WEEKLY GAS MARKET ANALYSIS



27 November – 3 December 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 (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. The initial hubs consisted of Sydney and Adelaide. On 1 December the third hub at Brisbane commenced operation. 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 three STTM hubs and shares common production sources with the Adelaide, Sydney (and from 1 December the) Brisbane 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

27 November – 3 December	Victorian market*	STTM Sydney hub**	STTM Adelaide hub**		
Average Price	2.58	2.20	3.39		

^{*}weighted average daily imbalance price

STTM Gas Markets (Adelaide and Sydney)

The average ex ante and ex post prices for the week in both hubs were lower than the previous week and year-to-date levels (as detailed in figures S3 and S4). Ex post prices in Sydney were lower than ex ante prices for each day of the week due to allocations being below scheduled quantities (see figure S5).

^{**}ex ante market price

On Thursday 1 December, the Brisbane STTM hub commenced. The Brisbane hub differs from the Sydney and Adelaide hubs since it one has only one connected major transmission pipeline - the Roma Brisbane Pipeline (RBP), instead of two competing pipelines as at the other hubs.

Whilst some provisional two and three day ahead forecast prices were as high as \$7.80/GJ, the ex ante prices for December 1, 2 and 3 have been stable at just above \$3/GJ.

On 1 and 2 December the ex ante prices were \$3.35/GJ. As shown in figure 2, the volume and price of offers to the hub (shown by the coloured column stack) and the scheduled demand (shown by the dotted blue line) were similar. Further, since actual demand at the hub (the red dotted line) was close to scheduled demand for both days, the ex post price was the same as the ex ante price.

On Saturday December 3, scheduled demand was higher (152 TJ) than the previous two days, largely as a result of higher price taker bids in the hub, which were more than 20 TJ higher than the previous days. Despite higher demand, the ex ante price on Saturday was marginally lower than on the previous two days because of a significant change in the price and volume of offers to the hub. Allocations were lower than scheduled, which required 4.4 TJ of MOS decrease service in order to park gas on the RBP. Accordingly, the lower allocated demand set the ex post price lower than the ex ante price at \$2.62/GJ.

The AER will report on the first full week of the Brisbane hub in next week's report.

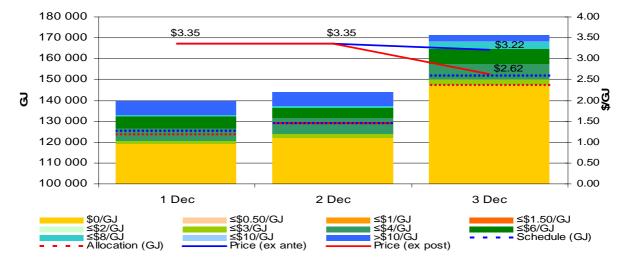


Figure 2: Offer price thresholds (\$/GJ), volumes (GJ) and prices (\$/GJ) – Brisbane

Victorian Gas Market

A decreased volume of gas bid in at zero saw a higher average price than the previous week, despite similar demand and injections to the previous week.

National Gas Market Bulletin Board

Figure N4 shows overall gas demand and gas powered generation (GPG) usage was relatively stable this week in all regions compared to the previous week, while average production levels fell slightly at Moomba. There were 5 instances of late or missing Bulletin Board data this week. This is the first time for a number of months that data has been late or missing. The AER remains committed to ensuring compliance in this area and will be making further enquiries.

Part A: National Gas Market Bulletin Board

Overview of pipeline and production flows

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

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

							QLD	
Average daily flows	NSW	ACT	VIC	SA	TAS	Brisbane	Mt Isa	Gladstone
27 November – 3 December	327	9	457	249	50	163	108	124
Financial Year-to-date 2011-12*	343	29	675	278	50	168	103	123
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11**	407	30	715	294	45	176	93	108

^{*}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)

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

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

Average daily gas for GPG usage^	NSW	VIC	SA	TAS	QLD
27 November – 3 December	109	17	141	35	133
Financial Year-to-date 2011-12*	63	21	157	34	135
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11**	83	17	167	30	158

