

23 January – 29 January 2011

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 aer inquiry@ 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.

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

23 Jan – 29 Jan	Victorian market*	STTM Sydney hub**	STTM Adelaide hub**
Average Price	2.78	2.09	2.95

* weighted average daily imbalance price

** ex ante market price

STTM Gas Markets (Adelaide and Sydney)

Figure S3 and S4 show this week's average ex ante and ex post prices were higher in both the Sydney and Adelaide hubs compared to the previous week. In Sydney, daily ex ante and ex post prices were below \$2/GJ from Sunday to Tuesday, but rose above \$2.48/GJ for the rest of the week. The ex post price this week reached a maximum of \$2.99/GJ on Wednesday, compared to the maximum of \$3.33/GJ last week.

In Adelaide, daily ex ante prices were below \$3/GJ from Sunday to Tuesday, but were above \$3/GJ during the remainder of the week. The daily ex post price averaged \$2.97/GJ and reached a maximum of \$3.17/GJ on Monday, similar to last week's maximum of \$3.18/GJ.

Victorian Gas Market

Average daily injections (see figure V3) were slightly higher than the previous week in line with higher demand and withdrawals in Victoria (see figure N4 and V5). Consistent with the higher demand, at \$2.78/GJ average daily prices were higher than the previous week (\$2.61/GJ). Overall however, prices were fairly stable during the week, ranging from \$2.51/GJ to \$2.87/GJ.

Figure V1 shows that while Simply Energy was the only participant to submit injection bids at SEAGas for the 6 am gas day schedule, no injections were scheduled from that injection point. Similarly, there were no gas injections scheduled from Culcairn, despite bids from Lumo Energy, Origin, and Country Energy who had been scheduled the previous week. Figure V1 also shows that all participants who placed injection bids at Longford had some or all of their gas scheduled. Similarly, all participants who nominated to withdraw gas at Iona were fully or partially scheduled, with the exception of TRUenergy.

Figure V3 shows that while there weren't any injections from SEAGas or Otway this week, at 9 TJ, average daily injections at Iona were higher than the previous week (0 TJ). Average daily injections were also higher than the previous week at, in line with higher demand in Victoria. AEMO issued one demand override of -3 TJ on Sunday 23 January. Supply demand point constraints were issued for injections from Longford on Tuesday 25 January and for withdrawals at SEAGas for the entire week.

National Gas Market Bulletin Board

Figure N4 shows this week's total gas demand, gas production and GPG usage across the Bulletin Board were higher than for the previous week. Demand was higher in all regions apart from Mt Isa and Gladstone, both of which were slightly lower than the previous week.

While average daily production was lower (by 13 TJ) at the Otway production facilities this week than the previous week, production at Longford was 24 TJ higher than the previous week, to meet increased demand from Tasmania. Production was higher than the previous week in the Roma and Moomba/Ballera plants, consistent with the higher demand in Brisbane, Adelaide and Sydney.

Total average daily gas powered generation (GPG) usage was 541 TJ, which was 53 TJ (or 11 per cent) higher than the previous week. This was largely due to higher GPG demand of 34 TJ (83 per cent) and 25 TJ (36 per cent) in Victoria and New South Wales respectively. The Kincora plant in the Roma region remained out of production, however the Wallumbilla plant, which did not produce any gas in the previous week, began producing 4 TJ/day from Tuesday 25 January.

Roma to Brisbane pipeline – reduced capacity

From 25 January, the pipeline's capacity has been revised to 187 TJ/day. The pipeline operator APA Group expects the pipeline to be operating below full capacity until late February 2011. However, the APA Group has stated that it is continuing to develop the timing scope and strategy for the required repairs.

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
23 Jan – 29 Jan	353	5	425	295	46	166	98	102
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11*	386	24	624	287	45	172	95	109
Financial Year-to-date 2009-10**	374	22	597	282	37	167	86	70

*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
23 Jan – 29 Jan	129	55	190	32	135
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11*	87	21	166	30	156
Financial Year-to-date 2009-10**	84	45	163	22	159

^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)
23 Jan – 29 Jan	507	686	145	264
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11*	536	789	274	288
Financial Year-to-date 2009-10**	445	698	288	284

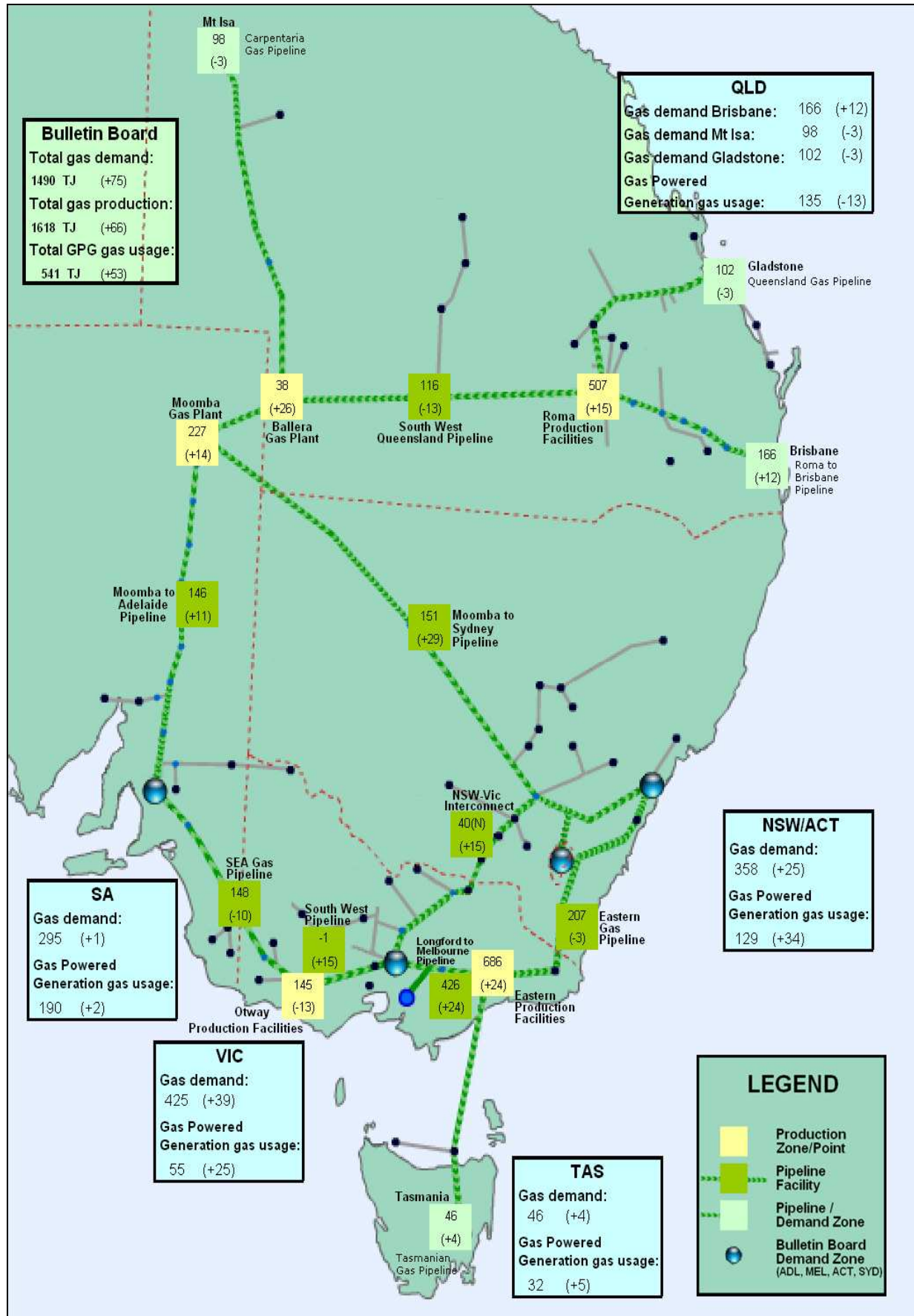
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Source: National Gas Market Bulletin Board <http://www.gasbb.com.au>

