

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 aerinqury@aer.gov.au, with the subject title 'Comments on weekly gas report'.

Summary

Average daily prices in the Victorian market and the Sydney and Adelaide hubs are shown in figure 1. Although the average daily ex ante price increased in Sydney this week compared to the previous week, it was significantly lower than both the Adelaide price and the price in the Victorian market.

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

19 Dec – 25 Dec	Victorian market*	STTM Sydney hub**	STTM Adelaide hub**
Average Price	1.41	0.90	2.28

* weighted average daily imbalance price

** ex ante market price

STTM Gas Markets (Adelaide and Sydney)

Figure S3 shows that average daily ex ante and ex post prices increased in Sydney this week compared to the previous week. This was driven by a reduction in low-priced offers to the hub compared to the previous week. On 19, 20 and 23 December allocations were higher than that scheduled (see figure S5) resulting in a higher average ex post price and relatively high deviations in the hub (see figure S19), as higher priced ex post offers were cleared. Figure S17 shows that compensating volumes of MOS (increase offers) were supplied to alleviate the shortfalls in the hub.

Figure S4 shows that average daily ex ante and ex post prices in Adelaide increased from the previous week. Ex ante prices trended upwards from 20 to 24 December despite a downward trend in gas scheduled from the hub (i.e. demand), due to a slight reduction in the volume of gas in offered in lower priced bands from Monday onwards. Figure S11 shows that there was a reduction in the volume of gas offered in lower priced bands this week compared to the previous week on both the Moomba to Adelaide pipeline and the SEA Gas pipeline.

With ex post prices set at \$3.10/GJ from Wednesday onwards, the weekly average ex post price exceeded the financial year-to-date average for the Adelaide hub (\$2.77/GJ). With the exception of Friday, ex post prices were above ex ante prices each day of the week, as a result of more gas being allocated than was scheduled (see figure S6). This was reflected in the level of deviations (figure S20) and MOS allocations (figure S18).

Victorian Gas Market

Although demand for gas powered generation fell compared to the previous week in Victoria (as shown in figure N4), injections in Victoria increased slightly compared to the previous week (see figure V3). The average daily price decreased from \$1.60/GJ in the previous week to \$1.41/GJ (see Figure V2).

AEMO did not issue any demand overrides this week. Supply demand point constraints were issued for withdrawals at Vic Hub on 25 December, and withdrawals at SEA Gas from 22 to 25 December.

National Gas Market Bulletin Board

There were no instances of missing flow data on the Bulletin Board this week.

Figure N4 shows changes in gas demand and production and pipeline flows compared to the previous week. Total average daily demand (1357 TJ) decreased by 59 TJ compared to the previous week. The most significant decreases were observed in South Australia (26 TJ or 11 per cent) and NSW/ACT (23 TJ or 7 per cent), while other regions remained relatively stable. Total average daily gas powered generation (GPG) gas usage fell by 66 TJ (15 per cent) compared to the previous week. A decline in GPG gas usage occurred in each region with more significant reductions in South Australia (24 TJ or 18 per cent) and Victoria (22 TJ or 93 per cent).

Overall average daily production was close to the previous week. Increased production in the Roma region (58 TJ) was largely offset by decreases from eastern Victoria (61 TJ), with minimal changes in other regions. A large proportion of demand in Melbourne was supplied through deliveries on the South West Pipeline this week as flows on the SEA Gas and Longford to Melbourne pipelines decreased. Increased flows on the South West Queensland Pipeline accounted for the majority of the increased production at Roma.

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

Average daily flows	NSW	ACT	VIC	SA	TAS	QLD		
						Brisbane	Mt Isa	Gladstone
19 Dec – 25 Dec	315	10	393	217	41	162	99	119
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11*	397	27	672	287	45	175	94	108
Financial Year-to-date 2009-10**	389	25	654	287	37	166	85	69

*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: National Gas Market Bulletin Board <http://www.gasbb.com.au>

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
19 Dec – 25 Dec	84	2	109	29	154
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11*	83	16	162	30	158
Financial Year-to-date 2009-10**	86	45	163	22	155

^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'

*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>

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, Barcardine, 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)
19 Dec – 25 Dec	571	494	255	203
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11*	546	822	294	301
Financial Year-to-date 2009-10**	443	744	298	299

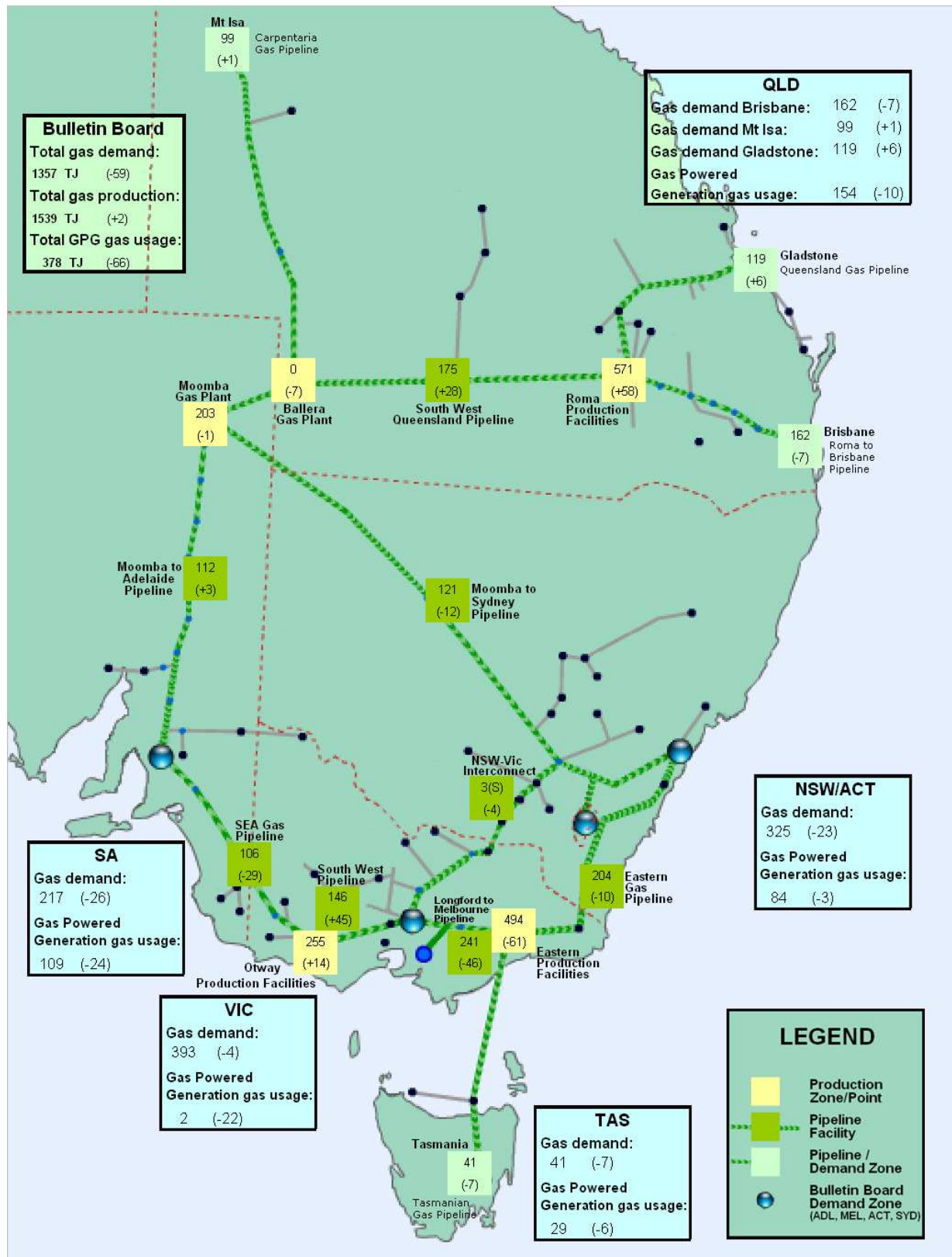
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**Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2009 to the equivalent week in 2009-10 (inclusive)

Source: National Gas Market Bulletin Board <http://www.gasbb.com.au>

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.

