism for allocating balancing gas provided by pipelines to maintain pressures at receipt points. This balancing gas is the difference between what was scheduled by a pipeline operator (the pipeline schedule) and the actual quantities of gas that flowed on a pipeline on the day.

MOS offers are made by participants who have contracts with pipeline facilities to "park" gas (on the pipeline) or "loan" gas (from the pipeline). Based on these contracts, two types of MOS are offered: increase offers to increase flows on a pipeline to a hub; and decrease offers to decrease flows on a pipeline to a hub. Where a pipeline deviation occurs on a gas day and there is a requirement for MOS from a MOS provider (either an increase or decrease offer), the MOS provider is paid according to their MOS offer price (the MOS service payment).

In addition, where this MOS service is required, AEMO pays or charges the MOS provider for the MOS gas allocation on the gas day at the ex ante market price two days after the gas day, which covers the cost of restoring its inventory of MOS gas (the MOS commodity payment or charge). The MOS provider can then choose to submit bids or offers for the gas it needs to replace or run down its MOS gas allocation on the gas day.

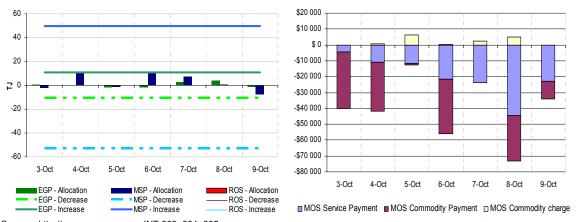
Figure S17a and S18a show quantities of MOS allocated on a daily basis compared to total MOS increase and decrease offers (from potential providers) on each pipeline at each hub. MOS allocations are shown by the columns in these figures, whereas total MOS increase and decrease offers on each pipeline are shown by horizontal lines (as indicated in the legend). Figures S17b and S18b show MOS service payments and MOS commodity payments or charges. Payments fall below the horizontal axis and charges are displayed above the axis.

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¹ Deviations occur when the gas flowed on pipelines into hubs on a gas day differ from the modified market schedule, or when gas taken out of the hub is different to the schedule.

Figure S17a - Sydney MOS allocations

Figure S17b Sydney MOS payments / Charges

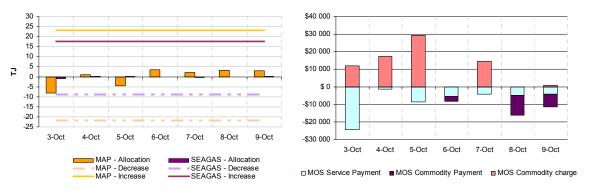


Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 663, 664, 665

EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility

Figure S18a - Adelaide MOS allocations

Figure S18b Adelaide MOS payments / Charges



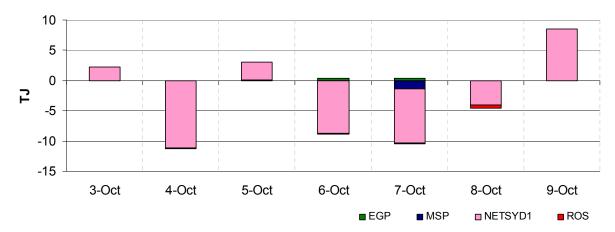
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 663, 664, 665 MAP=Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline, SEAGAS=SEA gas pipeline

Deviations

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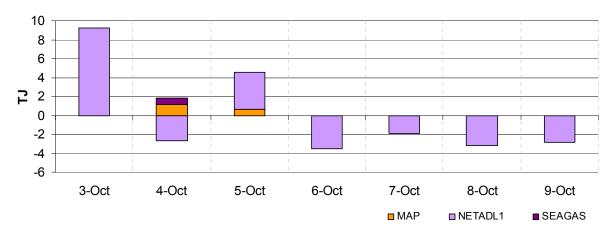
The most likely reason for deviations is where participants incorrectly forecast the demand of customers within the hub. As discussed previously, figures S5 and S6 show allocated quantities versus scheduled. Where they differ, there is a deviation. Net deviations may lead to requirements for MOS services. Figures S19 and S20 show net deviations at the STTM hubs.

Figure S19 Net Deviations - Sydney Hub



Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT652

Figure S20 Net Deviations - Adelaide Hub



Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT652

Market Schedule Variations

When a shipper deviates from the ex ante schedule, it can submit a "market schedule variation" to AEMO. The variation must be matched by an opposite variation from either another shipper or a user. Market schedule variations allow shippers to adjust their schedules in line with their pipeline allocations and so avoid deviation charges. A variation can include flows from the hub, which must also be matched with variation of flows to the hub.