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)

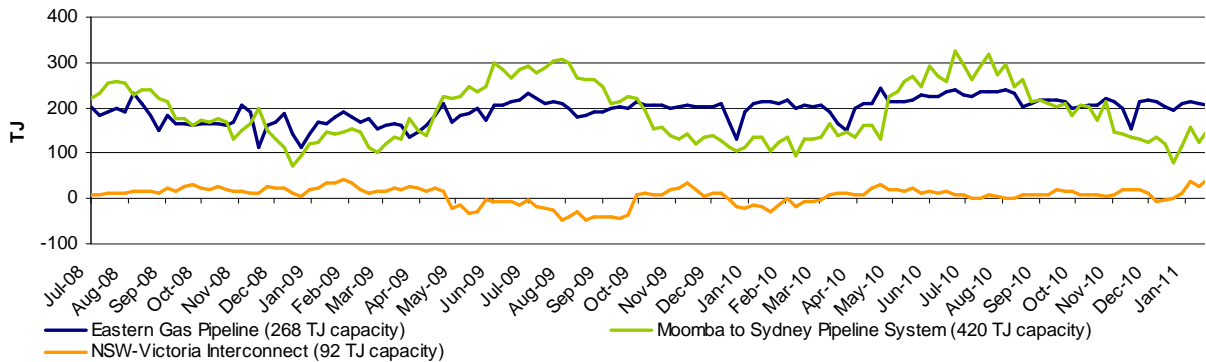


Source: Natural Gas Market Bulletin Board <http://www.gasbb.com.au>
 Notes: Direction of aggregate daily flows along the NSW-Vic Interconnect indicated on map by S (South) or N (North). Numbers in brackets indicate a change in average daily flow from the previous week.

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.

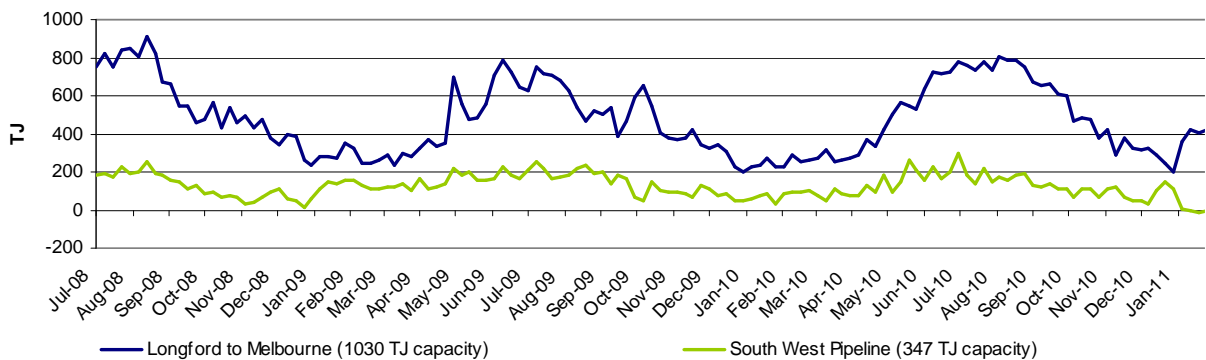
Figure N5: Average daily flows (TJ) into NSW/ACT demand region



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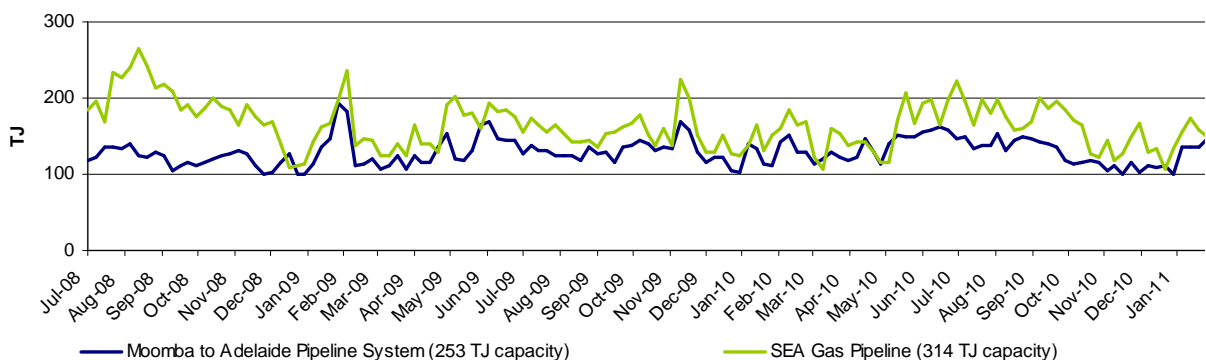
Notes: Negative flows on the NSW-Victoria Interconnect represent flows out of NSW into VIC.

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 VPTS							Withdrawal bids in the VPTS				
			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	NS	S		NS		S			
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		NS										
Energy Australia	Retailer	2					S		NS					NS
International Power	Transmission Customer	1										S		
Lumo Energy	Retailer	4		NS		NS			S		NS			
Lumo Energy	Trader	2			NS				NS		S		S	
Origin (Vic)	Retailer	6	S	NS	S	NS	S				S	S		
Origin (Uranquinty)	Trader	1					S							
Red Energy	Retailer	1					S							
Santos	Retailer	1							S					
Simply Energy	Retailer	4			NS	NS	S	NS				S		
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)

	23 Jan – 29 Jan	16 Jan – 22 Jan	2010-11 Financial YTD*	2009-10 Financial YTD**
Average daily price	2.78	2.61	1.92	1.58

23 Jan – 29 Jan	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Daily price	2.79	2.80	2.87	2.51	2.86	2.85	2.79

*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)