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

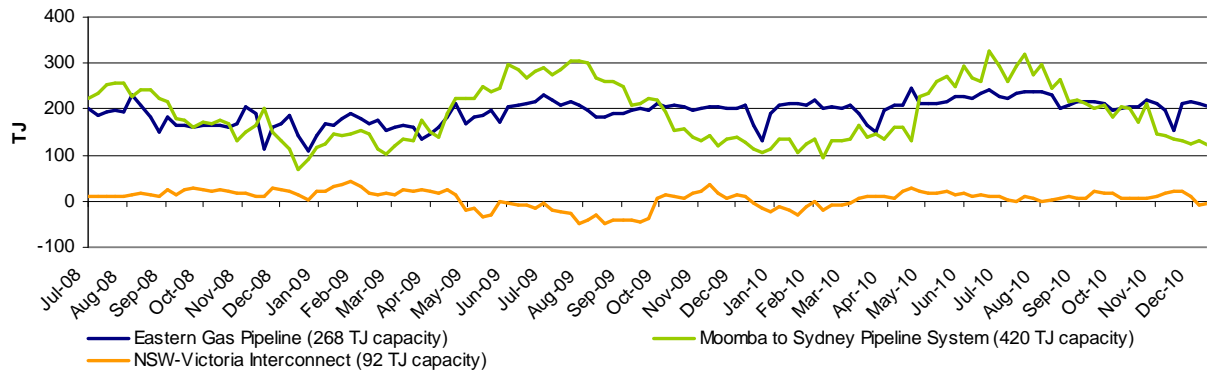


Source: Natural Gas Market Bulletin Board <http://www.gasbb.com.au>
 Notes: Direction of aggregate daily flows along the NSW-Vic Interconnect indicated on map by S (South) or N (North). Numbers in brackets indicate a change in average daily flow from the previous week.

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.

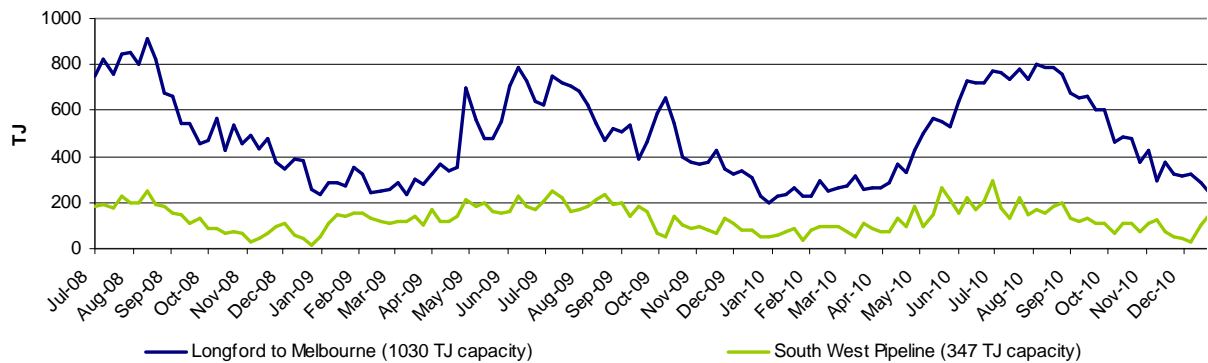
Figure N5: Average daily flows (TJ) into NSW/ACT demand region



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

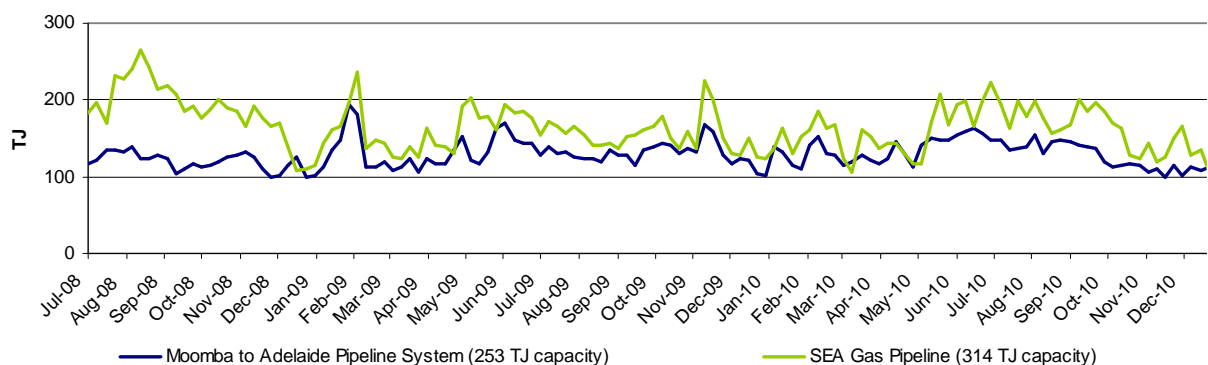
Notes: Negative flows on the NSW-Victoria Interconnect represent flows out of NSW into VIC.

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 bid points	Injection bids in the DTS							Withdrawal bids in the DTS				
			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	5		NS	S	NS	S		NS		NS			
Aurora Energy	Retailer	1					S							
Aust. Power & Gas	Retailer	3			NS	NS	S					S		
Coogee Energy	Transmission Customer	1					S							
Country Energy	Transmission Customer	1		S							S			
Energy Australia	Retailer	3			S		S		NS					NS
International Power	Transmission Customer	1										S		
Lumo Energy	Retailer	4		NS	S	NS			S		NS			
Lumo Energy	Trader	2			NS				NS			S		NS
Origin (Vic)	Retailer	5	S	S	S	NS	S				S	S		
Origin (Uranquinty)	Trader	1					S							
Red Energy	Retailer	1					S							
Santos	Retailer	1							S					
Simply Energy	Retailer	3				NS	S	NS						
TRU Energy	Retailer	3			S	NS	S					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)

	19 Dec – 25 Dec	12 Dec – 18 Dec	2010-11 Financial YTD*	2009-10 Financial YTD**
Average daily price	1.41	1.60	1.81	1.58

19 Dec – 25 Dec	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Daily price	1.74	1.89	1.78	1.68	0.60	1.67	0.52

*Average daily imbalance weighted average price 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)

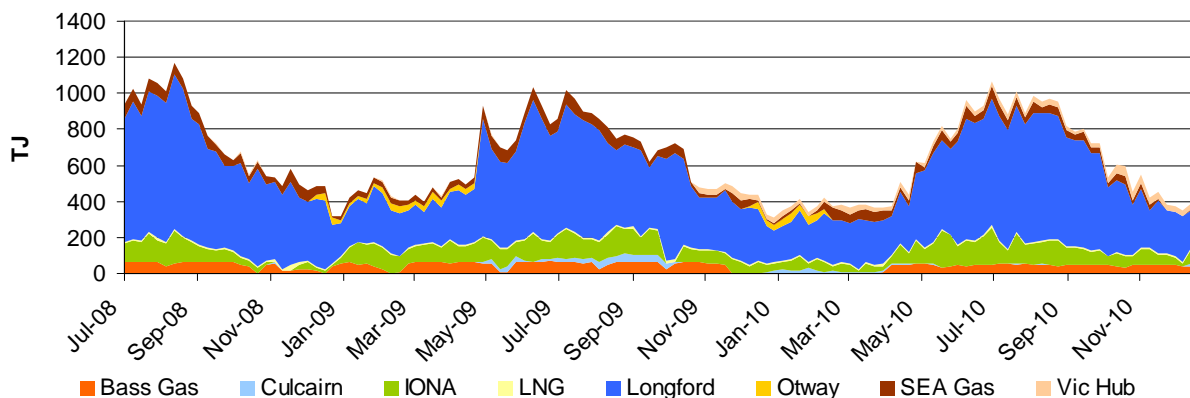
Source: <http://www.aemo.com.au> (INT 041)

