WEEKLY GAS MARKET ANALYSIS

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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 (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. Some key differences between the STTM and the Victorian Gas Market are set out at the start of Part C.

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

Summary

Average daily prices in the Victorian market and the Sydney and Adelaide hubs are shown in figure 1.

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

4– 10 September	Victorian market*	STTM Sydney hub**	STTM Adelaide hub**
Average Price	3.20	3.28	3.84

*weighted average daily imbalance price
**ex ante market price

STTM Gas Markets (Adelaide and Sydney)

Figure S3 shows weekly average ex ante and ex post prices were slightly higher in Sydney this week than the previous, week but lower than year to date averages (see figure S3). In Adelaide both ex ante and ex post prices were similar to the previous week and close to year to date averages (see figure S4).

Low facility hub capacity at Rosalind Park in Sydney hub – 8 September 2011

For the Thursday 8 September gas day, the operator of the Rosalind Park (ROS) facility submitted a facility hub capacity figure of 2 TJ, significantly lower than other gas days this week (see figure S7). However, AER analysis shows that on the 8 September gas day, 15.1 TJ of gas priced at $0/GJ was offered into the Sydney hub from the ROS facility.

As a result, 13.1 TJ of offers from the ROS facility were not scheduled, despite being offered to the market at the cheapest possible price. Instead, more expensive gas offers on the Eastern Gas Pipeline (EGP) and Moomba to Sydney Pipeline (MSP) were scheduled. Accordingly, the ex ante market price was set at $4.14/GJ, but would have been set at $3.30/GJ had the ROS facility capacity been higher and all $0/GJ offers dispatched.

The higher ex ante market price means trading market participants who were 'short' on the gas day end up paying more for their gas shortage than they otherwise would have; while those who were 'long' received more for their surplus gas.[1]

The AER is making enquiries into the accuracy of the 2 TJ capacity figure submitted at the ROS facility on this gas day.

Record increase MOS on EGP – 9 September 2011

On Friday 9 September the ex post price was $4.14/GJ compared to the ex ante price of $2.22/GJ. Figure S5 shows network allocations (hub consumption) exceeded pipeline allocations (deliveries to the hub) by 16 TJ. This negative deviation (over-consumption), shown in figure S19, indicates participants under forecast demand on this day. Figure S17 shows this deviation resulted in a requirement for increase MOS of 5.5 TJ on the EGP, the largest increase MOS on the EGP since market start. The resulting $128 000 in MOS service payments from both increase MOS requirements on EGP and MSP (10.6 TJ) was the highest in over a month.

Victorian Gas Market

With temperatures similar to the previous week, figures V2 and V3 shows this week's average daily prices and average daily demand levels were similar to those in the previous week.

Figure V3 also shows Bass Gas injections returning to long-term levels this week, after supply demand point constraints the previous week limited average injections to 9 TJ/day. AEMO did not issue any demand overrides this week (see Appendix A5).

National Gas Market Bulletin Board

Figure N4 shows overall gas production this week was 102 TJ/day higher than the previous week, however gas-powered generation (GPG) dropped by 34 TJ/day this week. GPG levels in all regions are tracking lower than financial year to date averages, with the exception of Queensland (see figure N2).

There were no instances of late or missing Bulletin Board data this week.

[1] 'Short' refers to participants whose scheduled deliveries are lower than their forecast hub demand, while 'long' refers to those whose scheduled deliveries exceed their forecast hub demand.

Overview of pipeline and production flows

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

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

						QLD		
Average daily flows	**NSW**	**ACT**	**VIC**	**SA**	**TAS**	Brisbane	Mt Isa	Gladstone
4 September – 10 September	344	34	756	270	49	174	107	125
Financial Year-to-date 2011-12*	398	43	842	309	49	172	102	122
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11**	452	46	918	323	49	188	92	100

*Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)
**Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (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**
4 September – 10 September	55	9	139	32	148
Financial Year-to-date 2011-12*	77	19	180	34	127
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11**	80	19	182	34	160

^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 2011 to the current week (inclusive)
**Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (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, Barcaldine, and Swanbank power stations.

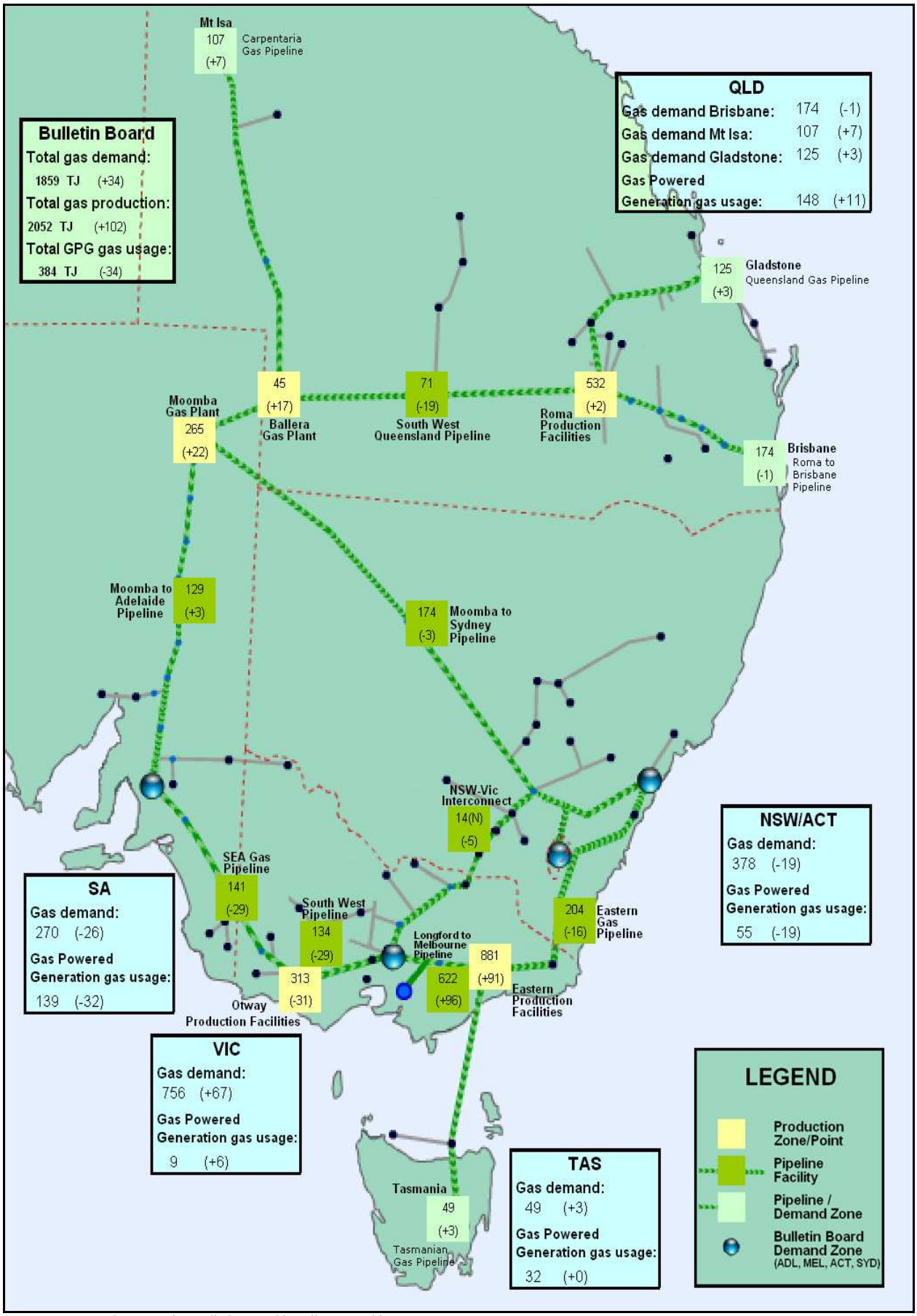
Figure N3 sets out the daily average flows from production and storage facilities from each production zone across the National Gas Market. A list of production/storage facilities for each zone is provided in Figure A2.