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

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

- 1. NSW Smithfield Energy, Uranquinty, Hunter Valley GT, Colongra and Tallawarra power stations.
- 2. VIC Laverton North, Valley Power, Jeeralang A, Jeeralang B, Somerton, Bairnsdale, and Newport power stations.
- 3. SA Dry Creek GT, Hallet, Pelican Point, Torrens Island, Mintaro, Osborne, Ladbroke Grove, and Quarantine power stations.
- 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)
27 November – 3 December	590	729	135	178
Financial Year-to-date 2011-12*	555	820	279	261
Financial Year-to-date 2010-11**	546	861	304	315

^{*}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)

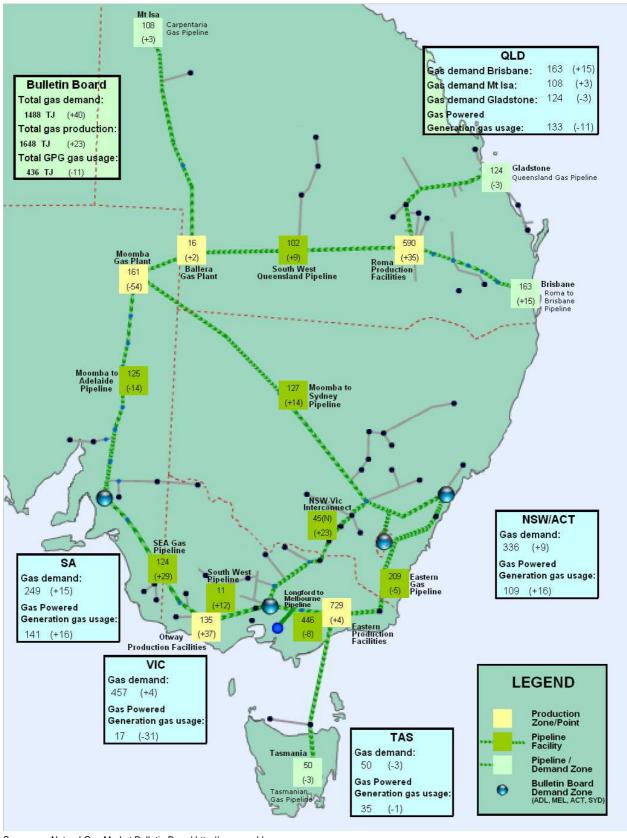
^{**}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (inclusive) Source: National Gas Market Bulletin Board http://www.gasbb.com.au

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



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

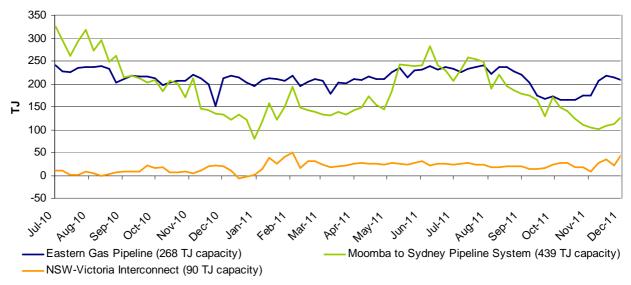
Direction of aggregate daily flows along the NSW-Vic Interconnect indicated on map by S (South) or N (North). Notes:

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

Gas flows into demand regions

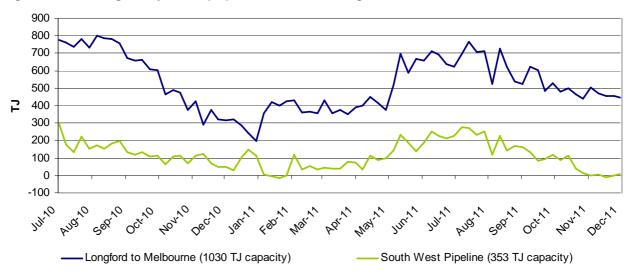
The figures below provide the average daily flows into each of the demand regions served by multiple pipelines and supply sources.

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



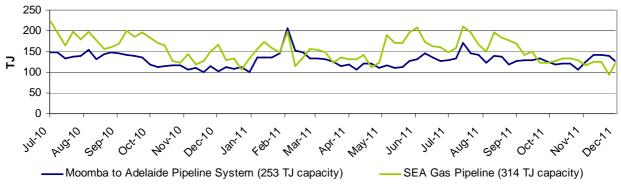
Source: Natural Gas Market Bulletin Board http://www.gasbb.com.au
Notes: Negative flows on the NSW-Victoria Interconnect represent flows out of NSW into VIC.