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:	19 Dec – 25 Dec	12 Dec – 18 Dec	2010-11 Financial YTD*	2009-10 Financial YTD**
Culcairn	6	10	1	18
Longford	160	212	474	439
LNG	9	9	8	9
IONA	141	81	88	94
VicHub	31	33	33	12
SEAGas	4	1	33	46
Bass Gas	51	42	48	46
Otway	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	401	388	686	666



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

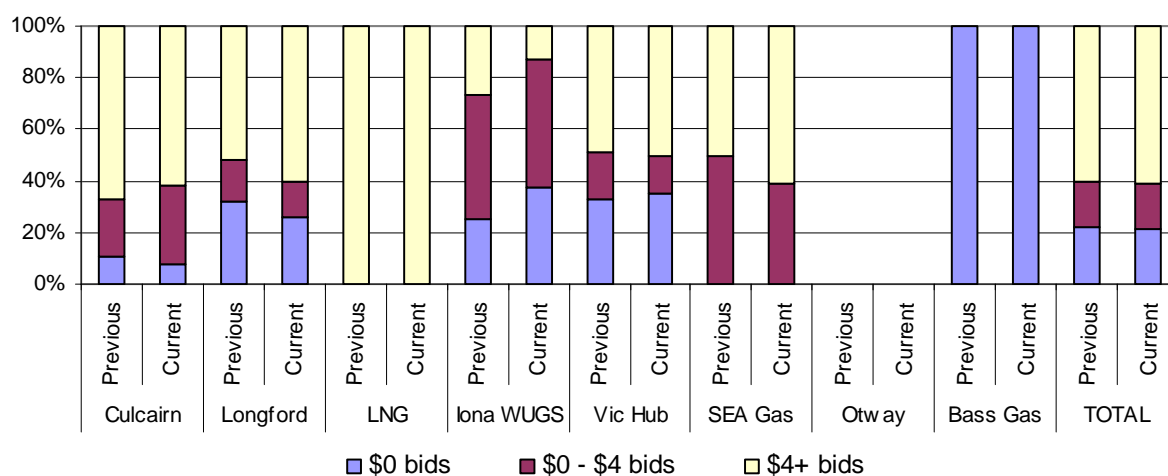
**Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2009 to the equivalent week in 2009-10 (inclusive)

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

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	Origin	Origin Lumo	Origin	Origin	Origin	Origin Lumo	
Longford	AGL TRU	AGL TRU	AGL TRU	AGL Origin TRU	AGL Origin TRU Red	AGL	
LNG							
Iona	Origin TRU	AGL Origin TRU	AGL Origin TRU	Origin TRU	Origin TRU	AGL Origin TRU	Origin TRU
VicHub	AETV Lumo	AETV Lumo	AETV	AETV	AETV	AETV	AETV
SEAGas		Simply	Simply	Simply		Simply	Origin 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:	19 Dec – 25 Dec	12 Dec – 18 Dec	2010-11 Financial YTD*	2009-10 Financial YTD**
Ballarat	14	13	30	27
Geelong^	62	79	91	85
Gippsland	30	35	47	49
Melbourne	266	247	463	444
Northern	33	36	66	60
TOTAL	405	408	697	666

^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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wholesale market operator, Retail market operator, Transmission pipeline system operator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wholesale market operator, Retail market operator
Scheduling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the day pipeline balancing through Market Operator Service (MOS), provided by MOS offers from shippers
Transmission pipeline constraint management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ancillary payments for higher priced gas scheduled that relieves constraints Uplift payments to fund ancillary payments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (www.aemo.com.au) 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 supply offer / withdrawal bid points	Offers			Bids			
			EGP	MSP	ROS	EGP	MSP	ROS	SYD - NET
AETV Power	Shipper	1	NS			S			
AGL Energy Sales & Marketing Limited	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	1							S
EnergyAustralia	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	S					
Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd	Shipper								
Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd	Shipper	1				NS			
OneSteel Manufacturing Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
OneSteel NSW Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper								
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		NS			
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 supply offers / withdrawal bids	Offers		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			
Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd	Shipper						
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	NS		
TRUenergy Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	S			

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MAP=Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline, SEAGAS=SEA gas pipeline, ADL-NET=Adelaide Hub