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

Average daily flows	**Roma (QLD)**	**Eastern Victoria**	**Otway Basin (VIC)**	**Moomba (SA/QLD)**
4 September – 10 September	532	881	313	310
Financial Year-to-date 2011-12*	559	929	378	288
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11**	564	1041	350	364

*Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)
**Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (inclusive)
Source: National Gas Market Bulletin Board http://www.gasbb.com.au

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

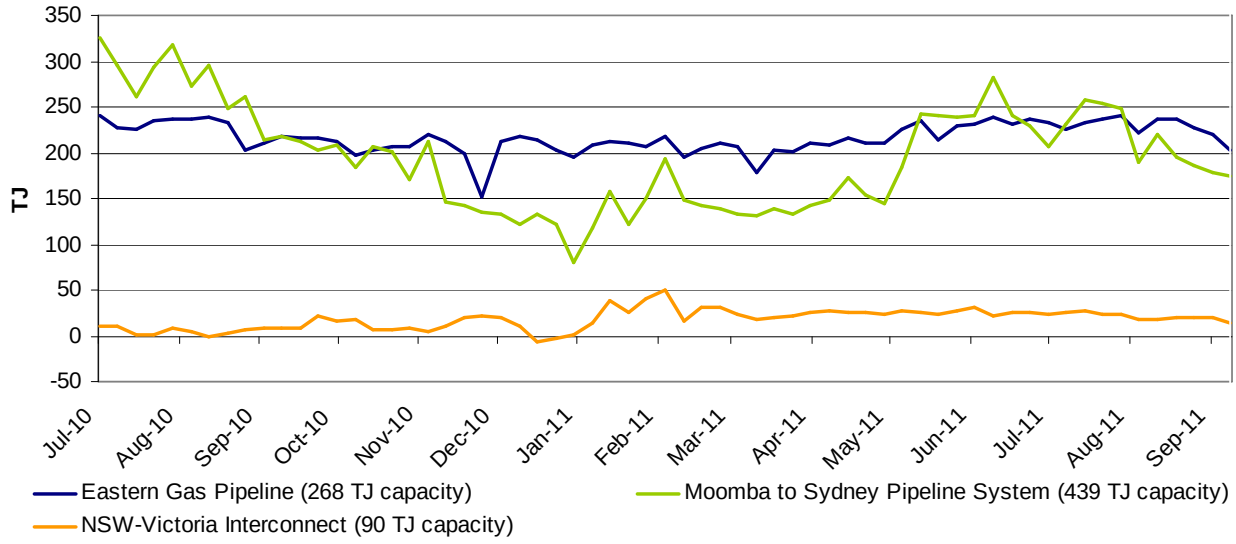


Source: Natural Gas Market Bulletin Board http://www.gasbb.com.au
Notes: Direction of aggregate daily flows along the NSW-Vic Interconnect indicated on map by S (South) or N (North).
Numbers in brackets indicate a change in average daily flow from the previous week.

Gas flows into demand regions

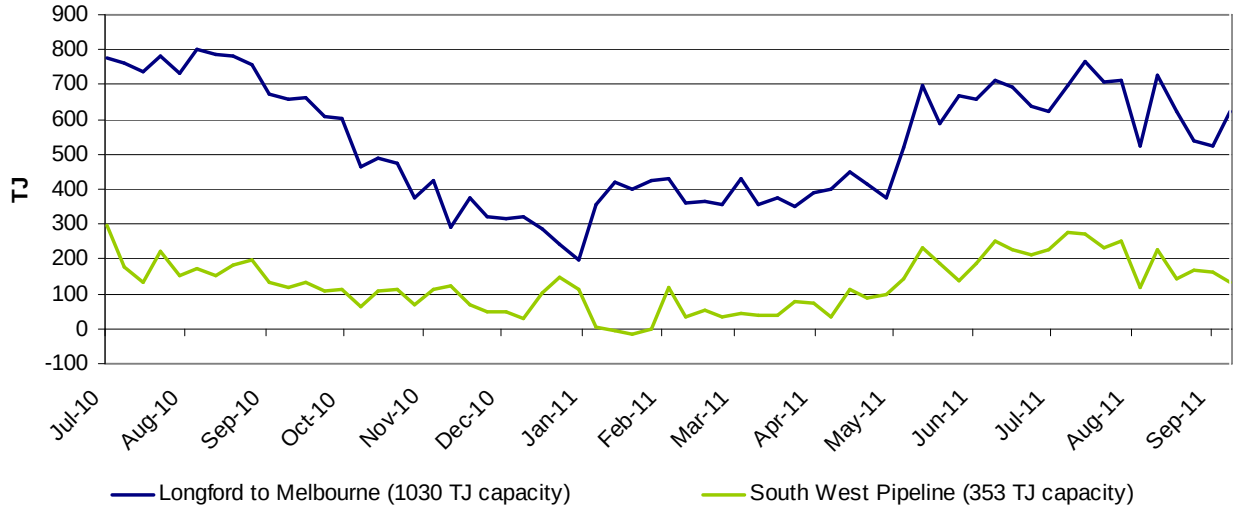
The figures below provide the average daily flows into each of the demand regions served by multiple pipelines and supply sources.

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



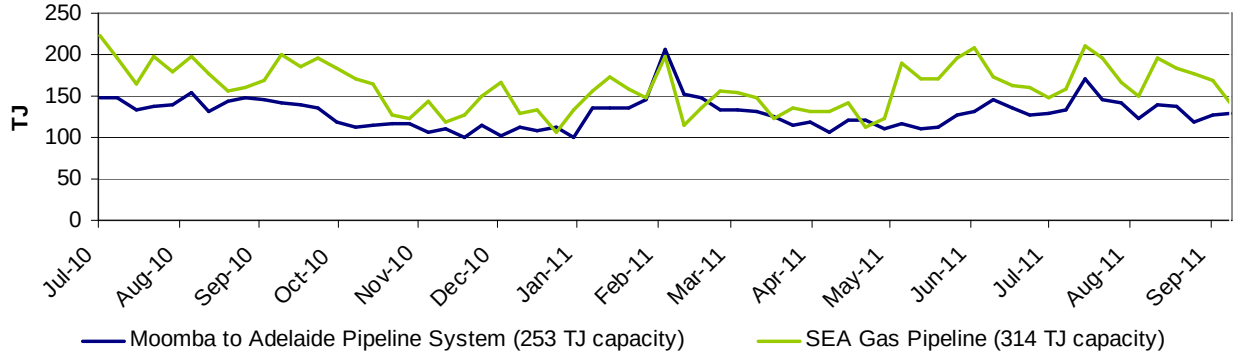
Source: Natural Gas Market Bulletin Board http://www.gasbb.com.au
Notes: Negative flows on the NSW-Victoria Interconnect represent flows out of NSW into VIC.

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



Source: Natural Gas Market Bulletin Board http://www.gasbb.com.au
Notes: Negative flows on the South West Pipeline represent flows out of the VPTS and back into storage at Iona.

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	Mortlake	Culcairn	IONA	SEA Gas	VicHub
AETV Power	Trader	2					S		NS						NS
AGL (Qld)	Retailer	1				NS									
AGL	Retailer	3			NS	NS	S						S		
Aurora Energy	Retailer	1					S								
Ausgrid	Retailer	0													
Aust. Power & Gas	Retailer	3			S	NS	S						S		
Aust. Power & Gas	Trader	1					S								
Coogee Energy	Transmission Customer	1					S								
Essential Energy	Transmission Customer	1										S			
Lumo Energy	Retailer	5		NS	S	NS		S	S						
Lumo Energy	Trader	2			NS				NS				S		NS
Origin (Vic)	Retailer	6	S	NS	S	NS	S	S				S			
Origin (Uranquinty)	Trader	2					S					S			
Red Energy	Retailer	1					S								
Santos	Retailer	1							S						
Simply Energy	Retailer	4			NS	NS	S	S					S	S	
TRU Energy	Retailer	4			S	NS	S		S				S		NS
TRU Energy	Retailer	1					S								
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)

	4 September – 10 September	28 August – 3 September	2011-12 Financial YTD*	2010-11 Financial YTD**
Average daily price	3.20	3.10	3.44	*2.60*

4 – 10 September	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Daily price	2.96	3.02	3.07	3.42	3.37	3.55	3.03

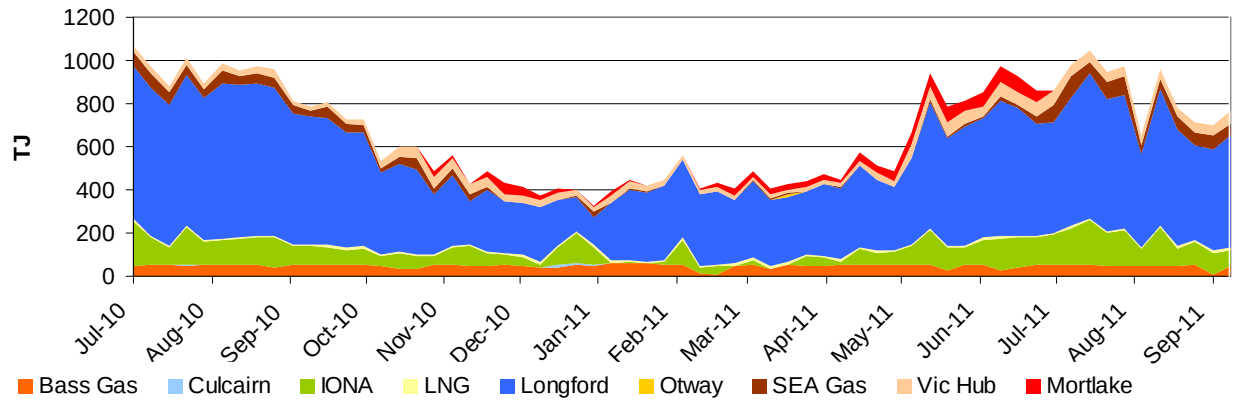
*Average daily imbalance weighted average price from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)
**Average daily imbalance weighted average price from 1 July 2010 to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (inclusive)
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au (INT 041)