Variations that cause a change in withdrawals at the hub attract a variation charge (but no deviation charge), which is designed to encourage more accurate day-ahead forecasting. The variation charge has a sliding scale such that the bigger the variation, the bigger the charge. However, variations that do not change the demand at the hub are exempt.

Figures S21 and S22 show market schedule variation quantities and charges at the STTM Hubs.

Figure S21 Average Daily Market Variations - Sydney Hub

	3 Oct - 9 Oct	26 Sep – 2 Oct	2010-11 Financial YTD*
Quantity (TJ)	1.67	2.27	3.25
Charges (\$)	62	65	189

^{*} Financial Year to date figures exclude market trial data (year-to-date from 1 September 2010) Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT663

Figure S22 Average Daily Market Variations - Adelaide Hub

	3 Oct - 9 Oct	26 Sep – 2 Oct	2010-11 Financial YTD*
Quantity (TJ)	0.86	1.06	1.42
Charges (\$)	13	20	72

^{*} Financial Year to date figures exclude market trial data (year-to-date from 1 September 2010) Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT663

APPENDIX

Figures A1 and A2 display the daily gas flows from each pipeline and production/storage facility in the National Gas Market over the current week. The nameplate capacity or MDQ (Maximum Daily Quantity) for each facility are also provided, along with the proportion of MDQ used on average over the current week and the year to date at each facility. Flow data not provided by bulletin board polling time is indicated by N/A.

Figure A1: Daily flows (TJ) for pipeline facilities

Demand zone and pipeline facility	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	MDQ (TJ)	YTD average capacity usage (%)	Current week average daily flows	Current YTD average daily flows*	Previous YTD average daily flows**
QLD												
Carpentaria Pipeline	102	100	100	99	93	91	90	117	80	96	93	89
QLD Gas Pipeline	109	107	108	107	108	109	121	142	74	110	105	68
Roma to Brisbane Pipeline	122	146	146	142	143	141	118	219	83	137	182	156
South West QLD Pipeline	57	42	77	64	78	78	73	181	66	67	120	157
NSW/ACT												
Eastern Gas Pipeline	180	176	213	205	209	212	183	268	83	197	222	203
Moomba to Sydney Pipeline	156	161	190	195	221	212	155	420	60	184	251	265
NSW-VIC Interconnect [^]	20	22	9	27	6	12	24	92	9	17	8	-31
VIC												
Longford to Melbourne	322	375	456	459	640	562	442	1030	68	465	700	587
South West Pipeline	59	61	45	47	107	85	53	347	43	65	149	178
SA												
Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline	95	109	118	125	132	112	103	253	54	113	137	130
SEA Gas Pipeline	139	153	179	177	178	203	163	314	58	170	182	157
TAS												
Tasmanian Gas Pipeline	38	46	44	42	46	47	45	129	37	44	47	28

^{*}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the current week (inclusive)

Source: Natural Gas Market Bulletin Board http://www.gasbb.com.au

Notes: Operational ranges for each pipeline facility range from a minimum of 20 per cent to a maximum of 120 per cent of the respective MDQs. The exceptions are the South West Queensland Pipeline and the NSW-VIC Interconnect which have operational ranges 40 per cent to 120 per cent and 0 to 120 per cent of MDQ respectively.

^{**}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2009 to the equivalent week in 2009-10 (inclusive)

[^]Negative figure represents a reverse flow of gas along the pipeline

Figure A2: Daily flows (TJ) for production / storage facilities compared to operational ranges and use of production/storage capacity

Production zone production / storage facility	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	MDQ (TJ)	YTD average capacity usage* (%)	Current week average daily flows	Current YTD average daily flows*	Previous YTD average daily flows**
Roma (QLD)												
Berwyndale South	105	102	105	104	106	105	108	140	72	105	101	83
Fairview	73	70	72	66	80	68	91	130	92	74	119	110
Kenya Gas Plant	63	63	61	70	68	62	56	160	39	63	62	28
Kincora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	13	0	3	1
Kogan North	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	12	77	6	9	8
Peat	11	11	11	11	11	6	6	15	68	10	10	10
Rolleston	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	30	37	11	11	11
Scotia	11	11	11	9	9	9	11	29	90	10	26	17
Spring Gully	44	42	44	48	48	48	42	69	77	45	53	51
Strathblane	44	42	44	48	48	48	42	69	77	45	53	51
Taloona	27	26	27	29	29	29	26	42	76	28	32	31
Wallumbilla	5	5	5	7	7	7	6	20	45	6	9	10
Yellowbank	12	12	12	12	12	13	11	30	42	12	13	15
Talinga	34	35	63	65	54	35	40	81	64	47	52	
Moomba (SA/QLD) Moomba Gas Plant Ballera	258 83	225 94	242 60	223 72	257 56	265 57	221 64	430 150	76 15	242 69	327 23	342 3
Eastern (VIC)												
Orbost Gas Plant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0
Lang Lang Gas Plant Longford Gas	50	50	50	50	50	50	49	70	71	50	50	55
Plant	521	551	632	635	781	845	707	1145	82	667	934	768
LNG Storage Dandenong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158	0	0	0	1
Otway Basin (VIC)												
Minerva Gas Plant Otway Gas	40	50	50	50	50	55	40	73	102	48	75	76
Plant	111	119	155	134	160	187	146	205	72	145	148	141
Iona Underground Gas Storage	50	32	27	N/A	77	53	29	440	26	45	112	115