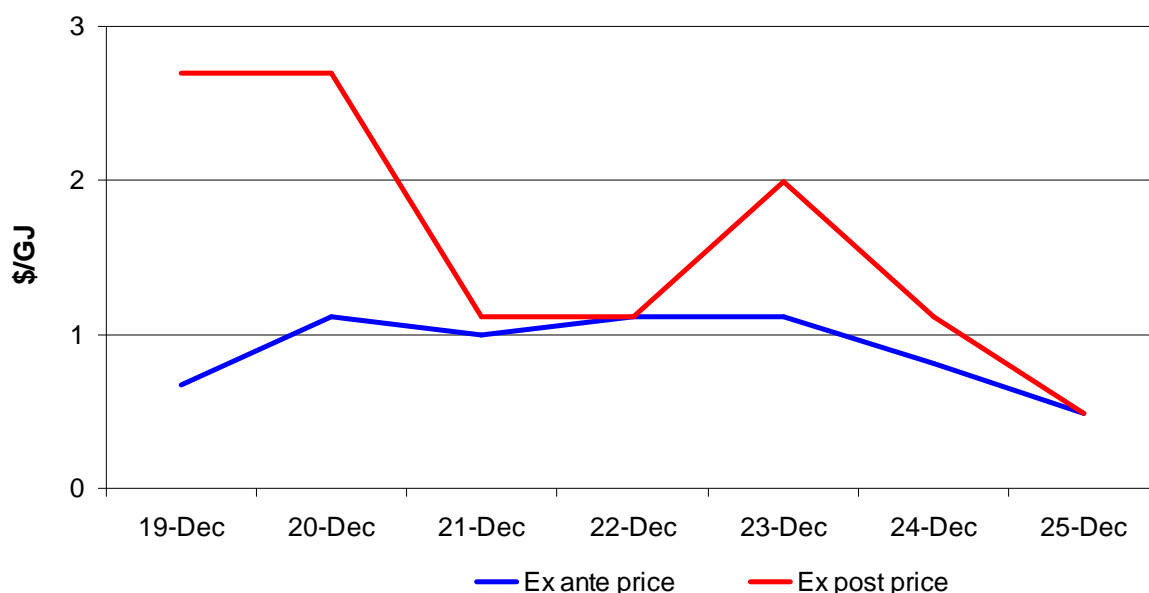
Ex ante and Ex post Market Prices

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)^

	19 Dec – 25 Dec	12 Dec – 18 Dec	2010-11 Financial YTD*
Ex ante price	0.90	0.81	2.78
Ex post price	1.60	0.78	8.82

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

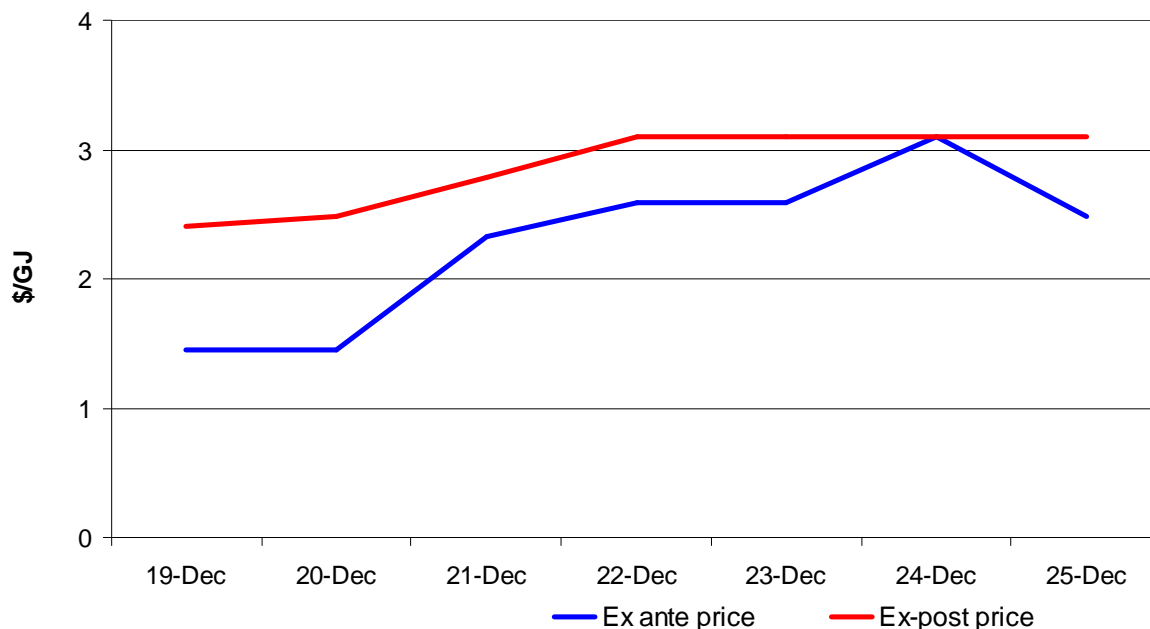


Source: <http://www.aemo.com.au> INT 651, 657

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

	19 Dec – 25 Dec	12 Dec – 18 Dec	2010-11 Financial YTD*
Ex ante price	2.28	2.09	2.66
Ex post price	2.87	2.34	2.77

* 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.

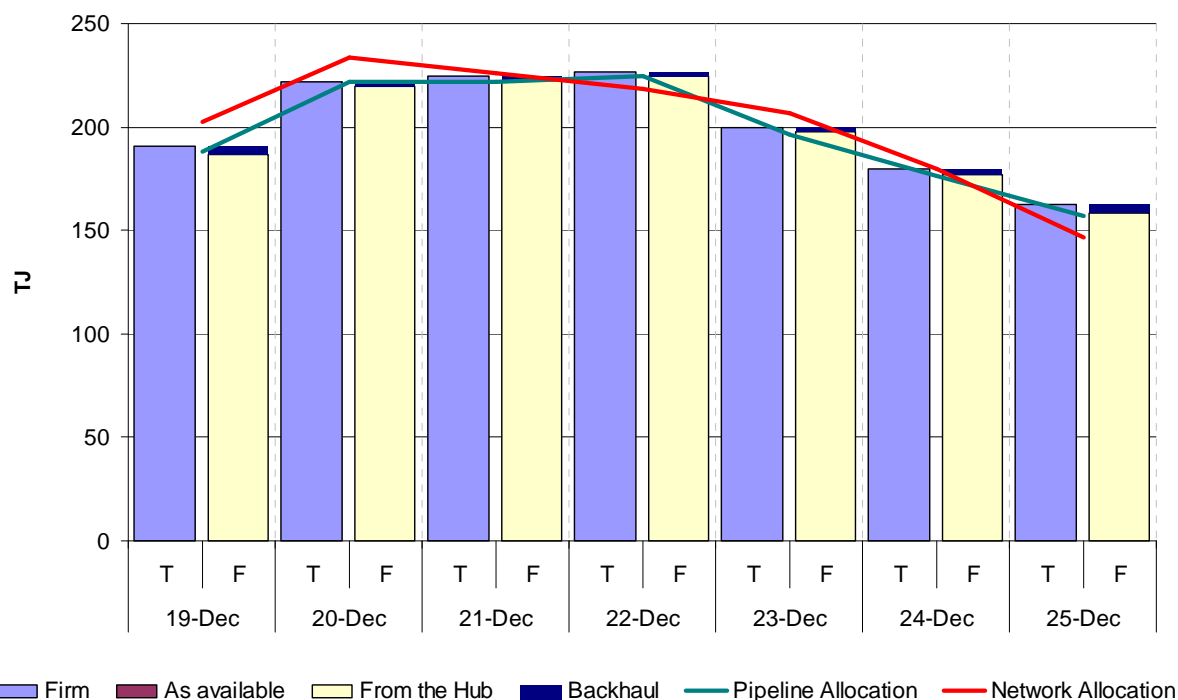
Gas can also be scheduled from the STTM hubs. This happens when Shippers “backhaul” gas from the hub or Users bid to take gas from the hub (including price taker bids).

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.

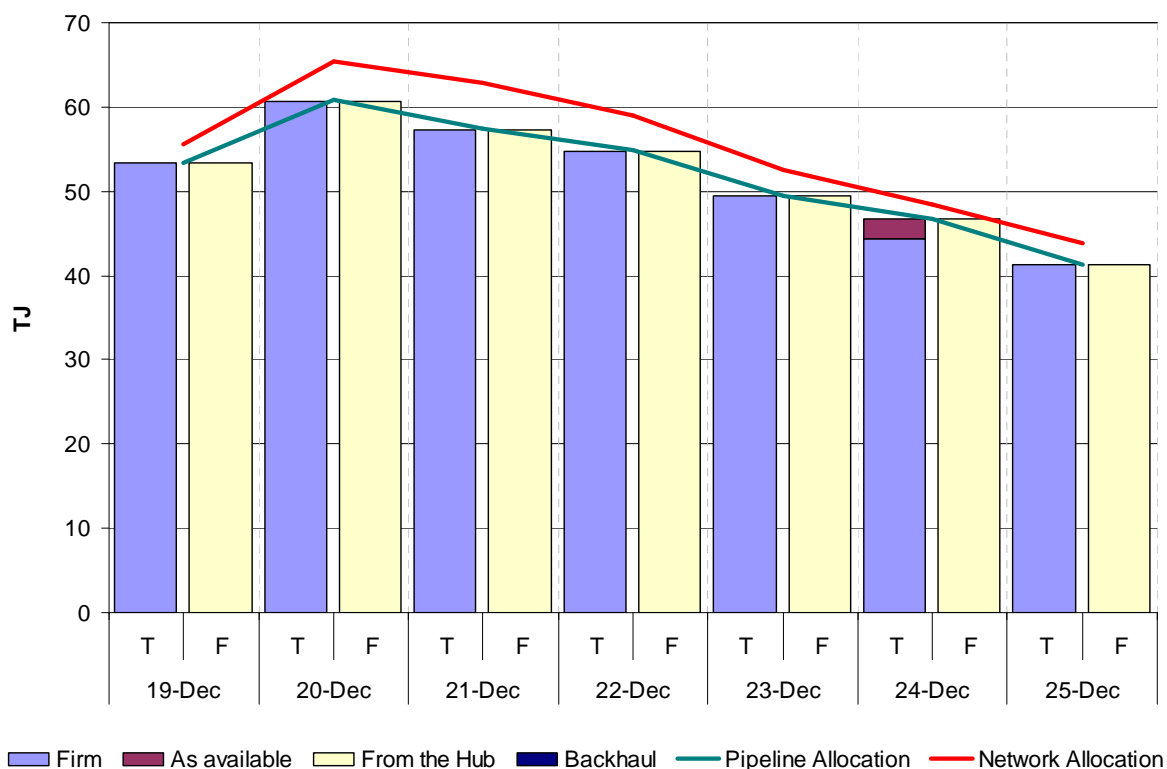
By comparing the level of the red line to the columns marked “F”, it can be shown whether demand (allocation) was higher than scheduled. Similarly, comparing the green line to the columns marked “T” shows how the actual flow of gas (allocation) compared to what was scheduled.