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	No. of			Inje	ction k	oids in	the V	PTS			L:		lrawal	
Participant	type	injection / withdrawal										DI	as in t	he VP	15
		bid points	BassGas	Culcairn	IONA	LNG	Longford	SEA Gas	VicHub	Otway	Mortlake	Culcairn	IONA	SEA Gas	VicHub
AETV Power	Trader	2					S		NS						S
AGL (Qld)	Retailer	1				NS									
AGL	Retailer	3			NS	NS	S						S		
Aurora Energy	Retailer	1					S								
Aust. Power & Gas	Trader	1					S								
Aust. Power & Gas	Retailer	3			NS	NS	S						S		
Coogee Energy	Transmission Customer	1					S								
Lumo Energy	Retailer	4		NS		NS		S	S			NS			
Lumo Energy	Trader	2			NS				S				S		NS
Origin (Vic)	Retailer	5	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			S	NS	S	S					S	NS	
TRU Energy	Retailer	4			S	NS	S		NS				NS		NS
TRU Energy 2	Retailer	2					S		NS						NS
Visy Paper	Distribution Customer	2					S					S			

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

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

Market Prices

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

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

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

		/ember – cember		November – November	-	2011-12 Financial YTD*		10-11 ial YTD**
Average daily price	2	2.58		2.40		2.87		.88
27 November – 3 Dece	ember	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Daily price		1.09	2.86	2.64	2.64	2.89	2.98	2.97

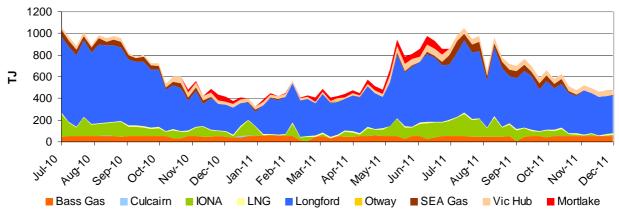
^{*}Average daily imbalance weighted average price from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)

System Injections

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

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

Injection Point:	27 November – 3 December	20 November – 26 November	2011-12 Financial YTD*	2010-11 Financial YTD**
Culcairn	0	0	0	1
Longford	354	356	464	512
LNG	9	8	9	8
IONA	16	10	76	89
VicHub	41	47	48	33
SEAGas	3	0	43	38
Bass Gas	52	51	48	48
Otway	0	0	0	0
Mortlake	0	0	0	19
TOTAL	475	472	688	748



^{*}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured 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)

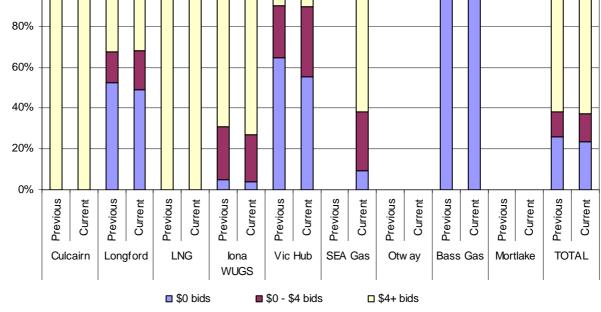
^{**}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2010 to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (inclusive) Source: http://www.aemo.com.au (INT 150)

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.

80% 60%

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	AGL Origin TRU Aurora	AETV AGL Origin TRU Aurora	AETV AGL Origin TRU Aurora	AETV AGL Origin TRU Aurora	AETV AGL Origin TRU Aurora	AETV AGL Origin TRU Aurora
LNG							
lona	TRU	TRU Simply	TRU Simply	TRU Simply APG	TRU Simply	TRU Simply	TRU Simply
VicHub	AETV Lumo	AETV Lumo	AETV TRU Lumo	AETV Lumo	AETV Lumo	AETV Lumo	AETV Lumo
SEAGas			Simply	Simply	Simply	Simply	Simply Lumo
Bass Gas							
Mortlake							