Notes: Operational ranges for each production and storage facility range from minimum of 0 per cent to a maximum of 120 per cent of the respective MDQs. The exception is the Longford Gas Plant which has a minimum operational range of 20 per cent to 120 per cent of its MDQ.

^{*}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the current week (inclusive)

**Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2009 to the equivalent week in 2009-10 (inclusive)

Figure A3 provides the average minimum and maximum temperatures for each of the demand regions for the current week. The average temperatures for the previous week are also provided. (Note: only the demand regions where temperature is a driver of gas demand are included).

Figure A3: Average daily temperatures (°C) at each demand region

Average daily temperatures (°C)		QLD (Brisbane)	NSW (Sydney)	ACT (Canberra)	VIC (Melbourne)	SA (Adelaide)	TAS (Hobart)
3 October – 9 October	Average min.	17.5	15.7	8.5	11.2	10.3	8.5
	Average max.	25.9	20.9	20.1	21.0	20.5	19.4
26 September – 2 October	Average min.	16.3	12.0	3.0	8.0	9.0	6.1
	Average max.	25.0	21.6	17.3	17.8	18.5	14.6

Source: http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/dwo

Figure A4 shows the market prices at each of the scheduling intervals on each day during the current week. The imbalance weighted average prices for each gas day are also provided.

Figure A4: Daily Victorian gas market prices (\$/GJ) at each scheduling interval

3 October – 9 October		Scheduling Interval									
	6am	10am	2pm	6pm	10pm	Weighted Average Price					
Sun	0.29	0.17	0.37	0.72	1.51	0.30					
Mon	0.72	1.25	1.25	0.75	0.66	0.73					
Tue	0.72	0.67	0.76	0.75	0.10	0.71					
Wed	0.66	0.60	0.60	0.50	0.40	0.66					
Thu	2.47	3.09	2.50	2.47	1.27	2.49					
Fri	0.78	2.65	0.78	0.78	0.36	0.80					
Sat	1.50	0.84	0.20	0.36	0.20	1.40					

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au (INT 041).

Figure A5 compares the market participants and market operator demand forecasts and each of the scheduling intervals on each gas day during the current week. Total actual demand for each gas day is also provided, along with the total demand override (if any) from AEMO.

Figure A5: Daily demand forecasts (TJ) and daily demand overrides (TJ)

Gas Day	Demand			Schedule			Total
	Forecasts (TJ)	1	2	3	4	5	Demand Override (TJ)
3-Oct	MP:	391	396	396	394	394	` ,
	AEMO:	367	407	393	400	396	1
	MP as % of AEMO	107	97	101	98	99	0
4-Oct	MP:	430	428	430	425	425	
	AEMO:	422	422	433	432	423	1
	MP as % of AEMO	102	101	99	98	100	0
5-Oct	MP:	519	511	528	524	524	
	AEMO:	526	530	546	534	476	
	MP as % of AEMO	99	96	97	98	110	0
6-Oct	MP:	531	538	534	534	534	
	AEMO:	532	562	552	537	530	1
	MP as % of AEMO	100	96	97	99	101	0
7-Oct	MP:	707	724	733	728	727	
	AEMO:	627	723	725	716	717	
	MP as % of AEMO	113	100	101	102	101	-4
8-Oct	MP:	696	696	692	677	679	
	AEMO:	690	690	651	627	616	1
	MP as % of AEMO	101	101	106	108	110	0
9-Oct	MP:	551	541	510	516	513	
	AEMO:	574	531	494	502	487	
	MP as % of AEMO	96	102	103	103	105	-34

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au (INT 108, INT 126, INT 153)