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:	4 September – 10 September	28 August – 3 September	2011-12 Financial YTD*	2010-11 Financial YTD**
Culcairn	0	0	0	1
Longford	520	471	551	675
LNG	10	11	10	8
IONA	76	100	131	118
VicHub	57	48	49	29
SEAGas	57	63	66	48
Bass Gas	47	9	45	50
Otway	0	0	0	0
Mortlake	0	0	0	
TOTAL	**766**	**700**	**852**	**930**

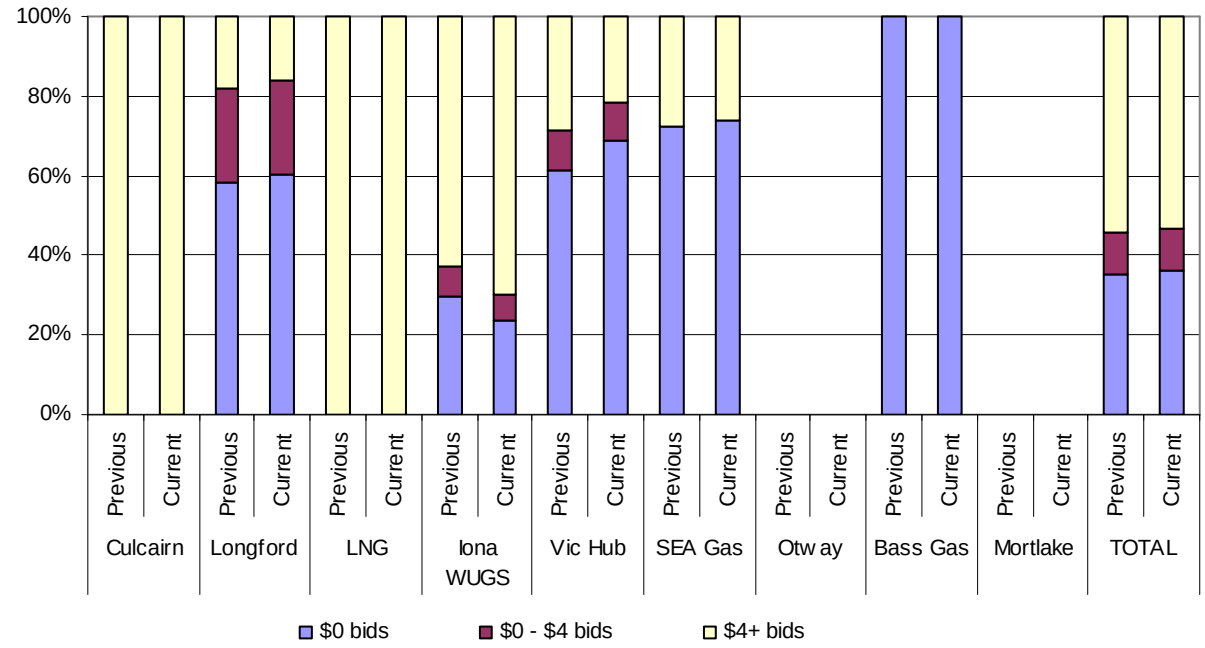


*Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)
**Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (inclusive)
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au (INT 150)

Bidding Activity

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

Figure V4: Price structure of bids by injection points



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

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

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

Figure V5: Intra-day rebidding of gas injections

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

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 I CE = Country Energy | Lumo = Lumo Energy (formerly Victoria Electricity) | AGL (QLD) = AGL Sales (Queensland) | Red = Red Energy | Ausgrid = Ausgrid | Aurora = Aurora 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:	4 September – 10 September	28 August – 3 September	2011-12 Financial YTD*	2010-11 Financial YTD**
Ballarat	34	31	39	44
Geelong^	100	96	103	106
Gippsland	48	47	52	57
Melbourne	502	449	568	642
Northern	81	84	93	84
TOTAL	**765**	**707**	**855**	**933**

^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 2011 to the current week (inclusive)
**Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (inclusive)
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au (INT 150).

Part C: STTM MARKET DATA

What is the STTM?

The STTM is a market for the trading of natural gas at the wholesale level at defined hubs between pipelines and distribution systems. Currently the STTM has two hubs: Sydney and Adelaide. The AER first commenced reporting on the STTM in September. The report deliberately contains a significant amount of information on the STTM. It is envisaged that over time as readers become familiar with the market, the amount of information will be reduced, while being mindful not to compromise the quality of the report.

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

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

AEMO's website (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								
AGL Energy Sales & Marketing Limited	STTM User,Shipper	3	S	S	S				
AGL Wholesale Gas Limited	Shipper	2	S	S					
Australian Power & Gas Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
BHP Billiton Petroleum (Bass Strait) PL	Shipper								
BlueScope Steel	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
Commonwealth Steel Company Pty Limited	STTM User								
Delta Electricity	STTM User,Shipper								
Essential Energy	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	2	NS			NS	NS		
OneSteel Coil Coaters Pty Ltd	STTM User								
OneSteel Manufacturing Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
OneSteel NSW Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
OneSteel Trading Pty Limited	STTM User								
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			
TRUenergy Pty Ltd No. 2	STTM User,Shipper	1		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	S	S	NS		
TRUenergy Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	S			

^ Offers and bids taken from the (D-1) ex ante schedule
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Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 659, 668
MAP=Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline, SEAGAS=SEA gas pipeline, ADL-NET=Adelaide Hub

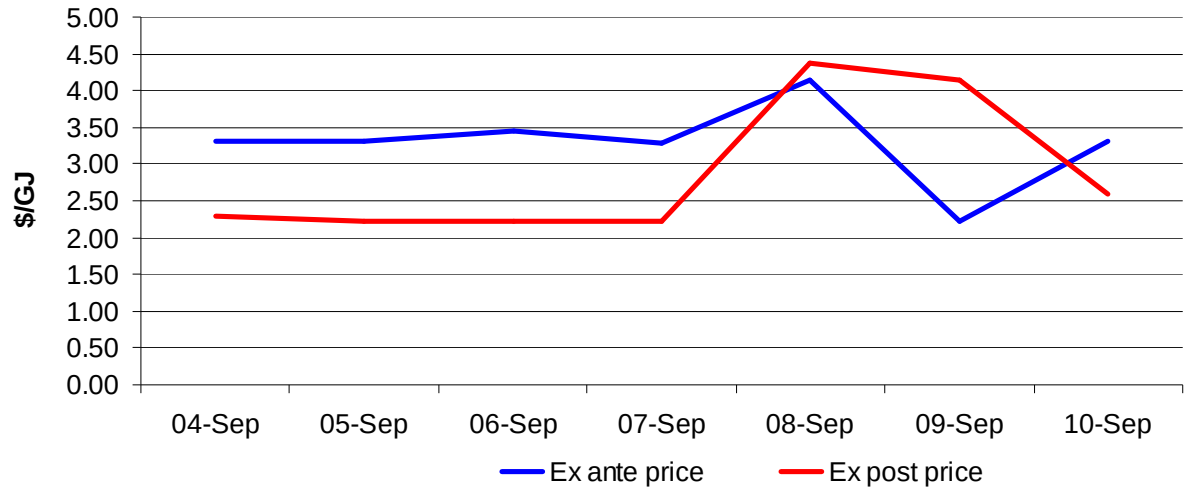
Ex ante and Ex post Market Prices

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)^

	4 September – 10 September	28 August – 3 September	2011-12 Financial YTD*
Ex ante price	3.28	3.13	3.50
Ex post price	2.87	2.60	3.02

*Financial Year to date figure from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 657