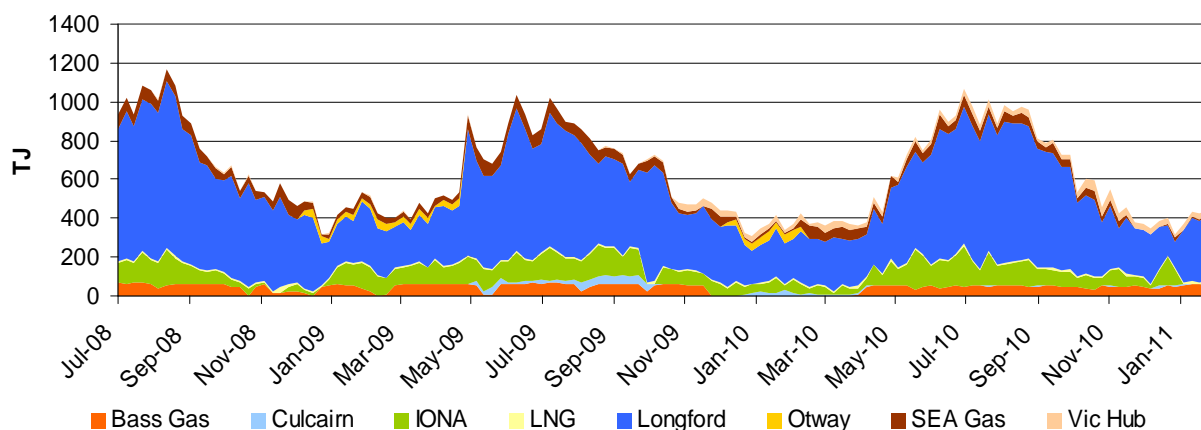
Source: <http://www.aemo.com.au> (INT 041)

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:	23 Jan – 29 Jan	16 Jan – 22 Jan	2010-11 Financial YTD*	2009-10 Financial YTD**
Culcairn	0	0	1	19
Longford	344	317	442	400
LNG	9	9	9	8
IONA	9	0	77	87
VicHub	26	26	32	14
SEAGas	0	7	29	40
Bass Gas	56	60	49	38
Otway	0	5	0	9
TOTAL	445	424	639	615



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

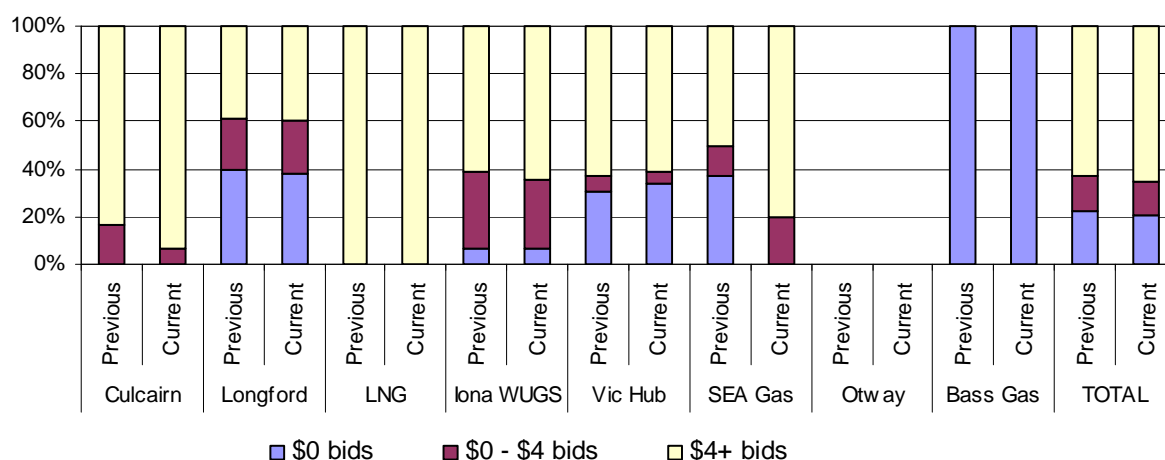
**Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2009 to the equivalent week in 2009-10 (inclusive)

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		Lumo	Lumo				
Longford			AGL Origin TRU	AGL Origin TRU	AGL Origin TRU	AGL Origin TRU	
	TRU	AGL TRU					TRU
LNG							
Iona			Origin TRU APG		Origin TRU	Origin TRU	
	Origin TRU	Simply Lumo	Simply Lumo	Origin TRU	Simply	Simply	Origin
VicHub		AETV Lumo	AETV Lumo	AETV Lumo	AETV	AETV Lumo	AETV
	AETV				AETV		
SEAGas						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:	23 Jan – 29 Jan	16 Jan – 22 Jan	2010-11 Financial YTD*	2009-10 Financial YTD**
Ballarat	10	11	27	24
Geelong^	92	101	90	83
Gippsland	32	31	45	47
Melbourne	248	229	424	407
Northern	67	53	63	55
TOTAL	448	424	649	616

^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 offers / 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	2	S						S
EnergyAustralia	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	S					
Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd	Shipper								
Lumo Energy (NSW) Pty Ltd	STTM User								
Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd	Shipper	1				S			
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	1		S					
Santos Direct Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
TRUenergy Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	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 supply offers / withdrawal bid points	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	1	S				
Lumo Energy (SA) Pty Ltd	STTM User						
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	NS	NS	S		
TRUenergy Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	2	NS	S			