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)



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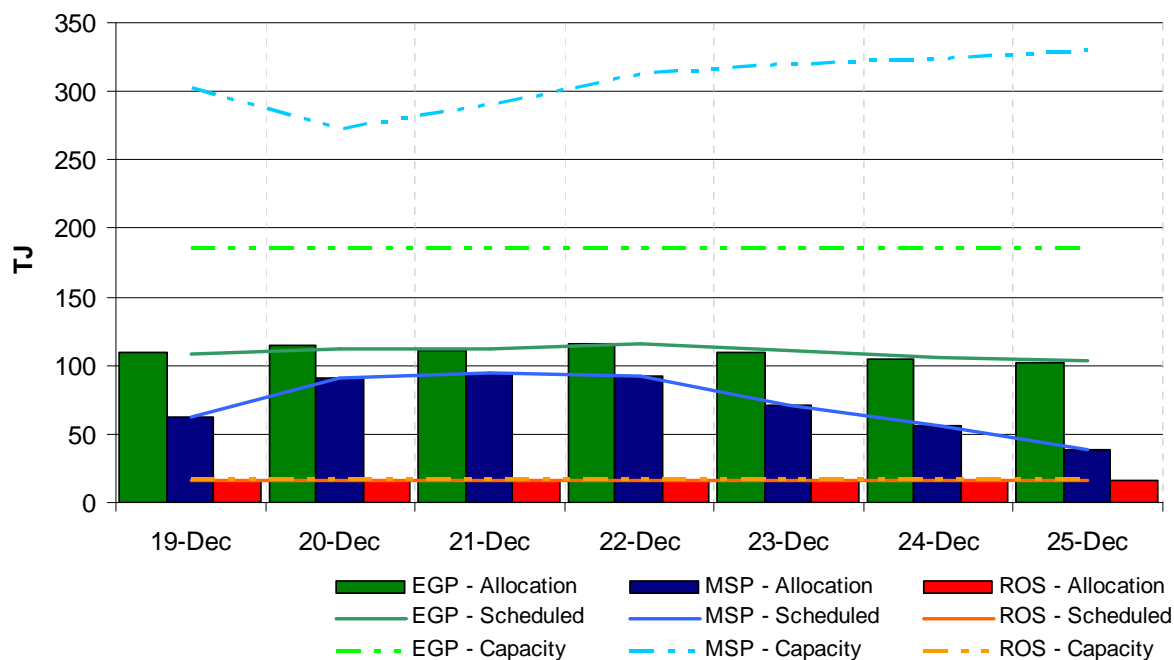
Pipeline Facility Allocations

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.

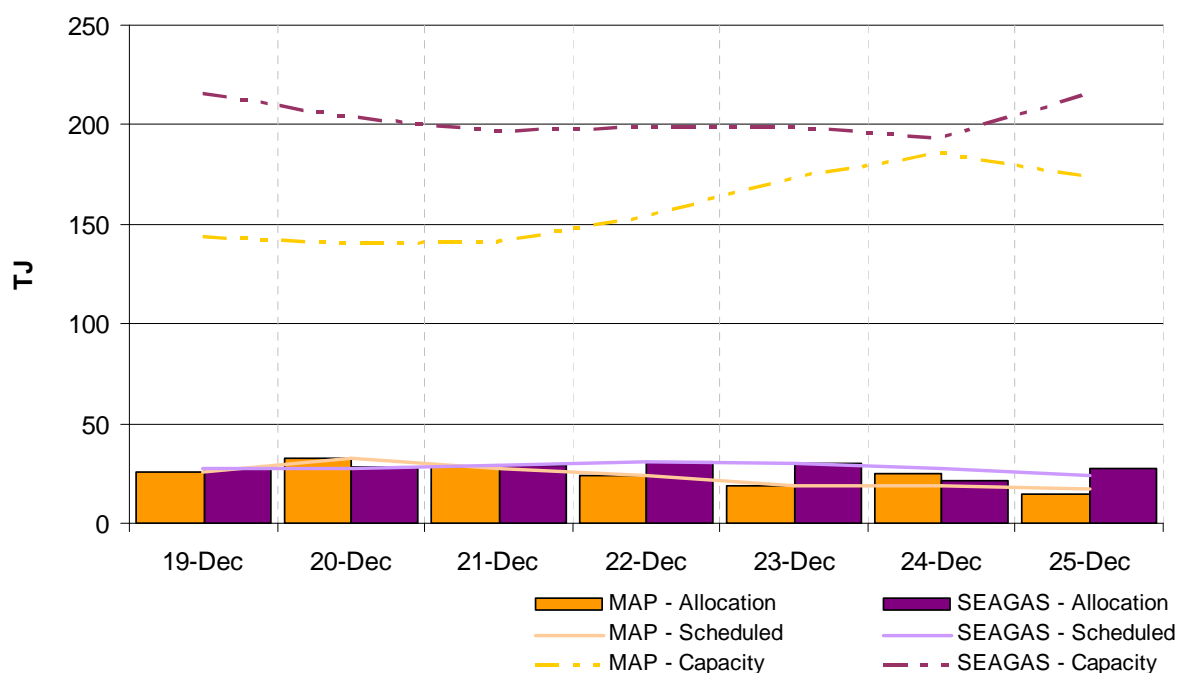
Differences between the amount of gas scheduled and what was actually allocated can result in variations between the ex ante and ex post price, as the ex post price is related to the offers actually allocated while ex ante is related to the offers scheduled.

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

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

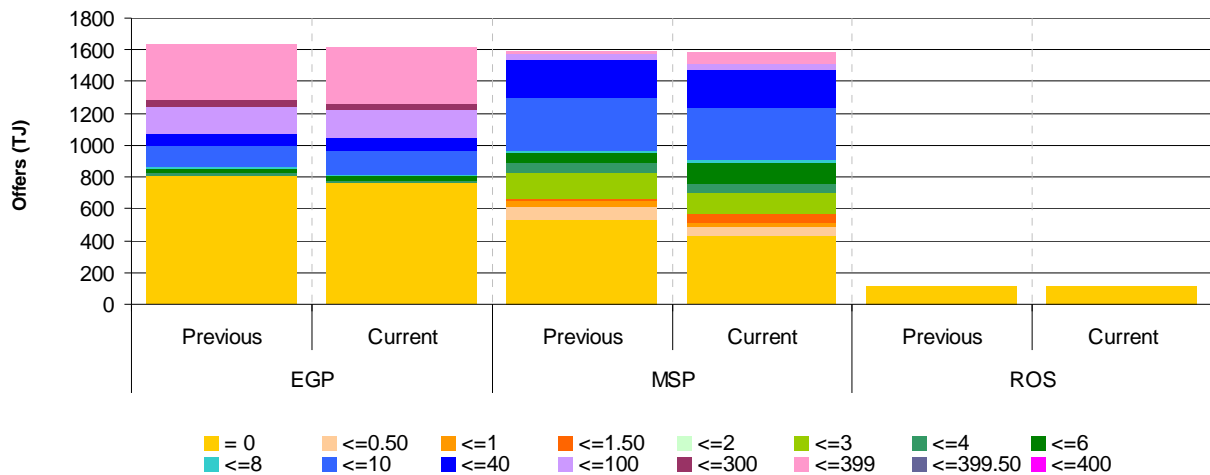
Trading Participants submit offers to sell gas into an STTM hub and withdrawal bids to take gas from a hub. Figures S9 and S11 show for the Sydney and Adelaide hubs respectively, total offers within various price bands for the current week compared to the previous week for each of the pipeline facilities.