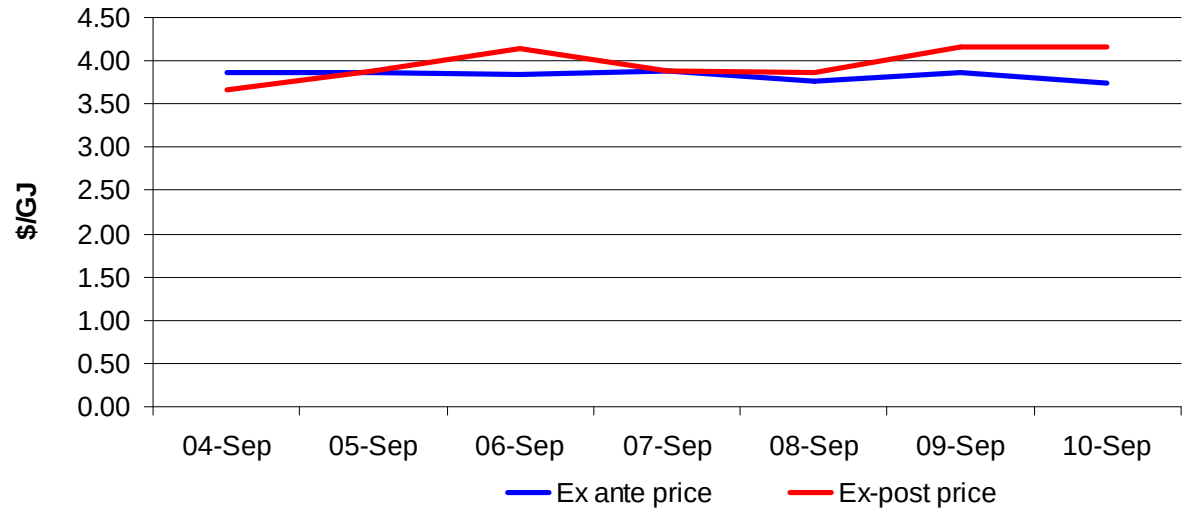


Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 657

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

	4 September – 10 September	28 August – 3 September	2011-12 Financial YTD*
Ex ante price	3.84	3.84	3.88
Ex post price	3.97	3.88	3.92

*Financial Year to date figure from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 657



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.

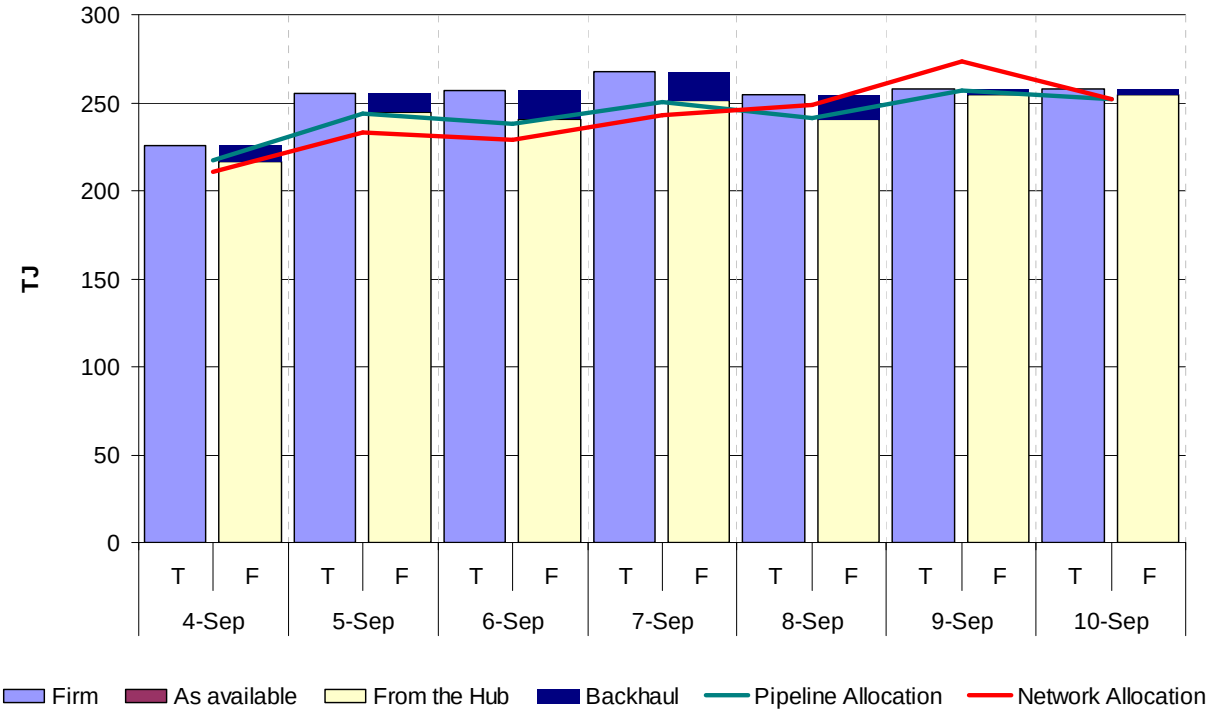
Gas can also be scheduled from the STTM hubs. This happens when Shippers "backhaul" gas from the hub or Users bid to take gas from the hub (including price taker bids).

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.

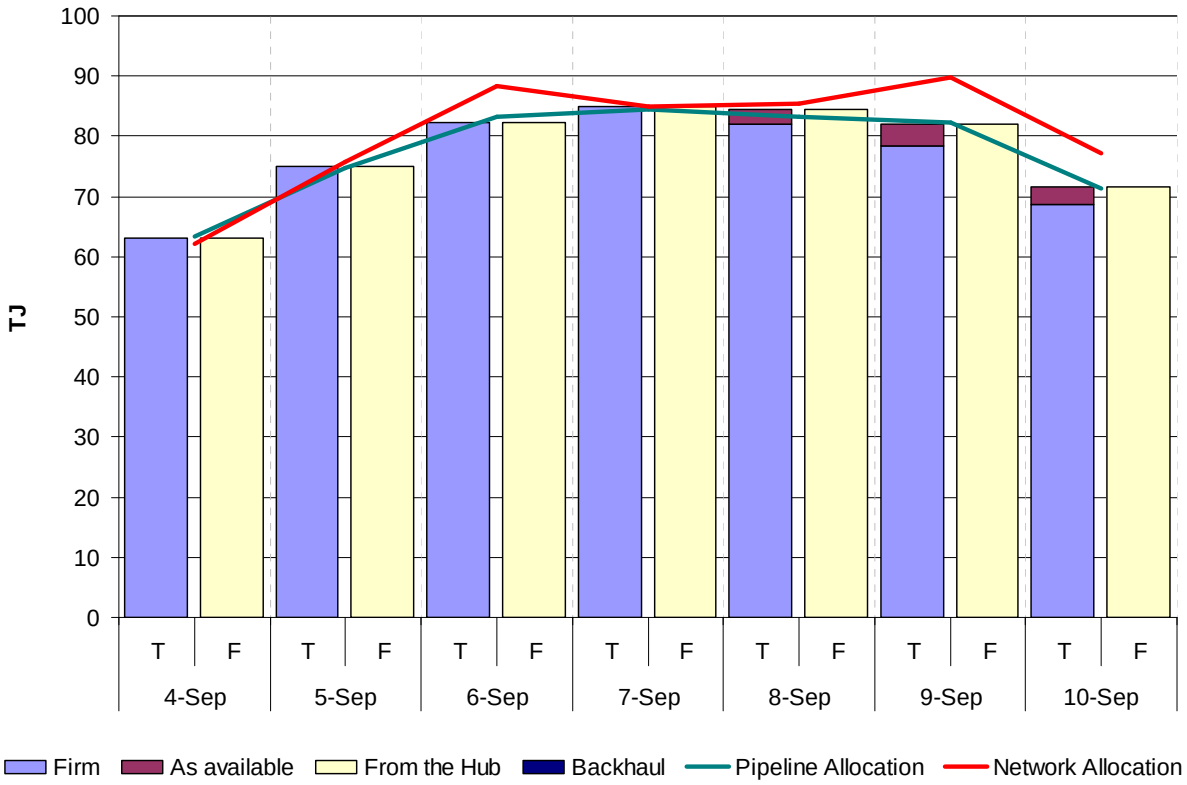
By comparing the level of the red line to the columns marked "F", it can be shown whether demand (allocation) was higher than scheduled. Similarly, comparing the green line to the columns marked "T" shows how the actual flow of gas (allocation) compared to what was scheduled.