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

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:	27 November – 3 December	20 November – 26 November	2011-12 Financial YTD*	2010-11 Financial YTD**
Ballarat	15	14	29	32
Geelong [^]	84	77	94	94
Gippsland	38	35	46	49
Melbourne	262	289	443	494
Northern	79	57	79	70
TOTAL	478	473	690	739

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

Participation in the market

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

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

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

Trading Participant	Participant type	No. of		Offers	3		Bi	ds	
		supply offers / withdrawal bid points	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 and Gas Limited	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
BHP Billiton Petroleum (Bass Strait) PL	Shipper								
BlueScope Steel	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
Delta Electricity	STTM User,Shipper	1							S
Essential Energy	STTM User,Shipper	1	S						
Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd	Shipper								
Lumo Energy (NSW) Pty Ltd	STTM User								
Lumo Energy Australia Pty Ltd	Shipper	2	S			NS	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			
TRUenergy Pty Ltd No. 2	STTM User,Shipper								
Tyco Water	STTM User								

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

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	Off	ers		Bids	
		supply offers / withdrawal bid points	MAP	SEAGAS	MAP	SEAGAS	ADL - NET
AGL South Australia Pty Limited	STTM User,Shipper	1	S				
AGL Wholesale Gas (SA) Pty Ltd	Shipper	2	S	S			
Adelaide Brighton Cement Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	2	S	S			
Lumo Energy (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	S		
TRUenergy Pty Ltd	STTM User,Shipper	2	NS	S			

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

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

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Ex ante and Ex post Market Prices

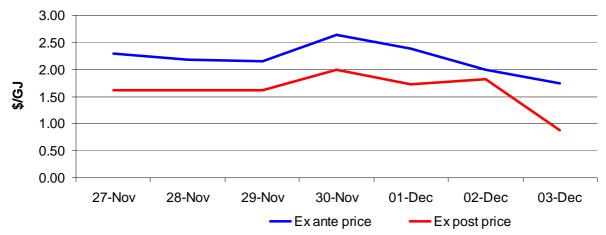
Figures S3 and S4 show ex ante and ex post prices at the Sydney and Adelaide Hubs. Differences between the ex ante and ex post price may arise where there are significant differences between price taker bids (demand forecasts) for the hub and actual demand in the hub. When this occurs, this leads to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

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

	27 November – 3 December	20 November – 26 November	2011-12 Financial YTD*	2010-11 Financial YTD**
Ex ante price	2.20	2.51	3.16	3.27
Ex post price	1.61	2.22	2.77	10.65

^{*}Financial Year to date figure from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)

Note: 2010-11 data for Sydney is skewed by high prices which occurred on the 8 October 2010 and 1 November 2010 gas days Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 657



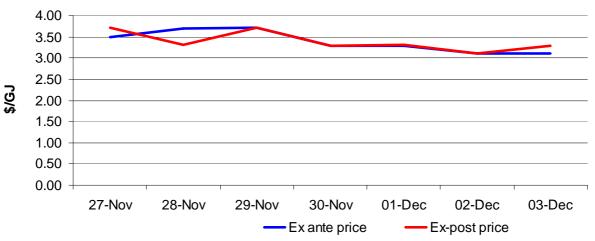
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 657

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

	27 November – 3 December	20 November – 26 November	2011-12 Financial YTD*	2010-11 Financial YTD**
Ex ante price	3.39	3.69	3.76	2.77
Ex post price	3.39	3.74	3.71	2.86

^{*}Financial Year to date figure from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)

^{**}Financial Year to date figure from 1 Sep 2010 (market start) to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (inclusive) Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 657



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^{**}Financial Year to date figure from 1 Sep 2010 (market start) to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (inclusive)

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.

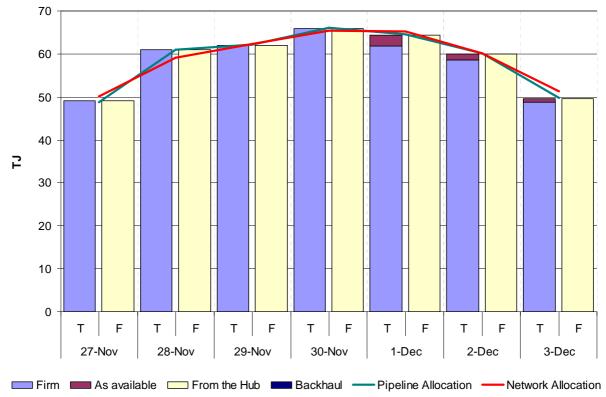
By comparing the level of the red line to the columns marked "F", it can be shown whether demand (allocation) was higher than scheduled. Similarly, comparing the green line to the columns marked "T" shows how the actual flow of gas (allocation) compared to what was scheduled.