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

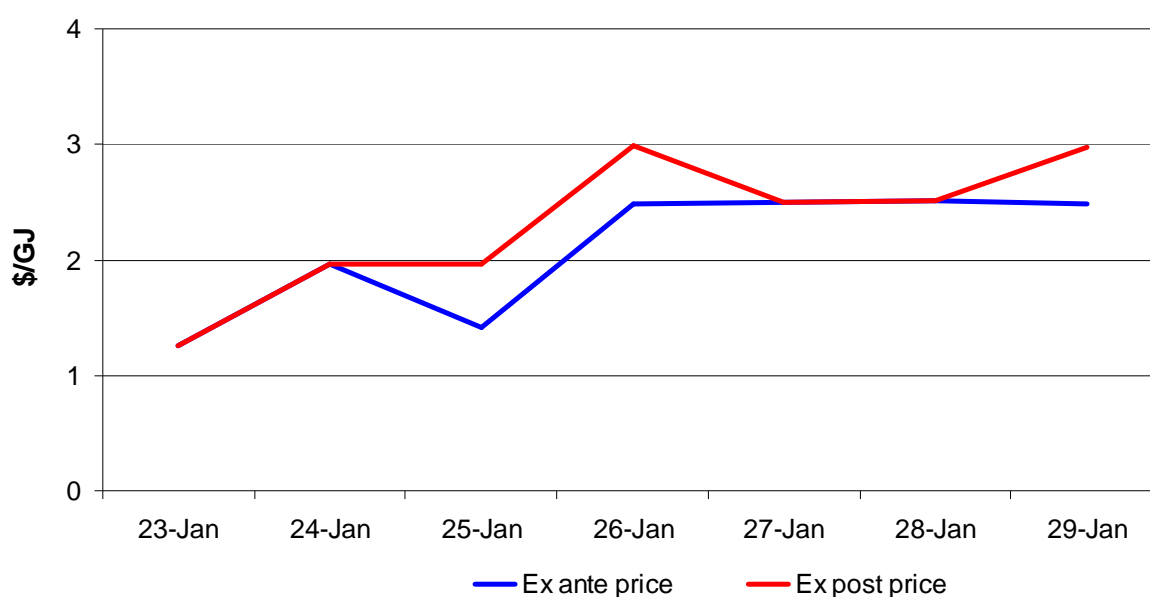
Ex ante and Ex post Market Prices

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)^

	23 Jan – 29 Jan	16 Jan – 22 Jan	2010-11 Financial YTD*
Ex ante price	2.09	1.99	2.50
Ex post price	2.31	2.26	7.21

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

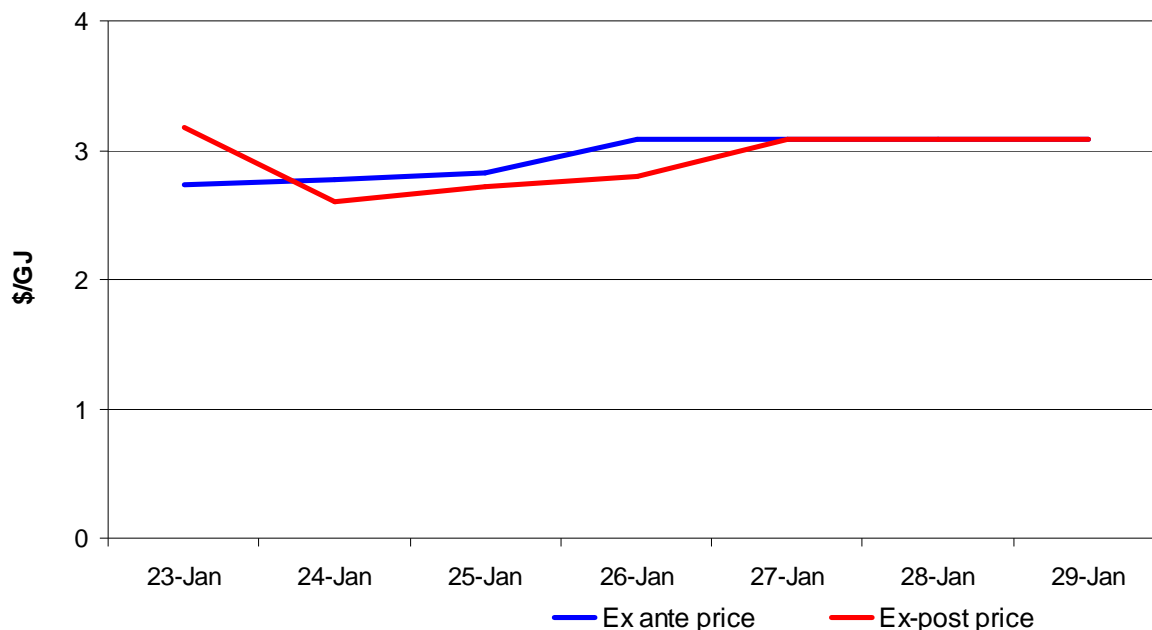


Source: <http://www.aemo.com.au> INT 651, 657

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

	23 Jan – 29 Jan	16 Jan – 22 Jan	2010-11 Financial YTD*
Ex ante price	2.95	2.75	2.67
Ex post price	2.94	2.79	2.80

* 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.

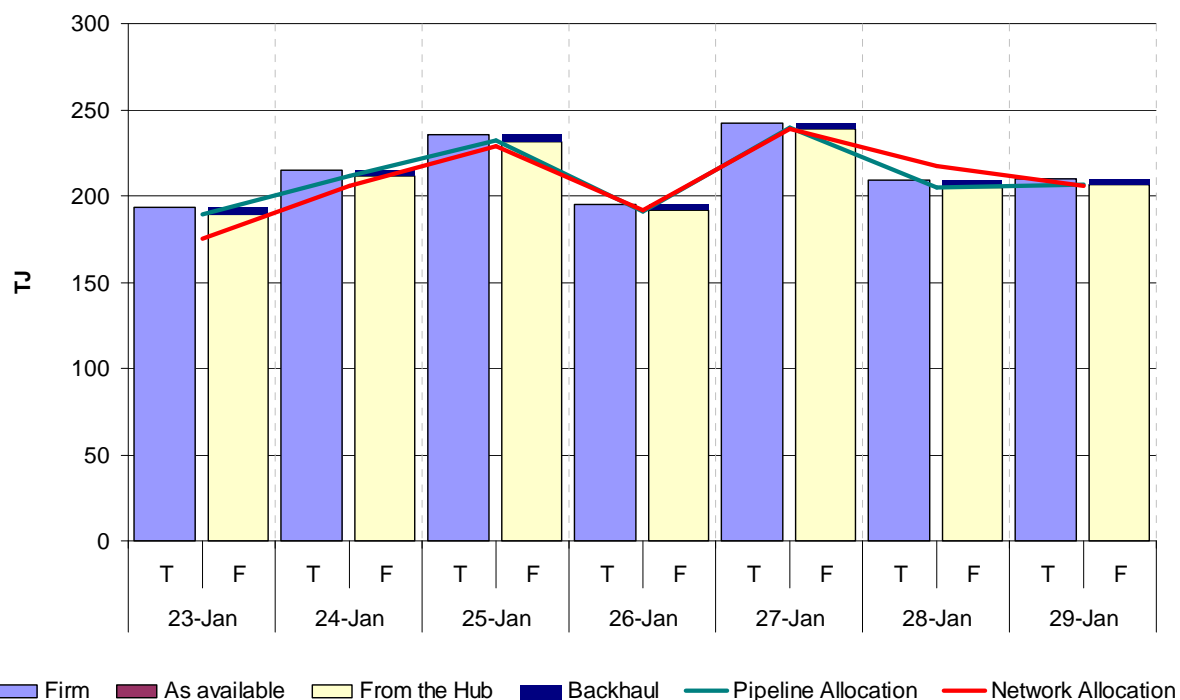
Gas can also be scheduled from the STTM hubs. This happens when Shippers “backhaul” gas from the hub or Users bid to take gas from the hub (including price taker bids).

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.

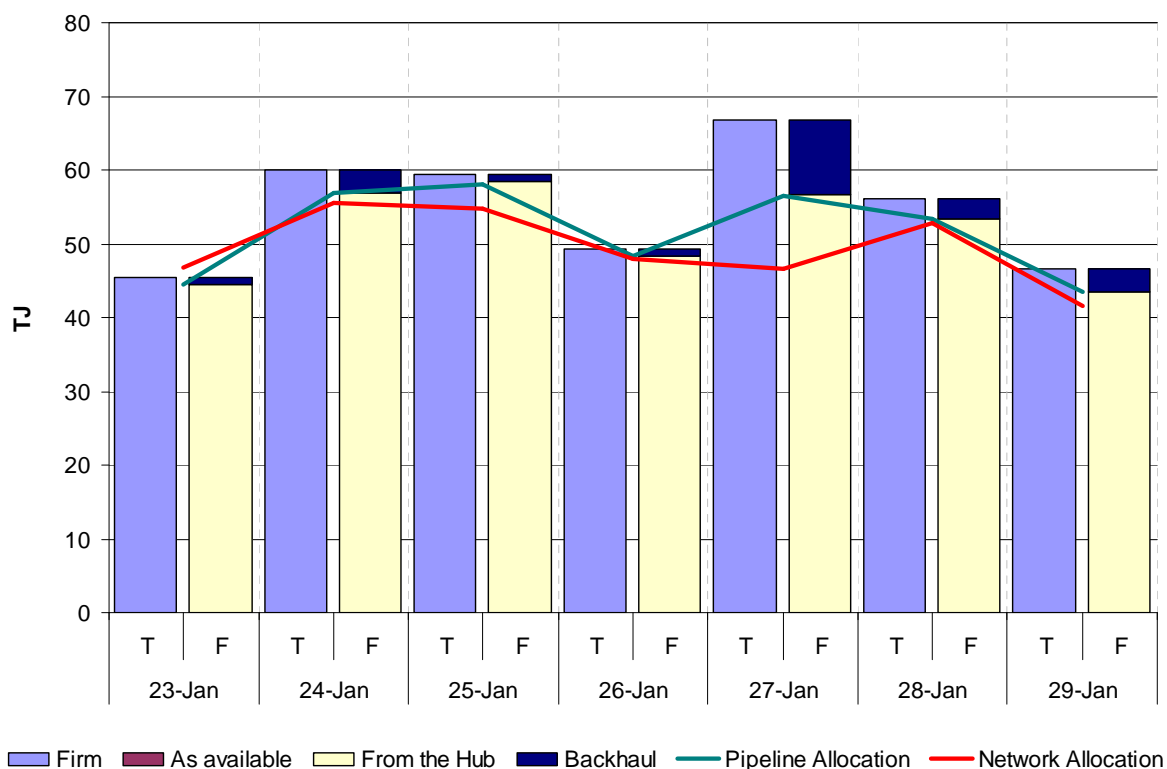
By comparing the level of the red line to the columns marked “F”, it can be shown whether demand (allocation) was higher than scheduled. Similarly, comparing the green line to the columns marked “T” shows how the actual flow of gas (allocation) compared to what was scheduled.