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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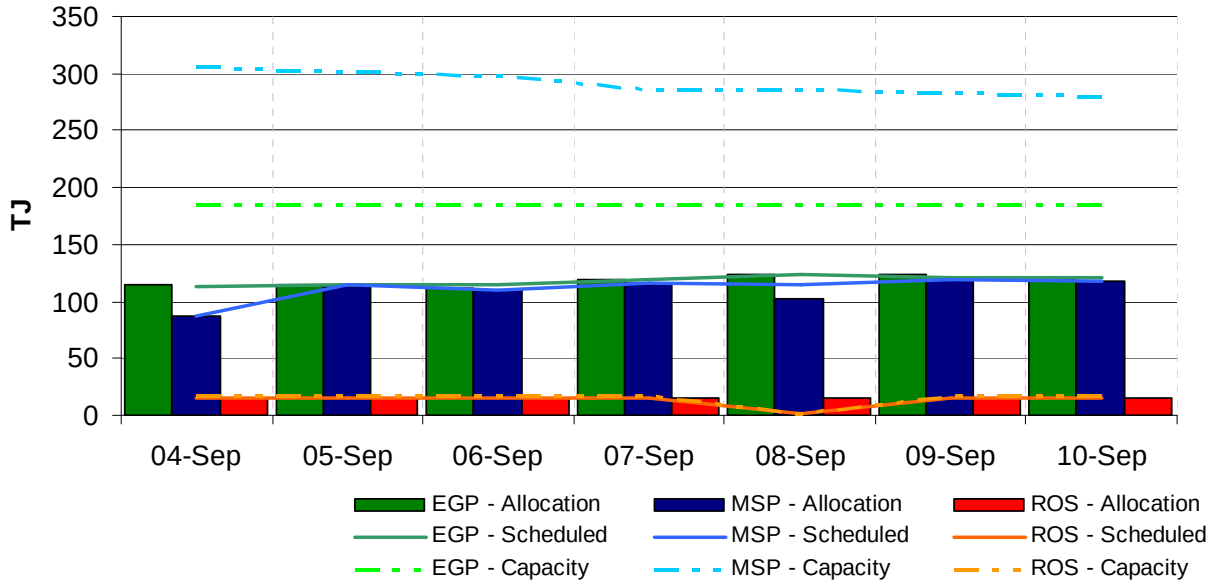
Pipeline Facility Allocations

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.

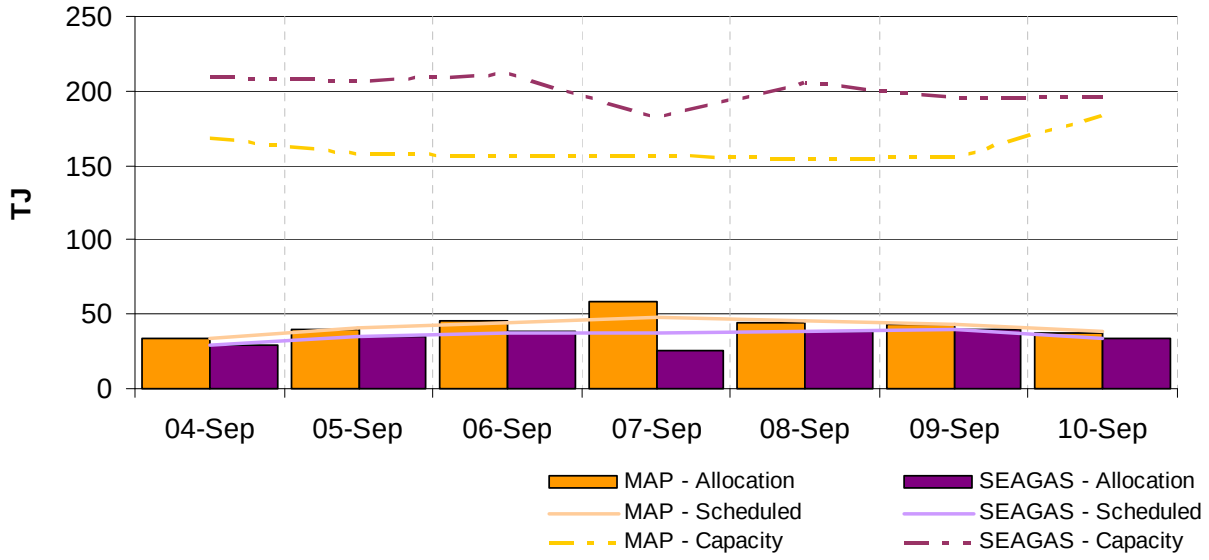
Differences between the amount of gas scheduled and what was actually allocated can result in variations between the ex ante and ex post price, as the ex post price is related to the offers actually allocated while ex ante is related to the offers scheduled.

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

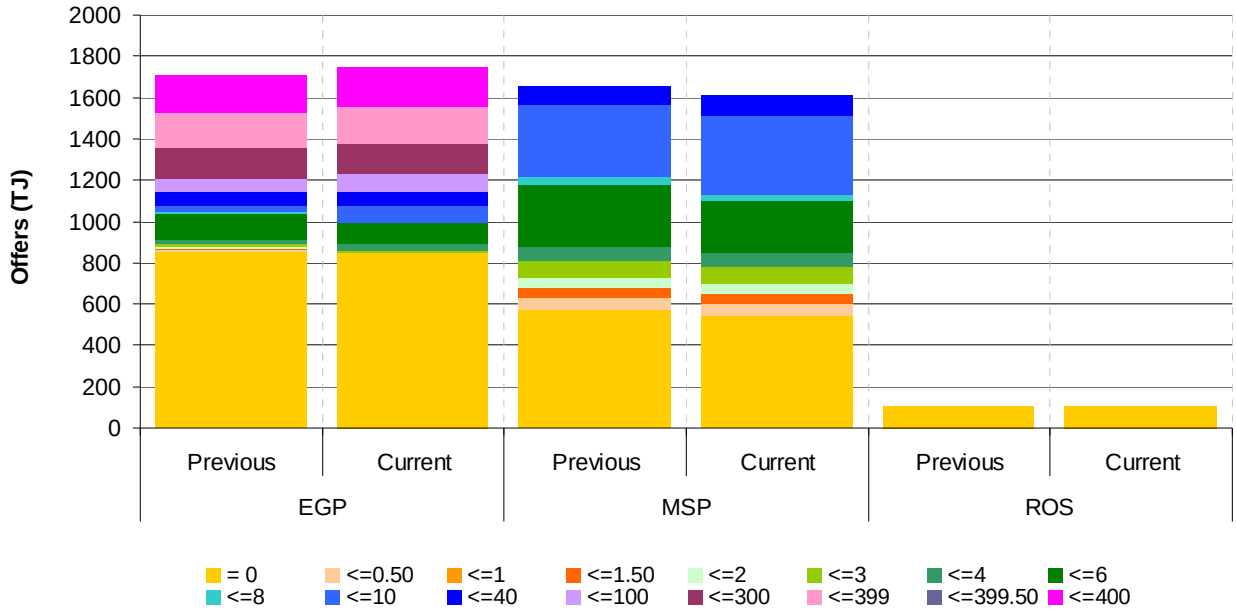
Trading Participants submit offers to sell gas into an STTM hub and withdrawal bids to take gas from a hub. Figures S9 and S11 show for the Sydney and Adelaide hubs respectively, total offers within various price bands for the current week compared to the previous week for each of the pipeline facilities.

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-

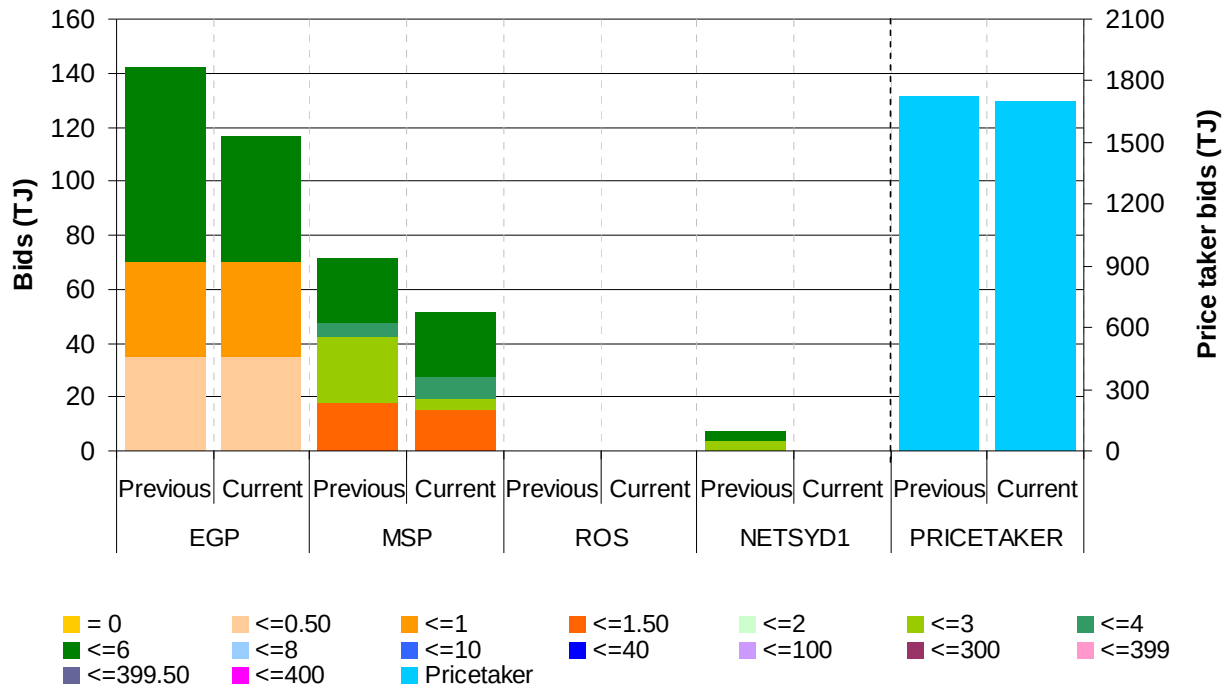
side axis. Because scheduling is price-driven, offers for lower-priced gas are scheduled ahead of offers for higher-priced gas and bids for higher-priced gas are scheduled ahead of bids for lower-priced gas.