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.

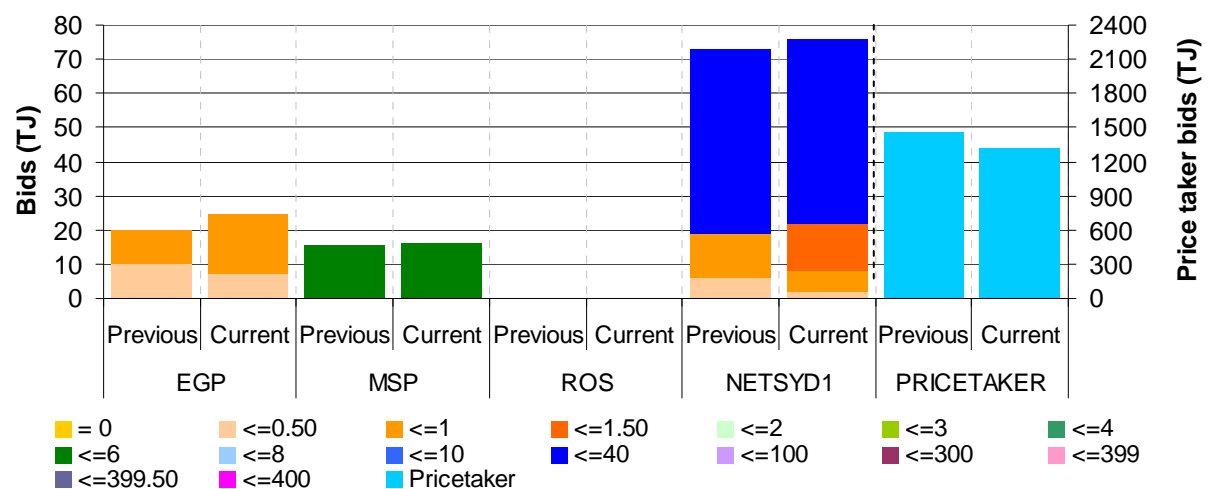
Figure S9: Total weekly Sydney hub offers (TJ) within price bands (\$/GJ)



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

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

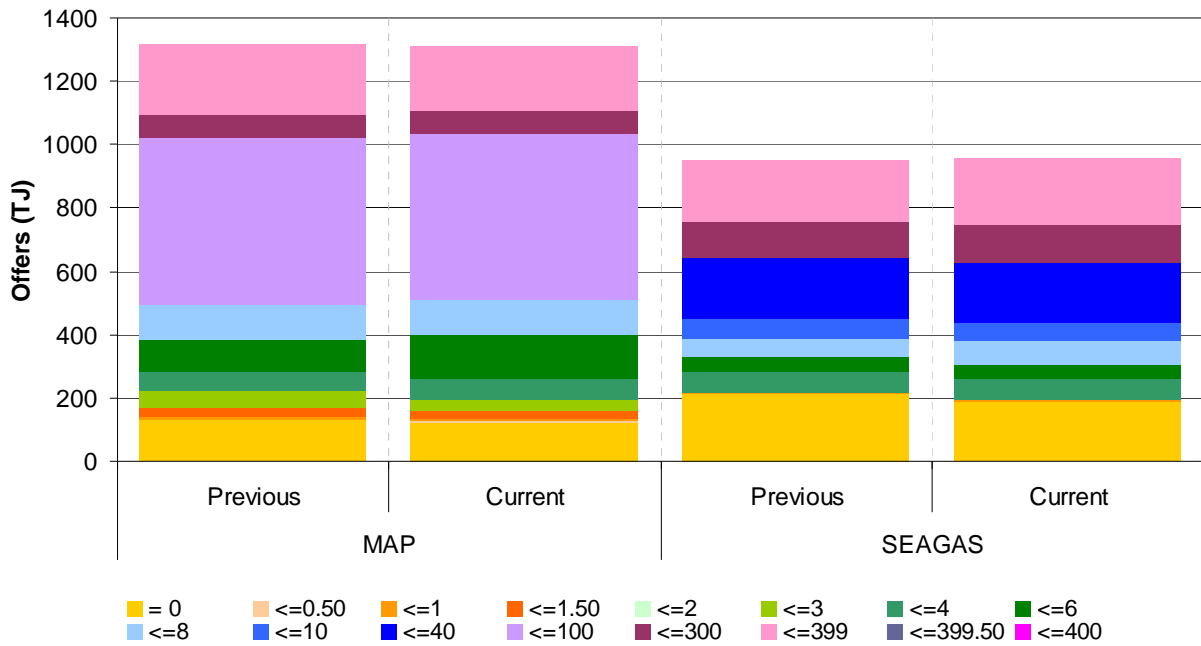
Figure S10: Total weekly Sydney hub bids (TJ) within price bands (\$/GJ)



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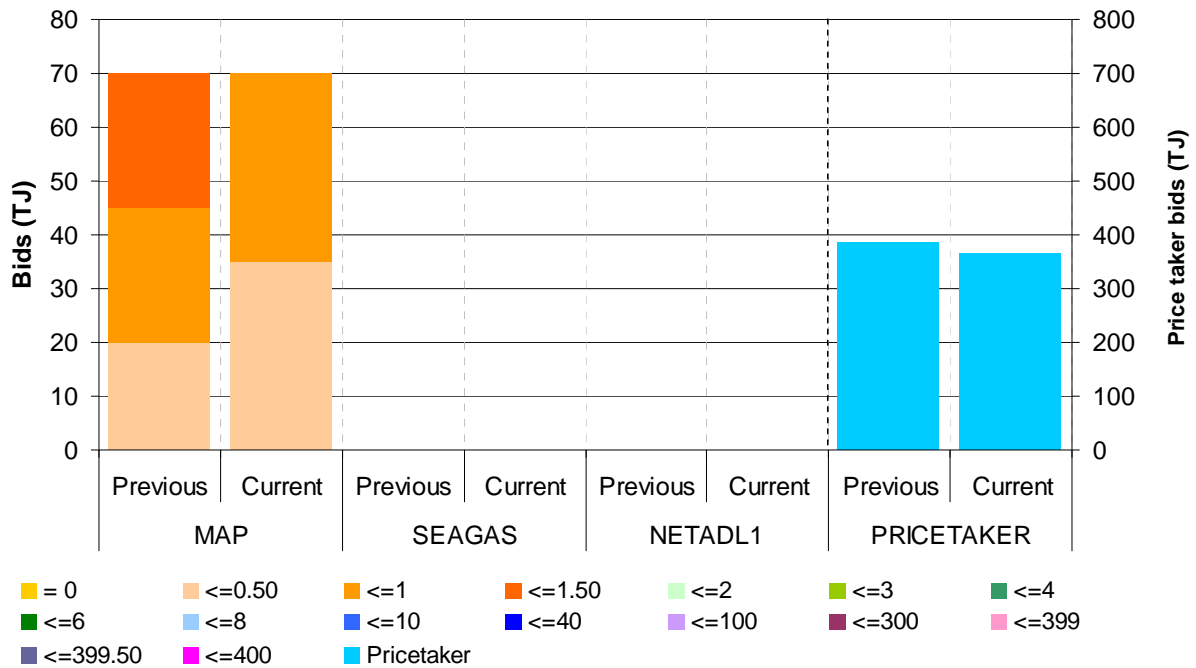
EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility, NETSYD1=Sydney Hub