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

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

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



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

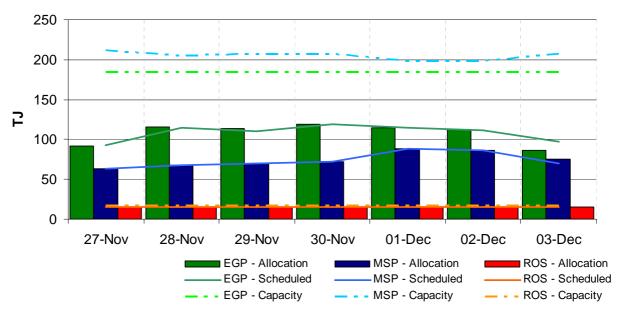
Pipeline Facility Allocations

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

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

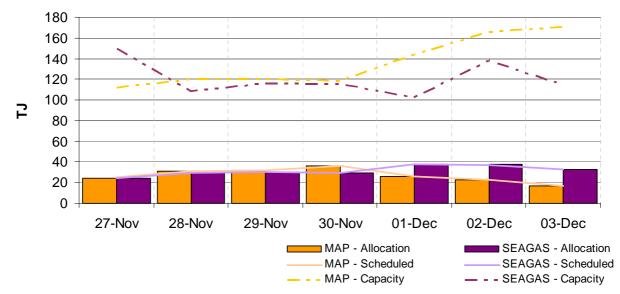
Differences between the amount of gas scheduled and what was actually allocated can result in variations between the ex ante and ex post price, as the ex post price is related to the offers actually allocated while ex ante is related to the offers scheduled.

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

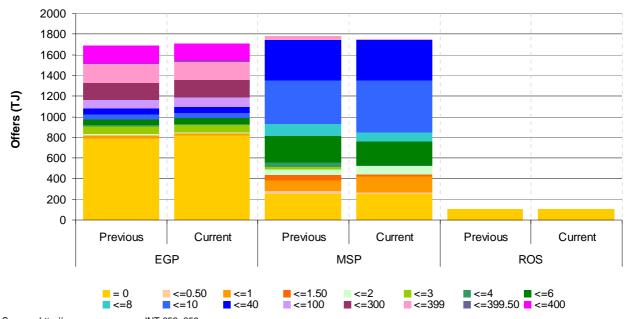
Trading Participants submit offers to sell gas into an STTM hub and withdrawal bids to take gas from a hub. Figures S9 and S11 show for the Sydney and Adelaide hubs respectively, total offers within various price bands for the current week compared to the previous week for each of the pipeline facilities.

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-

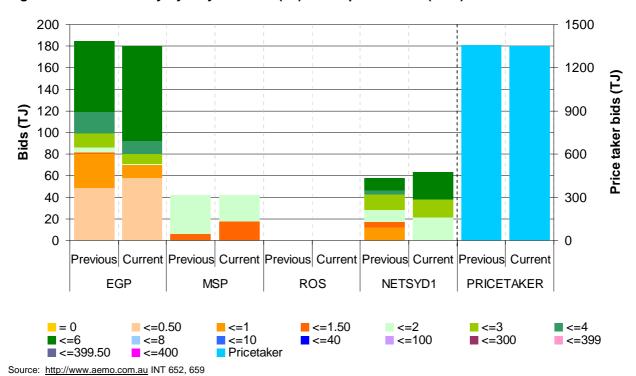
side axis. Because scheduling is price-driven, offers for lower-priced gas are scheduled ahead of offers for higher-priced gas and bids for higher-priced gas are scheduled ahead of bids for lower-priced gas.