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



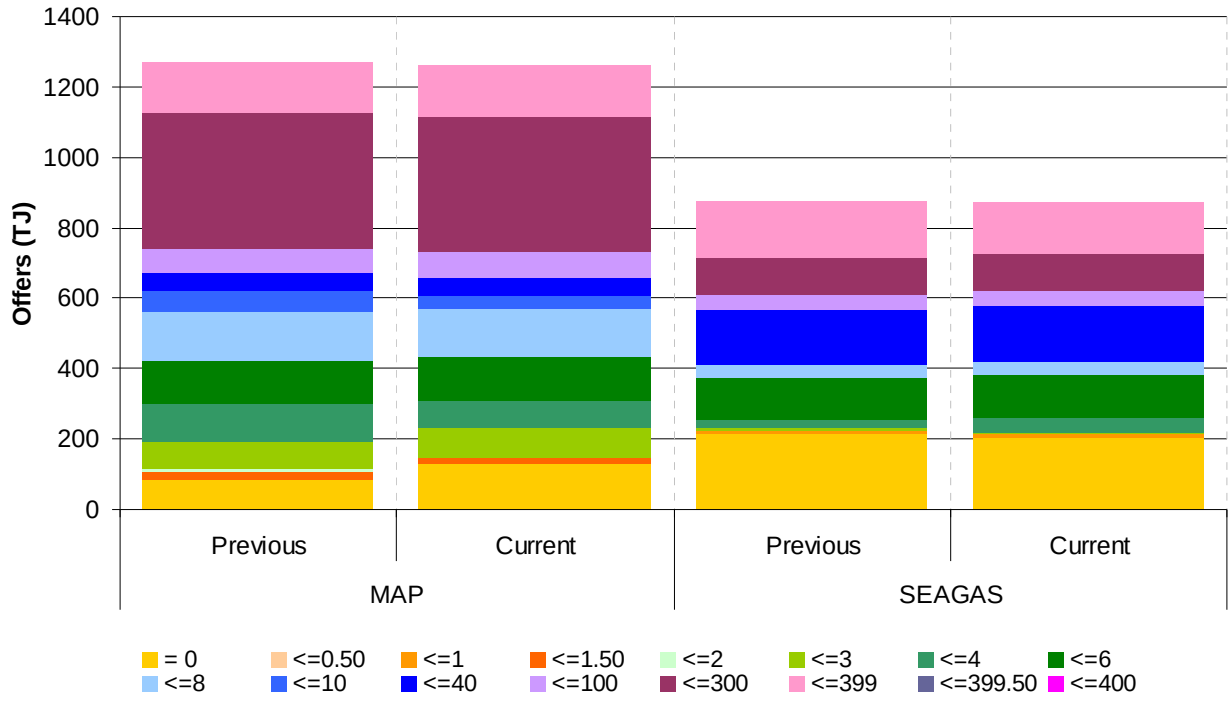
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 652, 659
EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility

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



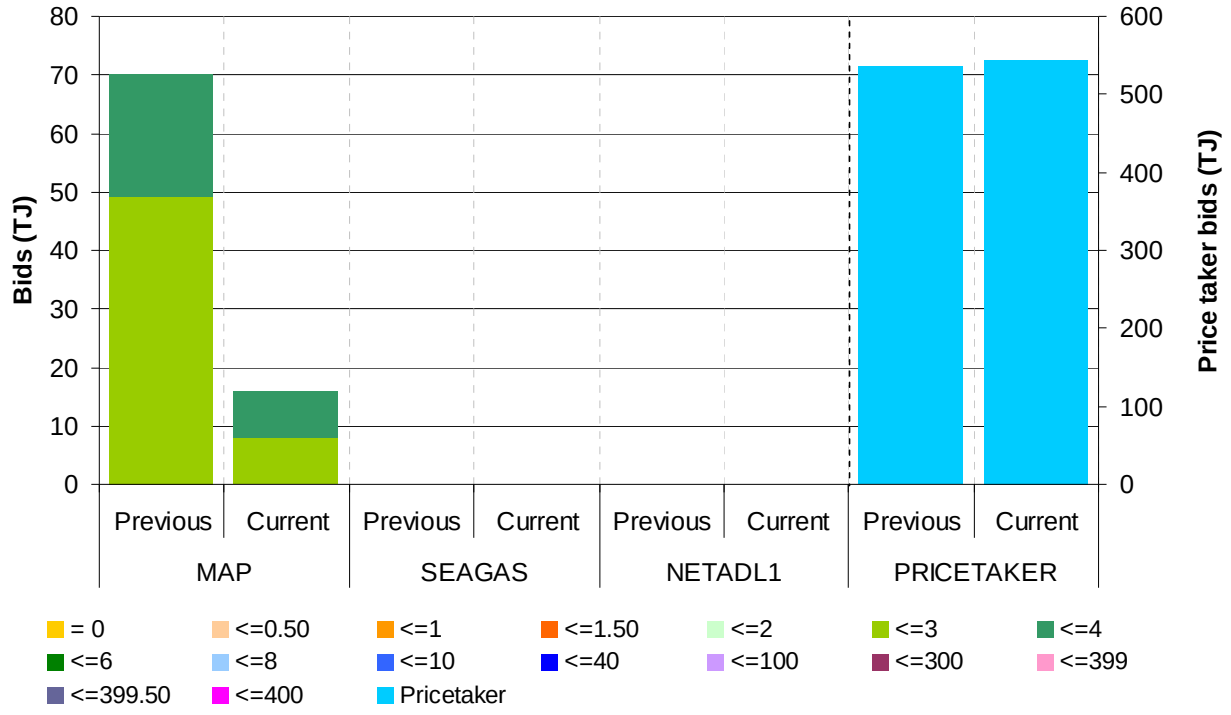
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 652, 659
EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility, NETSYD1=Sydney Hub

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 TRU	TRU	TRU	OneStl(NSW) TRU	TRU	TRU	SANTOS TRU
	D-2 to D-1	TRU	TRU	BluSc OneStl(NSW) SANTOS TRU	BluSc SANTOS TRU	APG BluSc TRU	BluSc OneStl(NSW) SANTOS TRU	BluSc TRU
MSP	D-3 to D-2	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU
	D-2 to D-1	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin	AGL(ESM) Origin	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) EA Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU
ROS	D-3 to D-2				AGL(ESM)			
	D-2 to D-1			AGL(ESM)				

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 659
BluSc= BlueScope Steel I Country= Country Energy I Origin=Origin Energy Retail Ltd I TRU= TRUenergy Pty Ltd I
AGL(WG)= AGL Wholesale Gas Limited I EA=EnergyAustralia I OneStl(NSW)= OneSteel NSW Pty Ltd I
SANTOS= Santos Direct Pty Ltd I AGL(ESM)= AGL Energy Sales & Marketing Pty Ltd I Lumo = Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd |
APG= Australian Power & Gas 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	TRU						
	D-2 to D-1	TRU	TRU	TRU	TRU	TRU	TRU	TRU
MSP	D-3 to D-2	Country Lumo				Lumo	Country	Country
	D-2 to D-1				Country Lumo	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 I Country= Country Energy I TRU= TRUenergy Pty Ltd I
Lumo= Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd I
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) Origin Simply TRU	ABC AGL(SA) Origin TRU	AGL(SA) Origin TRU	AGL(SA) Origin Simply TRU	ABC AGL(SA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(SA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(SA) Origin TRU
	D-2 to D-1	ABC AGL(SA) Origin TRU	AGL(SA) Origin TRU	ABC AGL(SA) Origin Simply TRU	ABC AGL(SA) Origin Simply	ABC AGL(SA) Origin Simply TRU	ABC AGL(SA) Origin TRU	ABC AGL(SA) Origin TRU
SEA-GAS	D-3 to D-2	Origin TRU	Origin TRU	TRU	Origin TRU	Origin TRU	Origin Simply TRU	Origin Simply TRU
	D-2 to D-1	Origin TRU	TRU	Origin TRU	Origin TRU	Origin Simply TRU	Origin Simply TRU	Origin TRU

Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 659
ABC= Adelaide Brighton Cement Ltd I AGL(WGSA)= AGL Wholesale Gas (SA) Pty Ltd I Origin=Origin Energy Retail Ltd I Simply= Simply Energy I TRU= TRUenergy Pty Ltd I AGL(SA)= AGL South Australia Pty Limited I
MAP=Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline, SEAGAS=SEA gas pipeline

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

Pipeline	Schedule	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAP	D-3 to D-2		Simply	Simply			Simply	
	D-2 to D-1	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 deviation[2] 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.

