



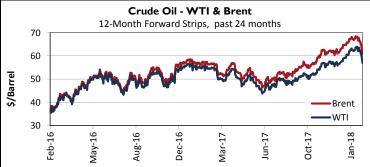
# Competitive Energy Services Weekly Market Summary

February 5 - 9, 2018

#### Synopsis of Last Week's Energy Markets

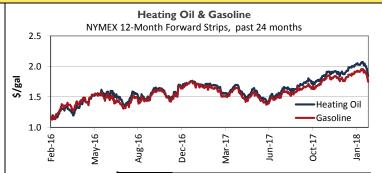
Crude oil declined for six straight trading days between February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, with the prompt month falling 10%. Near-term fundamentals were bearish; domestic production rose to a record high, and active oil rigs also climbed. The drop in the equities market also brought down commodities. Natural gas prices declined for the second week in a row as forecasts for a frigid February faded. Last week's storage withdrawal fell short of typical early-February draw, but inventories remain at a 16% deficit to the 5-year average.

#### Oil Market



NYMEX WTI	last close	previous week	24-month high	24-month low
12 month strip, \$/bbl	\$57.21	\$63.49	\$63.86	\$33.63
date	2/9/18	1/24/18	1/26/18	2/11/16
change from last close		-9.9%	-10.4%	70%

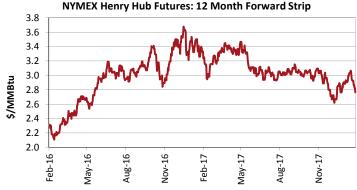
US STORAGE (in million bbls)	crude oil
domestic stocks as of 2/2/18	420
gain / loss from previous week	1.9
comparison to historic range	within



NYMEX Heating Oil	last close	previous week	24-month high	24-month low
12 month strip, \$/gal	\$1.84	\$2.06	\$2.07	\$1.08
date	2/9/18	1/24/18	1/26/18	2/11/16
change from last close		-10.5%	-11%	71%

US STORAGE (in million bbls)	distillate	propane	gasoline	
domestic stocks as of 2/2/18	142	49	245	
gain / loss from previous week	3.9	-4.1	3.4	
comparison to historic range	within	within	within	

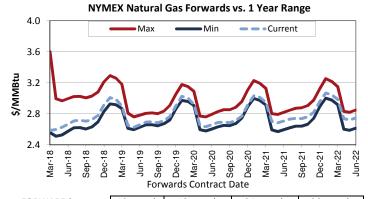
#### **Natural Gas Market**



NYMEX PRICING	last close	previous week	24-month high	24-month low	
12 mo. strip, \$/MMBTu	\$2.75	\$2.99	\$3.70	\$2.11	
date	2/9/18	1/24/18	12/28/16	2/25/16	
change from last close		-7.9%	-26%	31%	

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The Score provides a measure of how current prices compare to their 52-week range. A score close to 0 indicates that current prices are close to their 52-week highs; a score close to 100 indicates that current prices are close to their 52-week lows.



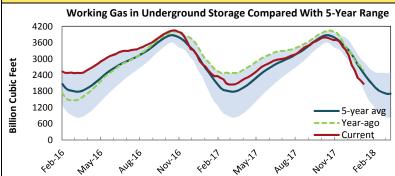
strip (\$\frac{1}{2}\text{MMPTu}\) \$\frac{1}{2}\text{75} \$\frac{1}{2}\text{74} \$\frac{1}{2}\text{76} \$\frac{1}{2}\text{77}	FORWARDS	12 month	18 month	24 month	36 month
311p (3/10101BTu) 32.73 32.74 32.70 32.7	strip (\$/MMBTu)	\$2.75	\$2.74	\$2.76	\$2.77

Natural gas futures are useful for both natural gas and electricity consumers because they drive electricity pricing in many U.S. markets. This chart compares the current natural gas price for each forward month on the NYMEX exchange to the highest and lowest prices for the same month over the past 12 months.



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## **Natural Gas Storage**



This chart shows the amount of natural gas in storage at each point in time (red line) compared to the highest, lowest, and average amounts in the past 5 calendar years.