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



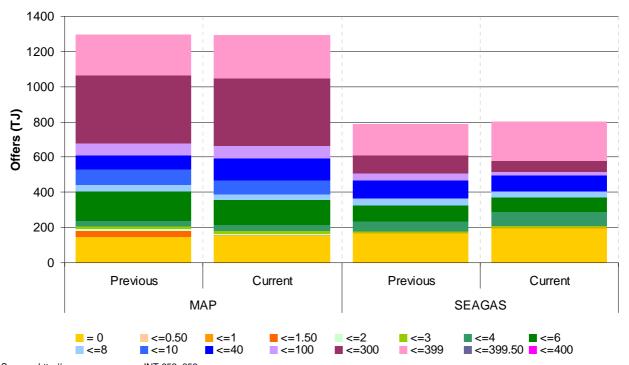
Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 652, 659 EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility

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



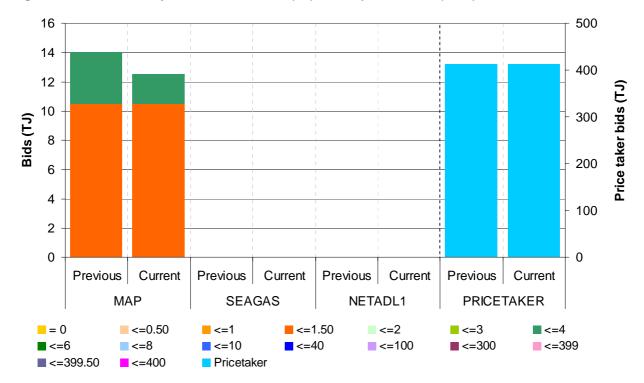
EGP=Eastern Gas Pipeline, MSP=Moomba to Sydney Pipeline, ROS=Rosalind Park Production facility, NETSYD1=Sydney Hub

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 reoffers and re-bids at the hubs for the different pipeline facilities.

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

Pipeline	Schedule	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EGP	D-3 to D-2	AGL(ESM) APG Lumo SANTOS TRU	Lumo TRU	TRU	Lumo OneStI(NSW) TRU	Lumo OneStl(NSW) TRU	Lumo OneStI(NSW) TRU	Lumo TRU
	D-2 to D-1	Lumo TRU	TRU	Lumo OneStl(NSW) TRU	Lumo TRU	Lumo TRU	Lumo TRU	AGL(ESM) OneStI(NSW) TRU
MSP	D-3 to D-2	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU
	D-2 to D-1	AGL(ESM) Origin	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) Origin TRU	AGL(ESM) 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	TRU	TRU	TRU	Lumo TRU		
	D-2 to D-1	TRU	TRU	TRU	TRU	TRU	TRU	TRU
MSP	D-3 to D-2					Lumo		
	D-2 to D-1							Lumo
NETSYD1	D-3 to D-2							
NEIGIBI	D-2 to D-1							
200	D-3 to D-2							
ROS	D-2 to D-1							Lumo

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

Country= Country Energy | AETV = Aurora Energy Tamar Valley | Country= Country Energy | TRU= TRUenergy Pty Ltd |

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 TRU	AGL(SA) Origin TRU	AGL(SA) Origin TRU	AGL(SA) Origin TRU	AGL(SA) Origin TRU	AGL(SA) Origin Simply TRU	AGL(SA) Origin TRU
WAP	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	ABC AGL(SA) Origin	ABC AGL(SA) Origin
	D-3 to D-2	Origin TRU	Origin TRU	Origin TRU	Origin TRU	Origin TRU	AGL(WGSA) Origin TRU	Origin Simply TRU
SEA-GAS	D-2 to D-1	ABC Origin TRU	ABC Origin TRU	ABC Origin TRU	ABC Origin TRU	ABC AGL(WGSA) Origin Simply TRU	ABC Origin Simply TRU	ABC Origin Simply 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	
IVIAP	D-2 to D-1					Simply		
NETADI 4	D-3 to D-2							
NETADL1	D-2 to D-1							
SEA-GAS	D-3 to D-2							
SEA-GAS	D-2 to D-1							