Figure S17a: Sydney MOS allocations

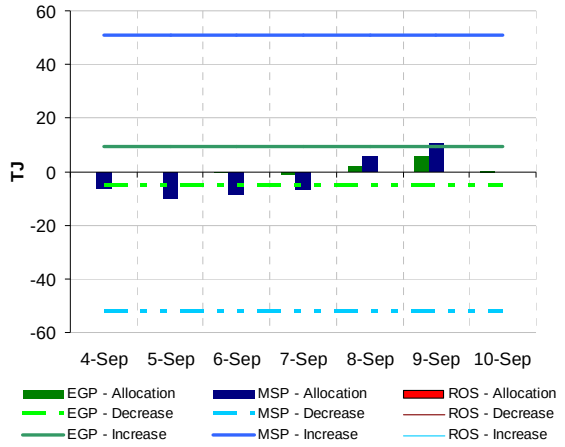
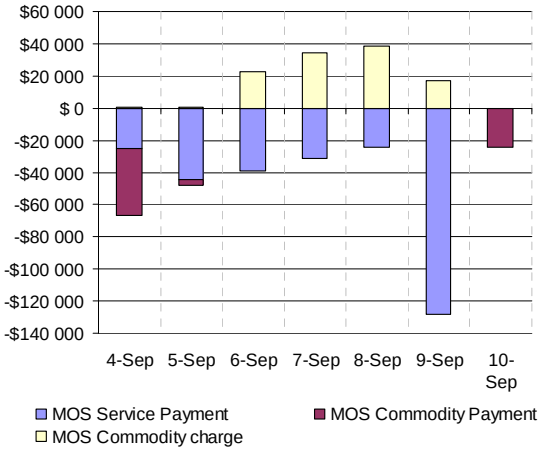


Figure S17b: Sydney MOS payments/charges



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

Figure S18a: Adelaide MOS allocations

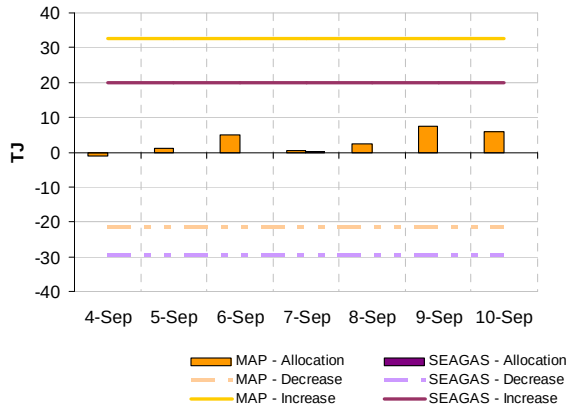
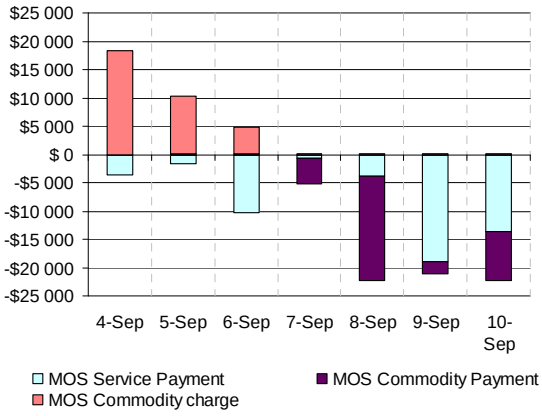


Figure S18b: Adelaide MOS payments/charges

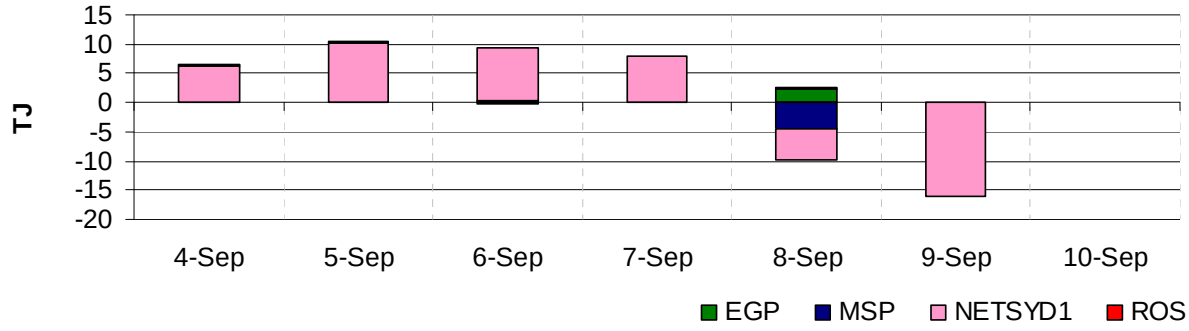


Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 663, 664, 665
MAP=Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline, SEAGAS=SEA gas pipeline

Deviations

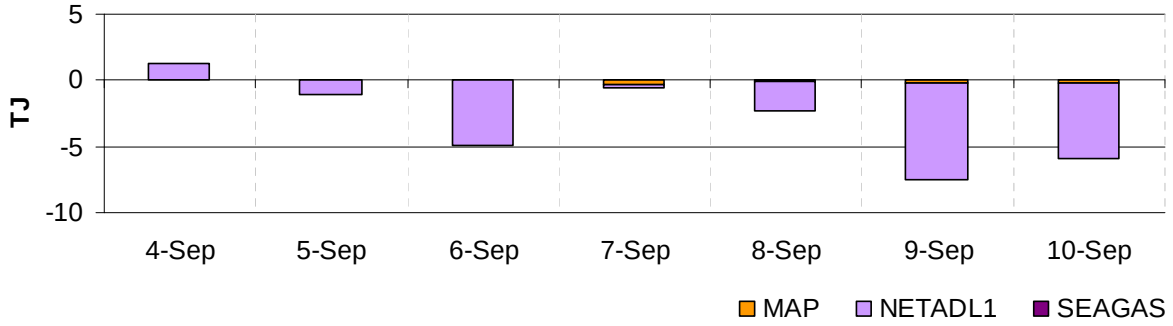
Deviations occur when the gas flowed on pipelines into hubs on a gas day differ from the modified market schedule, or when gas taken out of the hub is different to the schedule. The most likely reason for deviations is where participants incorrectly forecast the demand of customers within the hub. As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



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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

	4 September – 10 September	28 August – 3 September	2011-12 Financial YTD*
Quantity (TJ)	5.90	4.84	5.31
Charges ($)	95.55	68.58	159.65

*Financial Year to date figure from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 657

Figure S22: Average Daily Market Variations - Adelaide Hub

	4 September – 10 September	28 August – 3 September	2011-12 Financial YTD*
Quantity (TJ)	0.84	1.80	1.16
Charges ($)	3.21	80.96	40.18

*Financial Year to date figure from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 657

APPENDIX

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

Figure A1: Daily flows (TJ) for pipeline facilities

Demand zone and pipeline facility	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	MDQ (TJ)	YTD average capacity usage (%)	Current week average daily flows	Current YTD average daily flows*	Previous YTD average daily flows**
QLD												
Carpentaria Pipeline	102	111	109	105	109	107	105	119	85	107	102	92
QLD Gas Pipeline	122	125	126	125	125	126	127	142	86	125	122	100
Roma to Brisbane Pipeline	159	185	184	181	177	175	159	219	78	174	172	188
South West QLD Pipeline	86	56	49	57	69	88	90	181	76	71	137	134
NSW/ACT												
Eastern Gas Pipeline	210	219	224	231	191	186	166	268	85	204	228	227
Moomba to Sydney Pipeline	125	157	170	184	176	215	191	439	48	174	213	271
NSW-VIC Interconnect	17	23	24	20	17	0	0	90	23	14	21	5
VIC												
Longford to Melbourne	338	463	618	709	735	793	696	1030	62	622	643	749
South West Pipeline^	140	124	170	137	118	153	97	353	56	134	199	167
SA												
Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline	111	125	136	148	144	130	108	253	54	129	136	142
SEA Gas Pipeline	115	131	150	142	160	161	126	314	55	141	173	182
TAS												
Tasmanian Gas Pipeline	42	50	53	53	51	51	46	129	38	49	49	49

*Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)
**Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (inclusive)