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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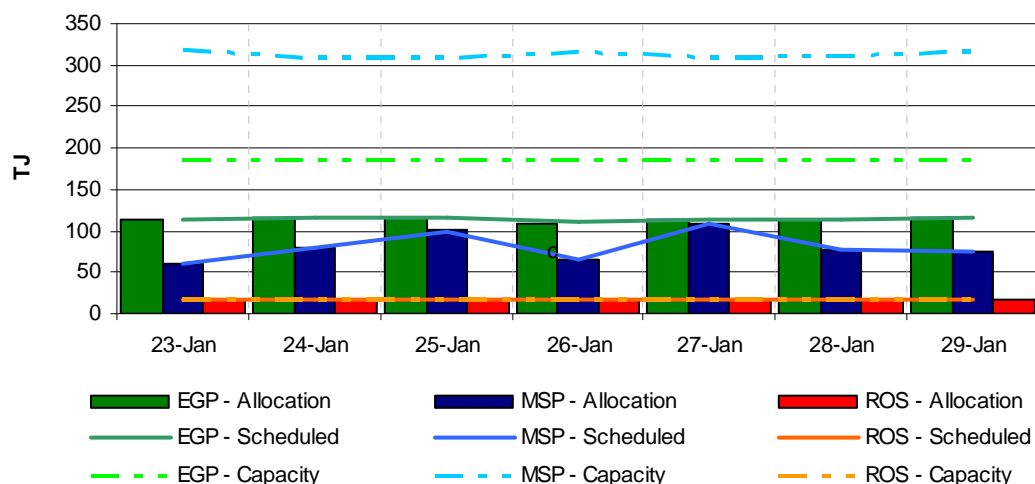
Pipeline Facility Allocations

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.

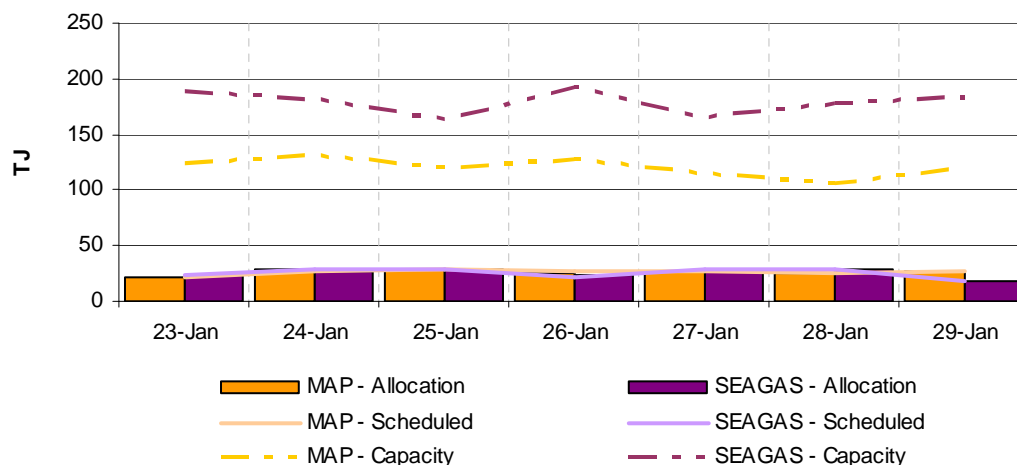
Differences between the amount of gas scheduled and what was actually allocated can result in variations between the ex ante and ex post price, as the ex post price is related to the offers actually allocated while ex ante is related to the offers scheduled.

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

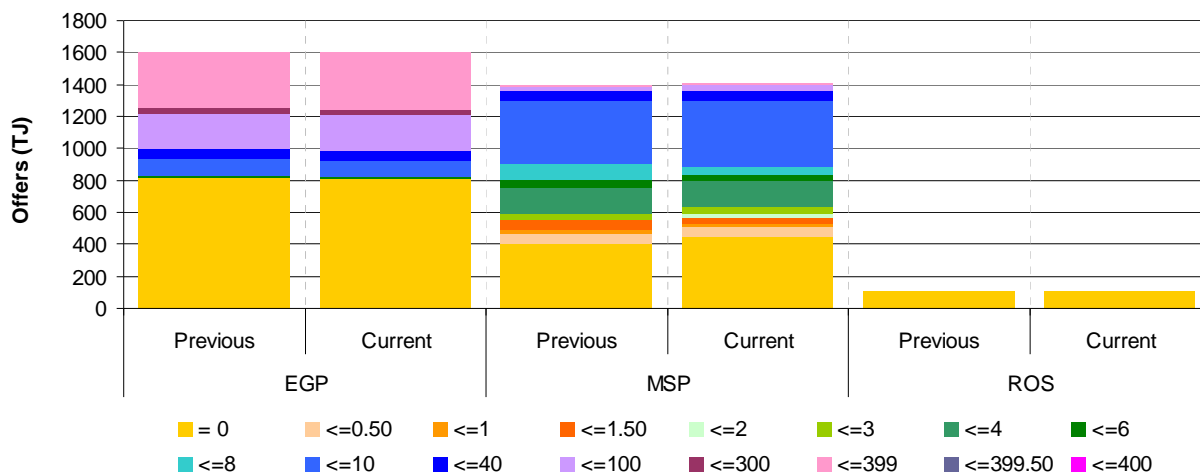
Trading Participants submit offers to sell gas into an STTM hub and withdrawal bids to take gas from a hub. Figures S9 and S11 show for the Sydney and Adelaide hubs respectively, total offers within various price bands for the current week compared to the previous week for each of the pipeline facilities.

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.