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	AETV BluSc EA SANTOS	Origin		EA TRU	EA Origin	EA Origin	EA
	D-2 to D-1	Origin	SANTOS	BluSc EA SANTOS TRU	BluSc EA Origin SANTOS TRU	BluSc EA Origin SANTOS	BluSc EA SANTOS	AETV BluSc EA SANTOS
MSP	D-3 to D-2	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU
	D-2 to D-1	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) AGL(WG) Origin TRU
ROS	D-3 to D-2	AGL(ESM)						AGL(ESM)
	D-2 to D-1	AGL(ESM)					AGL(ESM)	

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

BluSc= BlueScope Steel | Country= Country Energy | Origin=Origin Energy Retail Ltd | TRU= TRUenergy Pty Ltd |
 AGL(WG)= AGL Wholesale Gas Limited | EA=EnergyAustralia | OneStl(NSW)= OneSteel NSW Pty Ltd |
 SANTOS= Santos Direct Pty Ltd | AGL(ESM)= AGL Energy Sales & Marketing Pty Ltd | Lumo = Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd |
 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
EGP	D-3 to D-2	AETV				Lumo		
	D-2 to D-1				Lumo			AETV
MSP	D-3 to D-2				Country			
	D-2 to D-1						Country	
NETSYD1	D-3 to D-2							
	D-2 to D-1							
ROS	D-3 to D-2							
	D-2 to D-1						Country	

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

Country= Country Energy | AETV = Aurora Energy Tamar Valley | Lumo = Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd |
 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 TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin TRU	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin TRU	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin TRU
	D-2 to D-1	AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply	AGL(WGSA) Origin TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin TRU	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin	AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU
SEA-GAS	D-3 to D-2	TRU	TRU	TRU	Origin TRU	Origin TRU	AGL(WGSA) TRU	Origin TRU
	D-2 to D-1	TRU	TRU	Origin TRU	Origin TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin TRU	Origin TRU	Origin TRU

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

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

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

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.

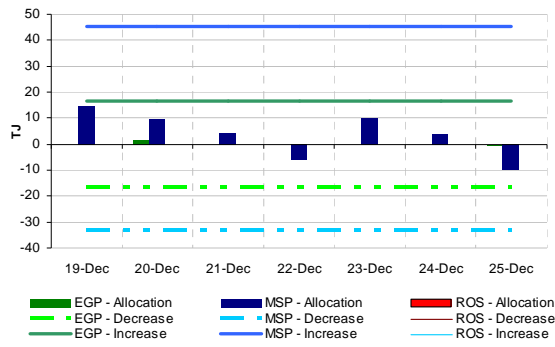
MOS offers are made by participants who have contracts with pipeline facilities to “park” gas (on the pipeline) or “loan” gas (from the pipeline). Based on these contracts, two types of MOS are offered: increase offers to increase flows on a pipeline to a hub; and decrease offers to decrease flows on a pipeline to a hub. Where a pipeline deviation¹ 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.

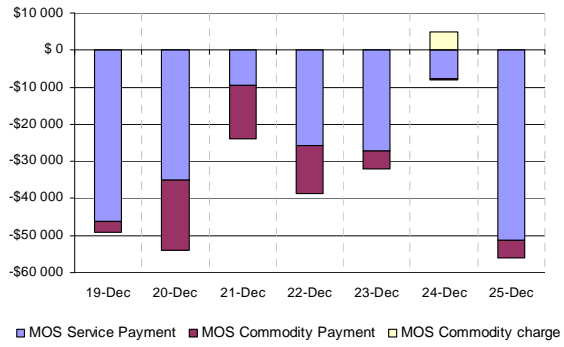
Figure S17a and S18a show quantities of MOS allocated on a daily basis compared to total MOS increase and decrease offers (from potential providers) on each pipeline at each hub. MOS allocations are shown by the columns in these figures, whereas total MOS increase and decrease offers on each pipeline 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.

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 S17: Sydney MOS allocations

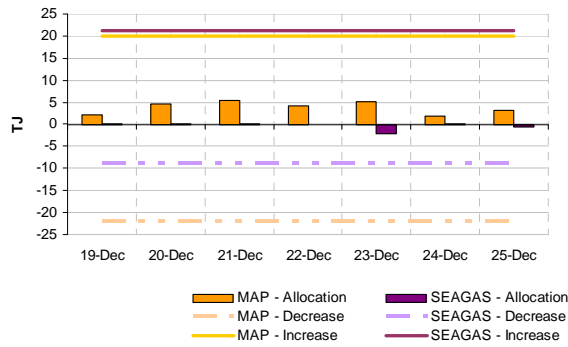


Sydney MOS payments / Charges

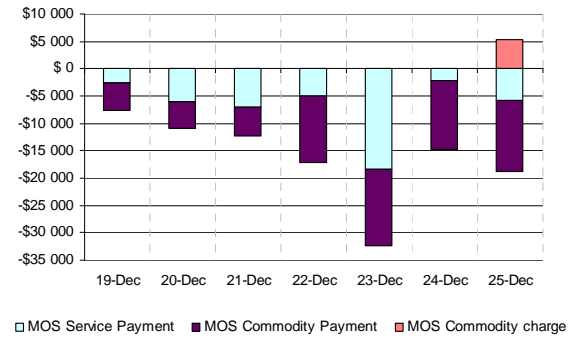


Source: <http://www.aemo.com.au> INT 663, 664, 665
 EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility

Figure S18: Adelaide MOS allocations



Adelaide MOS payments / Charges

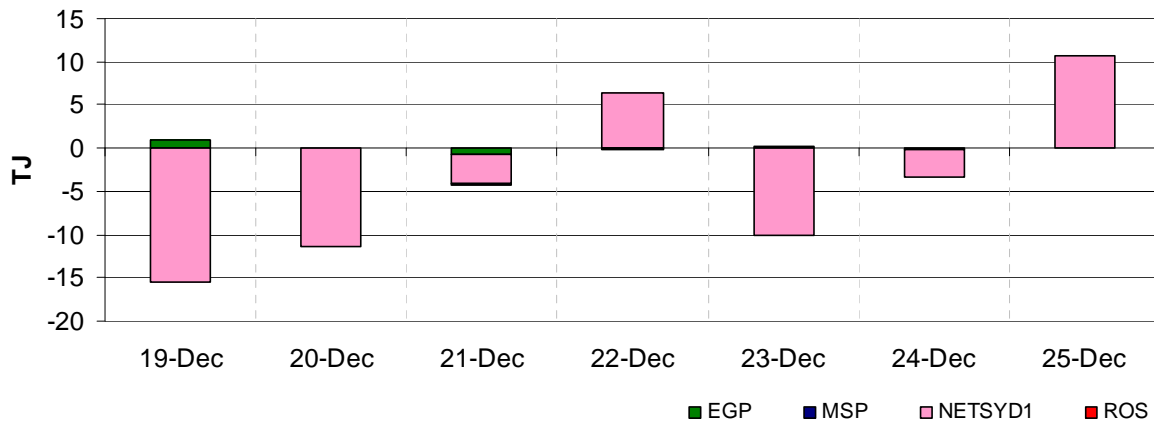


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 MAP=Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline, SEAGAS=SEA gas pipeline