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

Simply= Simply Energy I TRU= TRUenergy Pty Ltd I

Market Operator Service

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

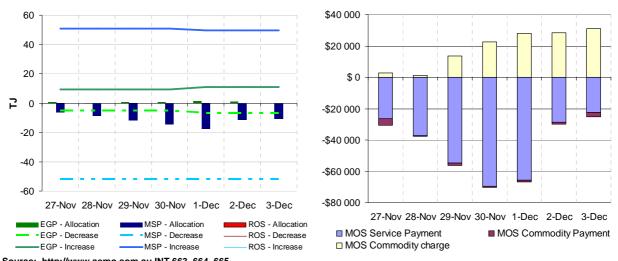
MOS offers are made by participants who have contracts with pipeline facilities to "park" gas (on the pipeline) or "loan" gas (from the pipeline). Based on these contracts, two types of MOS are offered: increase offers to increase flows on a pipeline to a hub; and decrease offers to decrease flows on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

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

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

Figure S17a: Sydney MOS allocations

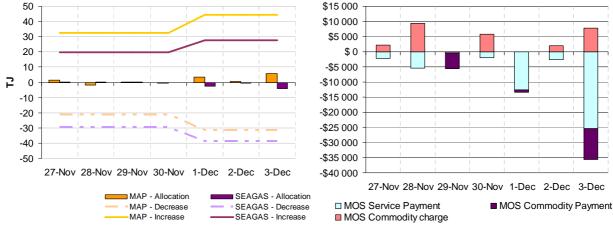
Figure S17b: Sydney MOS payments/charges



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

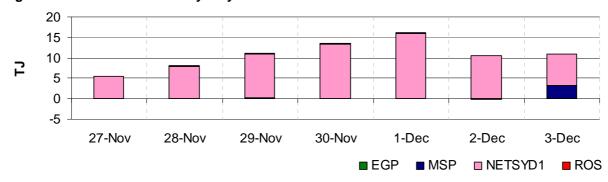


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Deviations

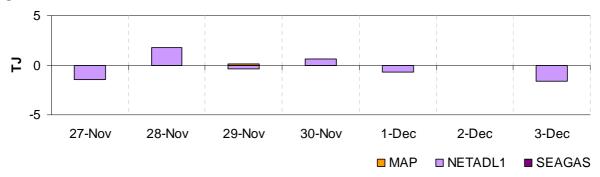
Deviations occur when the gas flowed on pipelines into hubs on a gas day differ from the modified market schedule, or when gas taken out of the hub is different to the schedule. The most likely reason for deviations is where participants incorrectly forecast the demand of customers within the hub. As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

	27 November – 3 December	20 November – 26 November	2011-12 Financial YTD*	2010-11 Financial YTD**
Syd Quantity (TJ)	3.52	5.84	5.89	4.83
Syd Charges (\$)	45.40	131.31	201.26	1517.13

*Financial Year to date figure from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)

Figure S22: Average Daily Market Variations - Adelaide Hub

	27 November – 3 December	20 November – 26 November	2011-12 Financial YTD*	2010-11 Financial YTD**
Adl Quantity (TJ)	0.11	1.05	1.44	1.23
Adl Charges (\$)	0.00	67.52	81.21	30.14

*Financial Year to date figure from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)

^{**}Financial Year to date figure from 1 Sep 2010 (market start) to the equivalent week in 2010-11 (inclusive) Source: http://www.aemo.com.au INT 651, 657

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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	106	110	109	107	111	108	107	119	86	108	103	93
QLD Gas Pipeline	129	126	123	122	126	123	121	142	87	124	123	108
Roma to Brisbane Pipeline	152	190	182	166	141	146	163	219	77	163	168	176
South West QLD Pipeline	94	97	105	91	84	106	137	181	60	102	109	125
NSW/ACT												
Eastern Gas Pipeline	188	220	218	222	220	217	177	268	76	209	204	215
Moomba to Sydney Pipeline	90	157	153	117	119	147	107	439	38	127	168	222
NSW-VIC Interconnect	31	65	75	44	32	31	36	90	25	45	22	10
VIC												
Longford to Melbourne	377	466	456	497	484	448	395	1030	54	446	558	587
South West Pipeline^	-25	-23	50	0	37	10	30	353	33	11	117	127
SA												
Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline	123	154	164	144	107	95	88	253	52	125	131	127
SEA Gas Pipeline	93	145	130	83	144	156	118	314	47	124	147	167
TAS												
Tasmanian Gas Pipeline	49	50	51	50	52	52	47	129	39	50	50	45