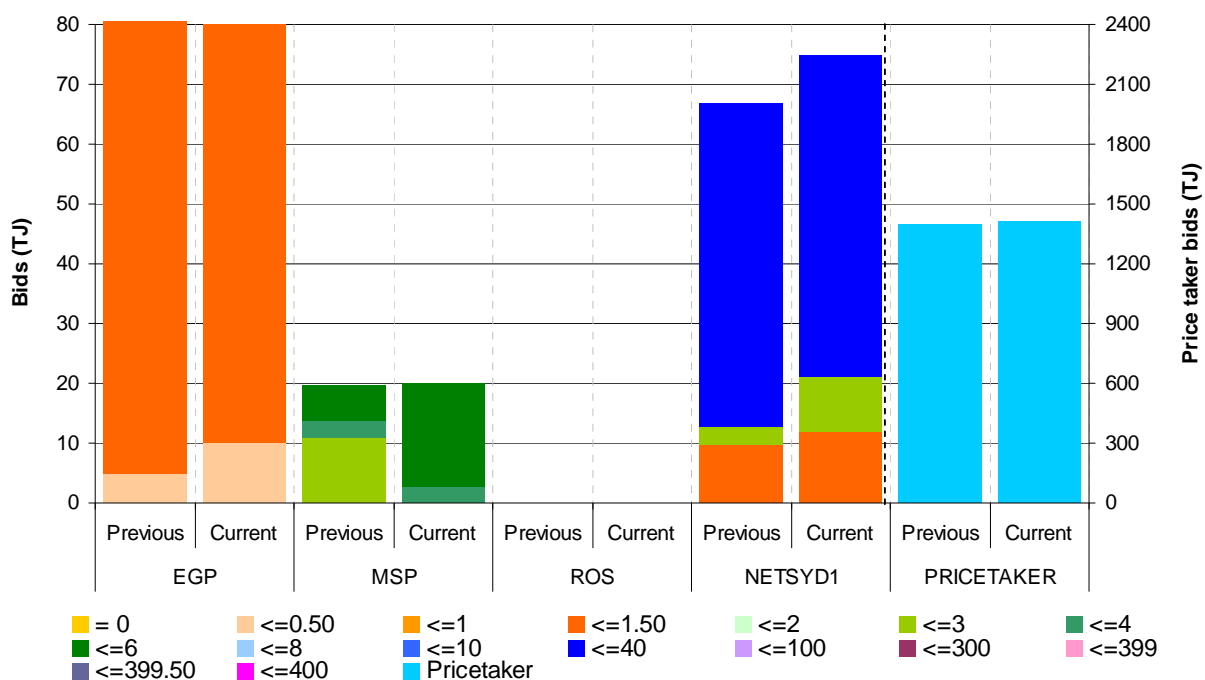
Because scheduling is price-driven, offers for lower-priced gas are scheduled ahead of offers for higher-priced gas and bids for higher-priced gas are scheduled ahead of bids for lower-priced gas.

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



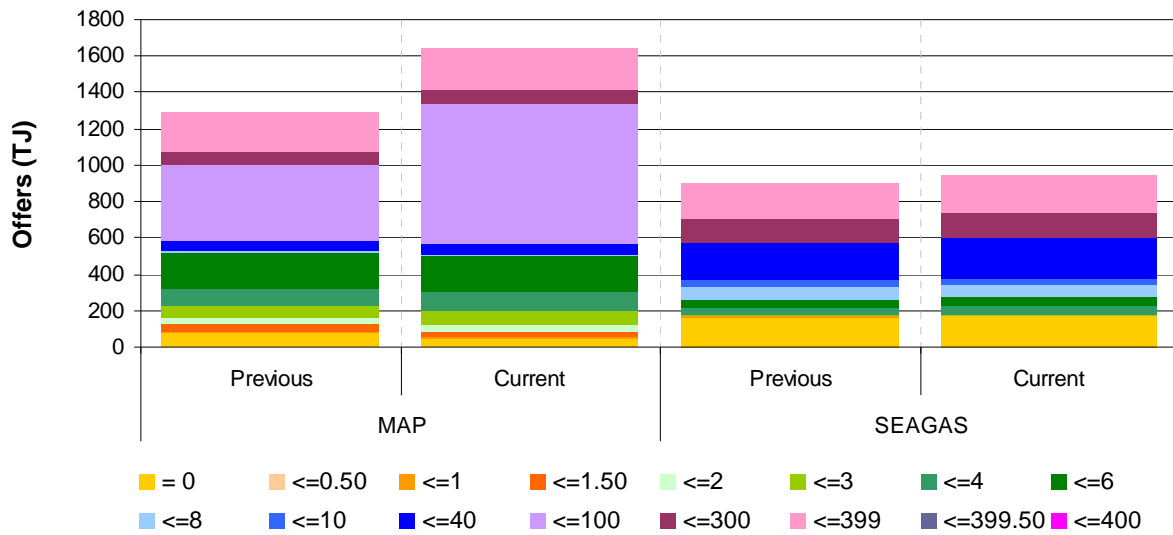
Source: <http://www.aemo.com.au> INT 652, 659
EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility

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



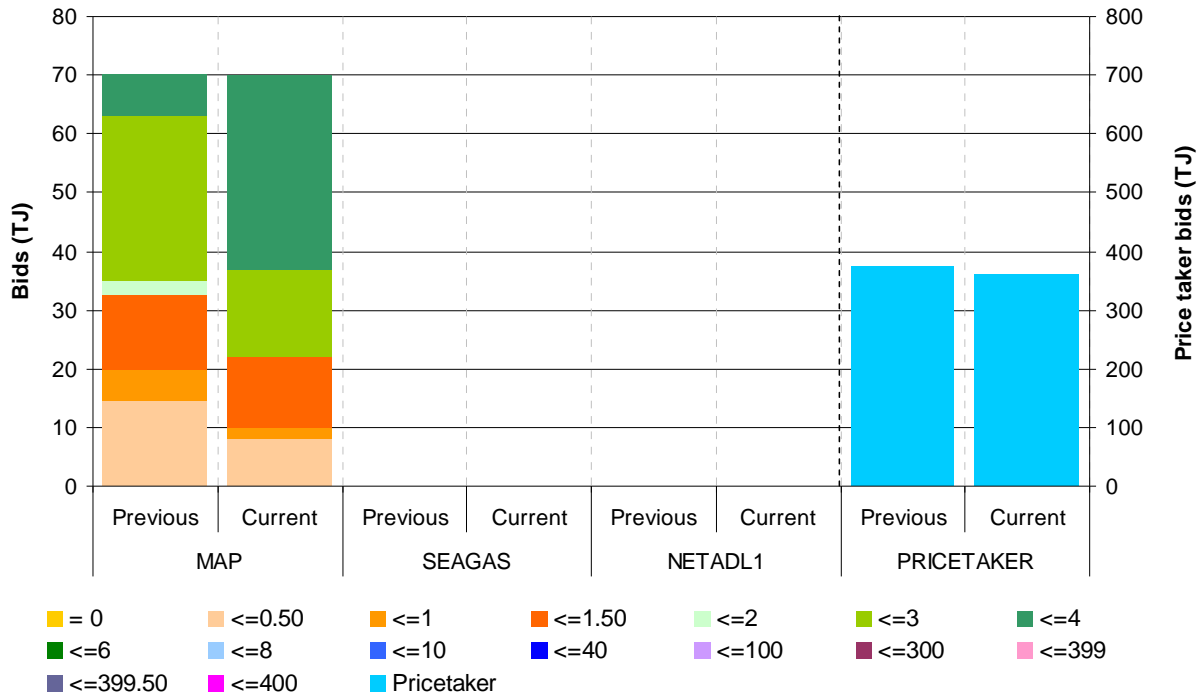
Source: <http://www.aemo.com.au> INT 652, 659
EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility, NETSYD1=Sydney Hub