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

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

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

Production zone and 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	98	97	97	97	96	96	97	140	66	97	93	99
Fairview	81	80	81	81	81	81	81	130	82	81	106	122
Kenya Gas Plant	86	89	92	90	92	93	95	160	48	91	77	61
Kincora	10	10	10	9	7	10	8	25	41	9	10	5
Kogan North	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	12	57	7	7	10
Peat	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	15	52	8	8	10
Rolleston	9	10	10	10	10	10	11	30	32	10	10	11
Scotia	30	29	29	30	30	30	30	29	91	29	26	28
Spring Gully	42	42	42	42	44	42	45	69	64	43	44	54
Strathblane	42	42	42	42	44	42	45	69	64	43	44	54
Taloona	26	26	26	26	26	25	27	42	63	26	27	33
Yellowbank	9	9	10	9	10	10	9	30	32	9	10	13
Talinga	79	75	76	76	75	86	86	120	81	79	97	56
Moomba (SA/QLD)												
Moomba Gas Plant	211	258	254	279	290	283	279	430	64	265	275	353
Ballera	55	55	66	46	41	24	30	150	8	45	12	11
Eastern (VIC)												
Orbost Gas Plant	66	69	69	69	69	69	69	100	68	68	68	0
Lang Lang Gas Plant	23	52	48	50	51	51	52	70	64	47	45	50
Longford Gas Plant	479	637	790	877	893	877	809	1145	71	766	816	991
LNG Storage Dandenong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158	0	0	0	0
Otway Basin (VIC)												
Minerva Gas Plant	35	35	35	40	35	45	40	73	90	38	66	81
Otway Gas Plant	161	141	164	156	154	153	151	205	78	154	159	141
Iona Underground Gas Storage	104	109	134	125	146	147	82	440	35	121	153	128

*Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)
**Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (inclusive)

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

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)
4 September – 10 September	Average min.	12.8	11.9	0.6	9.1	8.8	6.9
	Average max.	22.9	19.9	16.7	17.8	17.0	15.3
28 August – 3 September	Average min.	13.6	12.2	1.5	8.8	10.4	6.7
	Average max.	23.8	20.1	17.6	18.0	20.5	15.3

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

4 September – 10 September	Scheduling Interval					Daily Imbalance Weighted Average Price
	6am	10am	2pm	6pm	10pm	
Sun	2.99	2.86	3.08	2.20	3.47	2.96
Mon	3.03	3.46	3.33	2.20	1.02	3.02
Tue	3.06	2.32	3.14	3.26	3.71	3.07
Wed	3.45	3.49	2.86	2.33	2.36	3.42
Thu	3.40	3.44	2.99	2.34	3.00	3.37
Fri	3.59	3.30	3.03	2.58	3.49	3.55
Sat	3.03	2.50	3.30	3.03	2.23	3.03

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	
4-Sep	**MP:**	473	454	448	454	455	**0**
	AEMO:	453	454	469	491	475	
	MP as % of AEMO	105	100	96	93	96	
5-Sep	**MP:**	569	576	578	566	566	**0**
	AEMO:	604	608	586	566	532	
	MP as % of AEMO	94	95	99	100	106	
6-Sep	**MP:**	730	722	734	743	743	**0**
	AEMO:	716	704	732	741	780	
	MP as % of AEMO	102	103	100	100	95	
7-Sep	**MP:**	825	836	833	833	834	**0**
	AEMO:	833	827	822	821	788	
	MP as % of AEMO	99	101	101	102	106	
8-Sep	**MP:**	834	848	865	869	872	**0**
	AEMO:	808	814	819	825	828	
	MP as % of AEMO	103	104	106	105	105	
9-Sep	**MP:**	970	980	993	982	983	**0**
	AEMO:	935	933	961	912	954	
	MP as % of AEMO	104	105	103	108	103	
10-Sep	**MP:**	825	828	820	809	808	**0**
	AEMO:	826	824	805	789	786	
	MP as % of AEMO	100	101	102	103	103	

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

Figures A6 to A8 present information that was previously published by AEMO in its monthly Victorian Gas Market Reports.

Figure A6 shows "unaccounted for gas" as a percentage of the gas used on a 28-day rolling average basis. A positive "unaccounted for gas" indicates more gas purchased than sold, and negative indicates more gas is purchased from a supplier than sold to customers. The difference may be caused by measurement errors, leakages, pressure regulation, construction activities, theft or damage to the pipeline system. The increased quantity over November 2009 was related to pigging substitutions.

Figure A6: Unaccounted for Gas – 28 Day Rolling Average

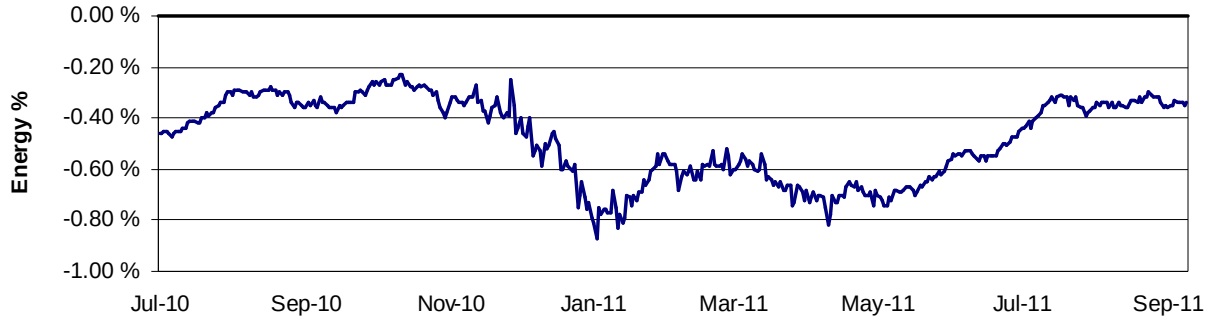

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Figure A7 shows the cumulative weekly price and the cumulative price threshold (CPT), which is set at $3700. The cumulative price is measured over a rolling weekly period, (35 scheduling intervals). When the cumulative price breaches the CPT, an administered price cap (APC) is applied to the market at $40/GJ. AEMO may declare the end of an administered price period subsequent to the cumulative price falling below the threshold.

Figure A7: Cumulative Price and Threshold

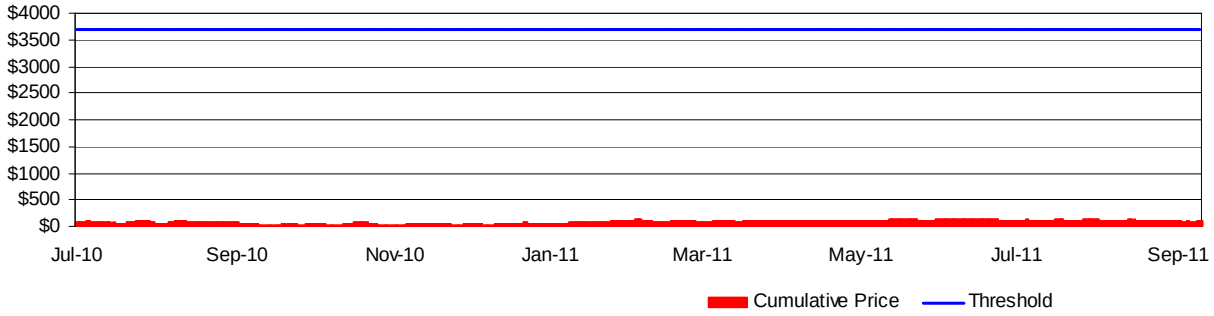

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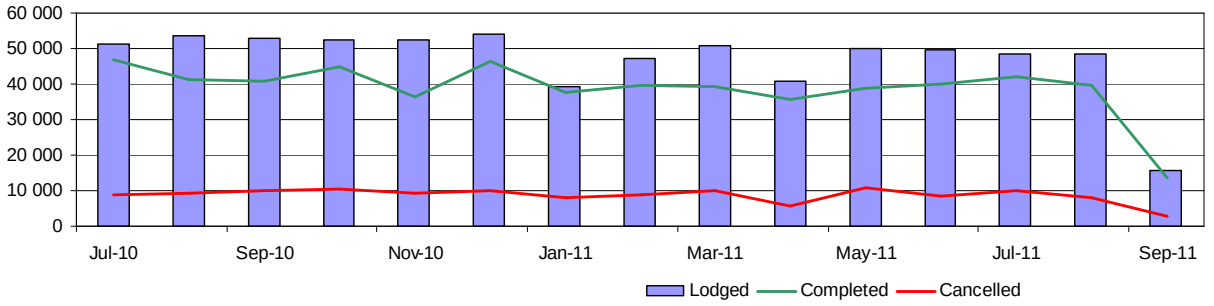
Figure A8 shows the monthly (and current month to date) retail customer transfers lodged, completed or cancelled in the Victorian gas market.

Figure A8: Customer Transfers



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