Deviations

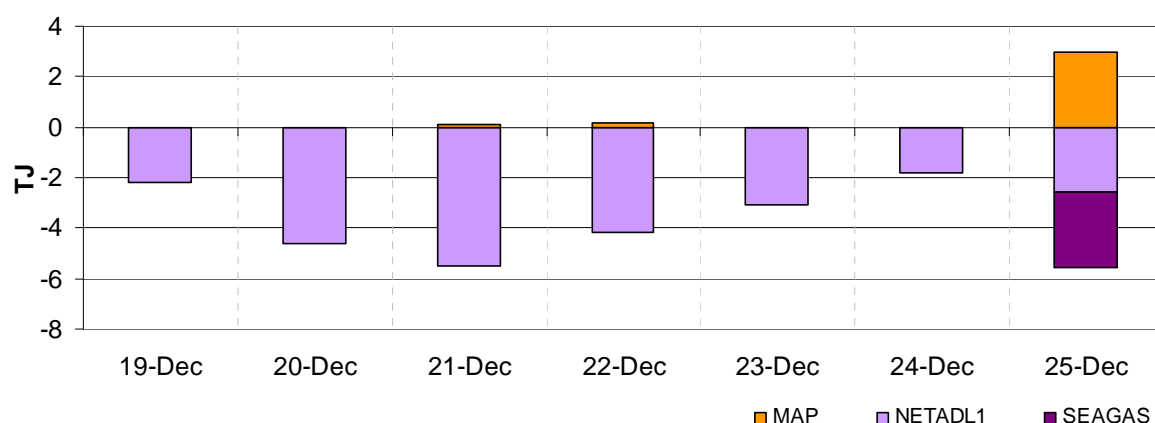
Deviations occur when the gas flowed on pipelines into hubs on a gas day differ from the modified market schedule, or when gas taken out of the hub is different to the schedule. The most likely reason for deviations is where participants incorrectly forecast the demand of customers within the hub. As 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” (MSV) 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 MSV quantities and charges at the STTM Hubs.

Figure S21: Average Daily Market Variations - Sydney Hub

	19 Dec – 25 Dec	12 Dec – 18 Dec	2010-11 Financial YTD*
Quantity (TJ)	1.30	3.11	4.37
Charges (\$)	5.61	13.15	1230.92

* **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

	19 Dec – 25 Dec	12 Dec – 18 Dec	2010-11 Financial YTD*
Quantity (TJ)	0.05	0.14	1.04
Charges (\$)	0.00	0.00	24.56

* **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	97	95	98	103	101	100	99	117	80	99	94	85
QLD Gas Pipeline	114	121	117	120	118	122	121	142	76	119	108	69
Roma to Brisbane Pipeline	153	181	174	171	164	154	140	219	80	162	175	166
South West QLD Pipeline	193	170	154	186	177	175	170	181	71	175	129	146
NSW/ACT												
Eastern Gas Pipeline	198	217	204	214	209	203	182	268	80	204	214	202
Moomba to Sydney Pipeline	123	179	164	131	112	88	51	420	50	121	210	212
NSW-VIC Interconnect [^]	-6	-20	-13	-4	6	7	7	92	9	-3	9	-11
VIC												
Longford to Melbourne	311	288	243	211	223	211	199	1030	53	241	549	493
South West Pipeline	115	232	228	166	130	122	32	347	35	146	122	142
SA												
Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline	112	123	120	118	108	112	88	253	49	112	125	131
SEA Gas Pipeline	91	91	106	123	102	121	107	314	52	106	162	156
TAS												
Tasmanian Gas Pipeline	38	47	49	46	39	38	33	129	35	41	45	37

*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)

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

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.

Figure A2: 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	89	107	107	107	105	105	107	140	70	104	98	92
Fairview	132	132	132	132	132	132	132	130	93	132	120	113
Kenya Gas Plant	52	52	52	52	52	47	46	160	37	50	59	44
Kincora	15	15	15	15	15	15	7	25	15	14	4	1
Kogan North	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	12	77	10	9	8
Peat	11	11	11	11	11	10	11	15	66	11	10	8
Rolleston	10	10	10	11	10	11	10	30	36	10	11	11
Scotia	30	30	30	28	30	30	30	29	91	30	26	21
Spring Gully	44	44	44	48	47	46	44	69	72	45	50	46
Strathblane	44	44	44	48	47	46	44	69	72	45	50	46
Talooka	27	27	27	29	28	28	26	42	72	27	30	28
Wallumbilla	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	20	43	6	9	11
Yellowbank	12	11	11	12	12	12	11	30	41	12	12	14
Talinga	77	71	73	90	81	70	61	92	63	75	58	
Moomba (SA/QLD)												
Moomba Gas Plant	185	255	261	227	189	185	119	430	66	203	284	290
Ballera	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	11	0	17	9
Eastern (VIC)												
Orbost Gas Plant	61	61	61	61	59	58	38	100	23	57	23	11
Lang Lang Gas Plant	51	50	50	51	51	50	51	70	68	51	48	45
Longford Gas Plant	439	423	395	379	375	358	338	1145	66	387	751	688
LNG Storage Dandenong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158	0	0	0	0
Otway Basin (VIC)												
Minerva Gas Plant	37	37	73	73	62	47	62	73	89	56	65	74
Otway Gas Plant	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	205	64	11	131	130
Iona Underground Gas Storage	165	266	285	218	188	176	14	440	22	188	98	94

*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)

^ These figures were submitted in error as gigajoules (GJ) rather than terajoules (TJ) by Lang Lang gas plant, and have been modified by the AER as TJs.

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.

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)
19 Dec – 25 Dec	Average min.	19.1	17.0	8.2	11.8	14.0	9.8
	Average max.	26.6	25.7	23.3	21.8	25.0	18.7
12 Dec – 18 Dec	Average min.	20.6	19.4	11.8	13.5	14.5	10.2
	Average max.	30.1	26.7	24.2	23.0	23.2	21.0

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

19 Dec – 25 Dec	Scheduling Interval					Daily Imbalance Weighted Average Price
	6am	10am	2pm	6pm	10pm	
Sun	1.68	1.99	2.44	1.68	2.47	1.74
Mon	1.75	2.96	3.21	3.23	3.38	1.89
Tue	1.75	2.46	2.93	1.75	1.75	1.78
Wed	1.68	2.69	2.01	1.50	0.28	1.68
Thu	0.59	0.59	1.79	1.80	1.79	0.60
Fri	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.00	1.67
Sat	0.52	0.59	2.13	0.50	0.14	0.52

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 Forecasts (TJ)	Schedule					Total Demand Override (TJ)
		1	2	3	4	5	
19-Dec	MP:	409	426	424	427	427	0
	AEMO:	455	378	392	427	441	
	MP as % of AEMO	90	113	108	100	97	
20-Dec	MP:	452	458	460	461	462	0
	AEMO:	476	471	535	520	502	
	MP as % of AEMO	95	97	86	89	92	
21-Dec	MP:	469	468	473	472	472	0
	AEMO:	456	456	492	488	489	
	MP as % of AEMO	103	103	96	97	96	
22-Dec	MP:	424	423	423	420	420	0
	AEMO:	418	418	415	398	392	
	MP as % of AEMO	101	101	102	106	107	
23-Dec	MP:	373	371	372	373	373	0
	AEMO:	398	396	392	400	372	
	MP as % of AEMO	94	94	95	93	100	
24-Dec	MP:	336	340	337	338	338	0
	AEMO:	326	325	326	323	310	
	MP as % of AEMO	103	105	103	105	109	
25-Dec	MP:	257	257	258	258	258	0
	AEMO:	248	249	253	244	233	
	MP as % of AEMO	104	103	102	106	110	

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