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	BluSc	EA		EA OneStl(NSW) TRU	Country EA OneStl(NSW)	TRU	Country EA
	D-2 to D-1	EA SANTOS	SANTOS	BluSc Country EA OneStl(NSW) SANTOS	BluSc Country EA OneStl(NSW) SANTOS TRU	BluSc Country SANTOS TRU	BluSc Country EA SANTOS TRU	BluSc Country Delta EA OneStl(NSW) SANTOS
MSP	D-3 to D-2	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU
	D-2 to D-1	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) 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 | 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	AETV	Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd	AETV	Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd	Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd
	D-2 to D-1	AETV		Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd		Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd	Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd	Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd
MSP	D-3 to D-2					Country		Country
	D-2 to D-1			Country	Country	Country	Country	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 | Country= Country Energy | TRU= TRUenergy 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	ABC AGL(SA) AGL(WGSA) Origin TRU	ABC AGL(SA) Origin TRU	ABC AGL(SA) Origin TRU	AGL(SA) Origin TRU	ABC AGL(SA) Origin TRU	ABC AGL(SA) Origin Simply TRU	ABC AGL(SA) Origin TRU
	D-2 to D-1	ABC AGL(SA) Origin	ABC AGL(SA) Origin	ABC AGL(SA) Origin	ABC AGL(SA) Origin	ABC AGL(SA) Origin Simply	ABC AGL(SA) Origin	ABC AGL(SA) Origin Simply
SEA-GAS	D-3 to D-2	Origin Simply TRU	Origin Simply TRU	Origin TRU	TRU	Origin TRU	Origin Simply TRU	Origin TRU
	D-2 to D-1	Origin Simply	Origin	TRU	Origin	Origin Simply	Origin TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply 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

Pipeline	Schedule	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAP	D-3 to D-2	Simply	Simply	Simply			Simply	
	D-2 to D-1	Simply	Simply			Simply		
NETADL1	D-3 to D-2							
	D-2 to D-1							
SEA-GAS	D-3 to D-2							
	D-2 to D-1							

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

Simply= Simply Energy

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.

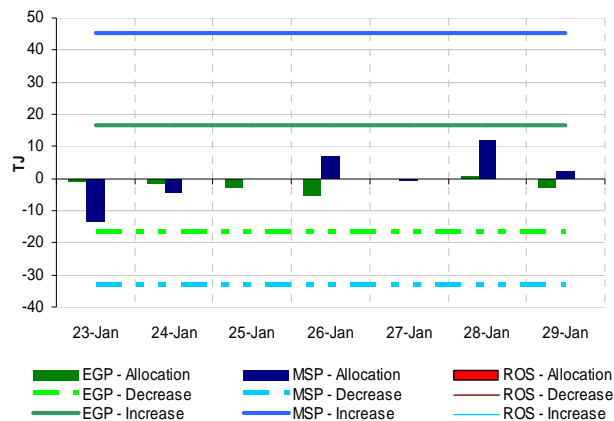
MOS offers are made by participants who have contracts with pipeline facilities to “park” gas (on the pipeline) or “loan” gas (from the pipeline). Based on these contracts, two types of MOS are offered: increase offers to increase flows on a pipeline to a hub; and decrease offers to decrease flows on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

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 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.

Figure S17a: Sydney MOS allocations



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 S17b: Sydney MOS payments/charges

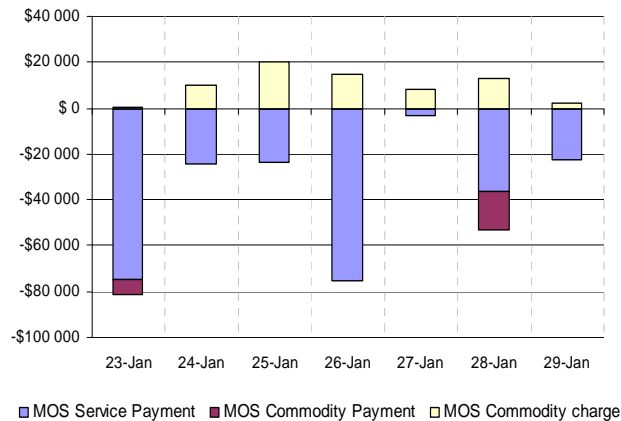
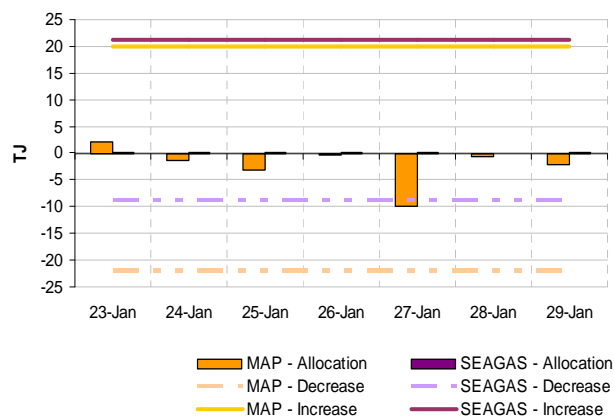


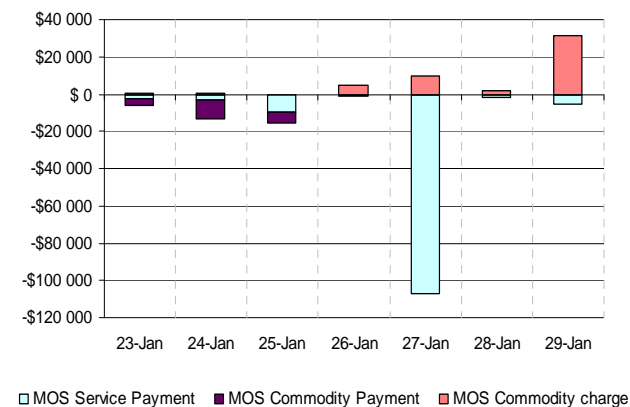
Figure S18a: Adelaide MOS allocations



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

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

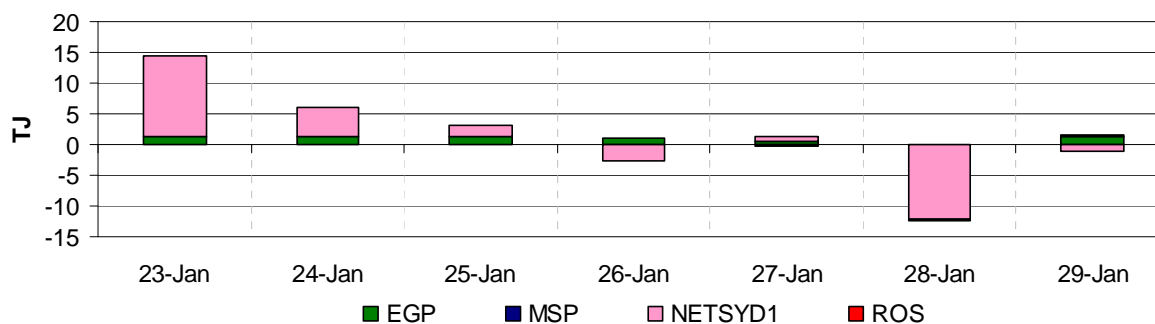
Figure S18b: Adelaide MOS payments/charges