^{*}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 2011 to the current week (inclusive)

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

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

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

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	88	88	89	88	89	89	89	140	67	88	93	97
Fairview	92	92	118	123	133	127	114	130	79	114	102	121
Kenya Gas Plant	108	108	109	110	114	114	115	160	54	111	87	60
Kincora	10	10	10	10	10	7	10	25	38	10	9	3
Kogan North	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	12	62	9	7	9
Peat	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	15	51	8	8	10
Rolleston	11	11	11	7	6	4	0	30	33	7	10	11
Scotia	30	30	30	0	11	18	30	29	95	21	28	26
Spring Gully	46	47	45	45	46	45	46	69	63	46	44	51
Strathblane	46	47	45	45	46	45	46	69	63	46	44	51
Taloona	28	28	27	27	28	27	28	42	63	28	26	31
Yellowbank	7	9	7	8	7	8	8	30	30	8	9	12
Talinga	89	96	97	95	97	95	96	120	74	95	89	55
Moomba (SA/QLD) Moomba Gas Plant Ballera	168 13	231 20	0 18	247 15	185 15	188 27	111 7	430 150	56 14	161 16	241 21	296 19
Eastern (VIC)												
Orbost Gas Plant	52	64	64	64	49	64	64	100	66	60	66	18
Lang Lang Gas	52	52	52	52	51	52	52	70	69	52	48	48
Plant Longford Gas Plant	570	642	621	661	650	613	565	1145	62	617	705	794
LNG Storage Dandenong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158	0	0	0	0
Otway Basin (VIC)												
Minerva Gas Plant	62	81	81	63	40	45	40	73	83	59	61	65
Otway Gas Plant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	57	0	117	144
lona Underground Gas Storage	14	27	99	36	130	112	118	440	23	77	101	95

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

^{*}Average daily estimated gas consumption measured from 1 July 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

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)
27 November – 3 December	Average min.	19.9	17.1	10.5	13.7	13.8	10.3
	Average max.	29.2	25.7	24.5	23.6	26.5	19.7
20 November – 26 November	Average min.	20.6	16.9	10.2	13.1	12.9	10.2
	Average max.	29.0	22.2	20.8	22.2	21.9	19.9

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

27 November – 3 December		Daily Imbalance Weighted Average				
	6am	10am	2pm	6pm	10pm	Price
Sun	1.01	2.28	2.64	2.40	1.70	1.09
Mon	2.86	2.65	2.90	2.90	1.86	2.86
Tue	2.68	2.91	2.32	0.99	1.75	2.64
Wed	2.68	1.75	1.76	2.67	2.90	2.64
Thu	2.90	2.80	2.66	2.67	1.59	2.89
Fri	2.97	2.97	3.15	2.86	2.67	2.98
Sat	2.97	3.08	3.06	3.06	3.14	2.97

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)

	/T I)	Schedule					Total
	(LY)	1	2	3	4	5	Demand Override (TJ)
27-Nov	MP:	312	317	319	318	318	-2
	AEMO:	305	330	355	334	334	
	MP as % of AEMO	102	96	90	95	95	
28-Nov	MP:	368	367	371	371	371	0
	AEMO:	366	367	366	373	360]
	MP as % of AEMO	101	100	101	99	103	
29-Nov	MP:	428	442	445	445	453	0
	AEMO:	405	411	421	414	414	0
	MP as % of AEMO	106	107	106	108	109	
30-Nov	MP:	451	449	451	453	453	0
	AEMO:	451	473	461	491	458]
	MP as % of AEMO	100	95	98	92	99	
1-Dec	MP:	470	481	486	486	486	0
	AEMO:	484	470	480	468	480	
	MP as % of AEMO	97	102	101	104	101	
2-Dec	MP:	424	423	424	424	424	0
	AEMO:	450	431	428	424	423]
	MP as % of AEMO	94	98	99	100	100	
3-Dec	MP:	358	363	363	363	363	0
	AEMO:	346	355	369	374	385	
	MP as % of AEMO	104	102	98	97	94	

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