Deviations

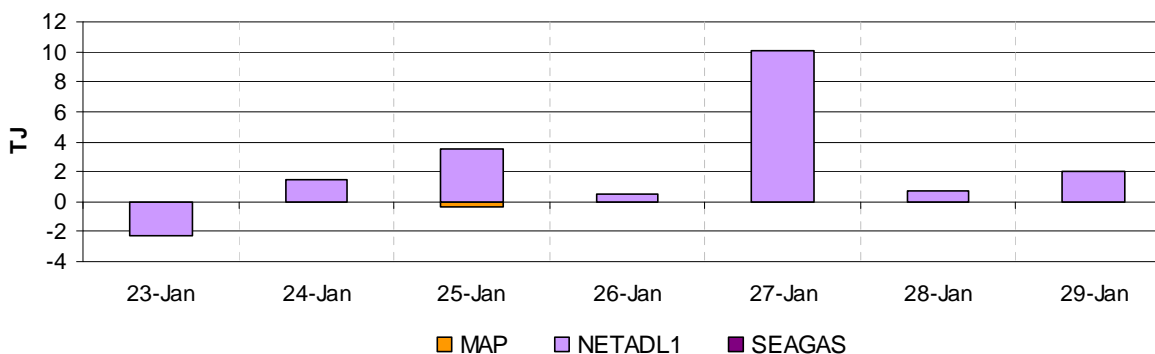
Deviations occur when the gas flowed on pipelines into hubs on a gas day differ from the modified market schedule, or when gas taken out of the hub is different to the schedule. The most likely reason for deviations is where participants incorrectly forecast the demand of customers within the hub. As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

	23 Jan – 29 Jan	16 Jan – 22 Jan	2010-11 Financial YTD*
Quantity (TJ)	1.46	2.35	3.94
Charges (\$)	27.94	48.38	953.94

* **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

	23 Jan – 29 Jan	16 Jan – 22 Jan	2010-11 Financial YTD*
Quantity (TJ)	0.03	0.12	0.83
Charges (\$)	0.00	0.00	18.87

* **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	100	99	99	101	95	99	93	117	81	98	95	86
QLD Gas Pipeline	122	119	N/A	29	114	117	112	142	77	102	109	70
Roma to Brisbane Pipeline	148	163	173	170	179	170	156	219	78	166	172	167
South West QLD Pipeline	118	121	124	125	94	115	118	181	73	116	132	146
NSW/ACT												
Eastern Gas Pipeline	200	212	215	194	215	215	200	268	80	207	213	200
Moomba to Sydney Pipeline	72	150	190	158	213	144	129	420	47	151	196	196
NSW-VIC Interconnect [^]	17	42	46	50	42	32	54	92	12	40	11	-13
VIC												
Longford to Melbourne	345	486	468	376	472	460	372	1030	50	426	517	450
South West Pipeline	-38	9	25	-20	21	17	-20	347	30	-1	105	128
SA												
Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline	139	151	143	125	149	138	180	253	50	146	126	129
SEA Gas Pipeline	106	142	168	164	168	161	129	314	51	148	161	153
TAS												
Tasmanian Gas Pipeline	47	51	46	48	46	44	43	129	35	46	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: 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	90	91	89	88	88	89	87	140	69	89	96	91
Fairview	79	102	71	85	113	108	121	130	90	97	117	114
Kenya Gas Plant	52	52	45	50	52	52	52	160	36	51	57	49
Kincora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	15	0	4	1
Kogan North	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	12	78	10	9	8
Peat	6	7	6	6	9	9	11	15	63	8	9	8
Rolleston	9	9	8	9	9	9	9	30	35	9	11	11
Scotia	30	29	30	30	29	30	30	29	91	30	26	22
Spring Gully	48	47	48	47	47	47	47	69	71	47	49	44
Strathblane	48	47	48	47	47	47	47	69	71	47	49	44
Talooka	29	29	29	28	29	29	29	42	71	29	30	27
Wallumbilla	0	0	4	4	4	4	4	20	39	3	8	11
Yellowbank	11	11	13	13	12	13	13	30	41	12	12	14
Talinga	74	77	75	75	76	78	78	90	66	76	59	
Moomba (SA/QLD)												
Moomba Gas Plant	174	202	229	192	257	261	271	430	63	227	271	276
Ballera	24	38	30	39	52	43	36	150	11	38	17	8
Eastern (VIC)												
Orbost Gas Plant	40	40	40	39	38	39	39	100	28	39	28	14
Lang Lang Gas Plant	57	56	57	53	57	54	55	70	70	56	49	38
Longford Gas Plant	533	603	601	592	599	605	604	1145	62	591	712	645
LNG Storage Dandenong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158	0	0	0	0
Otway Basin (VIC)												
Minerva Gas Plant	35	75	60	65	70	65	70	84	76	63	64	74
Otway Gas Plant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	59	0	120	127
Iona Underground Gas Storage	18	111	120	68	111	113	35	440	20	82	90	87

*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)
23 Jan – 29 Jan	Average min.	20.7	21.7	15.8	15.5	17.7	12.2
	Average max.	30.3	28.8	31.8	25.3	31.8	22.4
16 Jan – 22 Jan	Average min.	20.8	20.8	14.4	15.9	16.7	13.0
	Average max.	31.0	27.4	29.5	25.7	29.3	21.5

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

23 Jan – 29 Jan	Scheduling Interval					Daily Imbalance Weighted Average Price
	6am	10am	2pm	6pm	10pm	
Sun	2.79	3.14	3.14	3.14	1.51	2.79
Mon	2.79	2.85	3.17	2.85	2.85	2.80
Tue	2.83	3.17	3.74	2.62	2.49	2.87
Wed	2.49	2.49	3.16	3.16	3.20	2.51
Thu	2.85	3.00	2.86	3.10	3.17	2.86
Fri	2.83	3.20	3.49	2.88	3.54	2.85
Sat	2.79	3.11	3.11	2.56	2.56	2.79

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	
23-Jan	MP:	292	292	291	291	288	-3
	AEMO:	289	273	276	285	273	
	MP as % of AEMO	101	107	106	102	106	
24-Jan	MP:	437	447	457	457	457	0
	AEMO:	450	449	461	466	463	
	MP as % of AEMO	97	100	99	98	99	
25-Jan	MP:	431	453	443	444	444	0
	AEMO:	445	449	440	437	438	
	MP as % of AEMO	97	101	101	102	101	
26-Jan	MP:	301	301	310	310	310	0
	AEMO:	297	304	325	338	328	
	MP as % of AEMO	101	99	95	91	94	
27-Jan	MP:	413	424	432	432	432	0
	AEMO:	422	426	436	456	446	
	MP as % of AEMO	98	99	99	95	97	
28-Jan	MP:	403	425	425	425	425	0
	AEMO:	410	410	436	432	422	
	MP as % of AEMO	98	104	97	98	101	
29-Jan	MP:	307	307	307	307	307	0
	AEMO:	289	290	295	300	307	
	MP as % of AEMO	106	106	104	102	100	

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