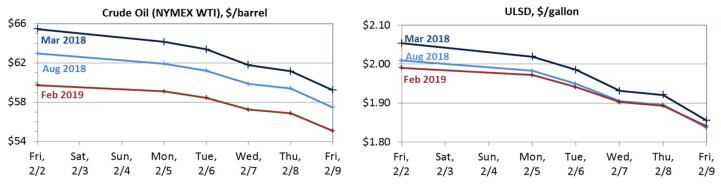
EIA Storage Data	date	Bcf	+/ -
Previous Stock Level	1/26/18	2,197	
Most Recent Stock Level	2/2/18	2,078	
Year-ago Stock Level		2,581	-19.5%
5-Year Average Stock Level		2,471	-15.9%
Most Recent Net Change	2/2/18	-119	
Year-Ago Net Change		-142	-16%
5-Year Average Net Change		-151	-21%

Data Source: EIA http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngs/ngs.html

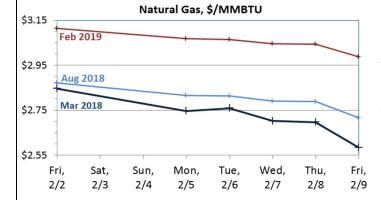
#### **Market Assessment**

	NYMEX Futures Summary Statistics										
Last Expired Prompt Most Expensive Least Expensive Next Winter A									Next Winter Avg		
	Contract	Exp. Date	Price	Month	Price	Next 12 Months	Price	Next 12 Months	Price	(Nov18-Mar19)	
Crude oil	Feb-18	1/22/18	\$63.49	Mar-18	\$59.20	Mar-18	\$65.45	Feb-19	\$55.06	\$55.44	
Heating oil	Feb-18	1/31/18	\$2.07	Mar-18	\$1.86	Mar-18	\$1.86	Aug-18	\$1.84	\$1.84	
Natural gas	Feb-18	1/29/18	\$3.63	Mar-18	\$2.58	Jan-19	\$3.01	Mar-18	\$2.58	\$2.92	

#### **NYMEX End-of-Day Settlements**



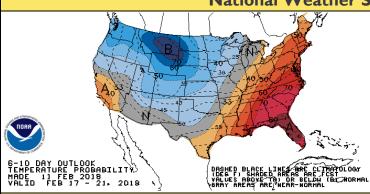
Crude oil tumbled last week; futures contracts for the next twelve months lost 8-10%. By the end of the week, even the prompt month (the most expensive contract) was under \$60. Last week's rout in the equities market pulled commodities down with it. In addition, the EIA reported mid-week that domestic production rose to a record high of 10.25M barrels per day for the week-ended February 2. On Friday, Baker Hughes reported that active oil rigs in the US climbed by 26, the largest one-week jump in almost 5 years. Refineries are heading into maintenance season, and analysts are expecting to see gains in crude stocks in the coming weeks.



Natural gas prices dropped 9% last week, marking a second consecutive week of declines that have reversed gains made since late December 2017. Forecasts for February indicate that temperatures could be warmer than expected across the eastern U.S. and parts of the South, which could hold down heating demand later this month. Recent storage withdrawals been lower than typical draws for this time of year; inventory levels remain at a 16% deficit to the 5-year average, however, and this week's report could show a large withdrawal following cold weather earlier this month. Prompt month futures fell 26 cents to close at \$3.58 on Friday afternoon.

The National Weather Service near-term forecast calls for warmer-than-normal temperatures for the East. The natural gas market scores on page 1 improved from the previous week. Clients with electricity or natural gas contracts expiring in 2018 should consult with a CES representative for customized guidance.

### **National Weather Service Forecast**



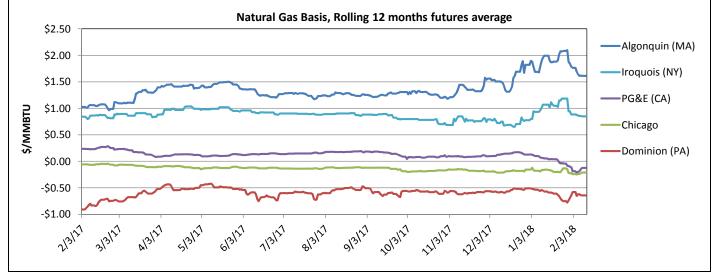
#### 6 - 10 Day Forecast for Feb 17 - 21

This map depicts forecasted temperatures for next week compared to the long term average. The blue/purple areas are forecast to be colder than normal, white areas are normal, and yellow/orange/red areas are warmer than normal. Abnormally hot weather in the summer and cold weather in the winter can increase the price for natural gas, oil, and electricity.

Source: Chart from the National Weather Service Climate Prediction

#### **Natural Gas Basis Futures**

Basis is the price differential between Henry Hub, located in Erath, Louisiana, and the liquidity point closest to the end-user. Because Henry Hub is used as the delivery point for NYMEX natural gas futures contracts, the cost of using natural gas in any geographic region of the country can be approximated by adding the basis price for the appropriate liquidity point to the NYMEX futures contract. Basis prices can be negative (indicating that natural gas at a liquidity point is cheaper than at the Henry Hub) or positive (indicating that natural gas at a different liquidity point is more expensive than at the Henry Hub). Basis prices are a key component of regional electricity and natural gas costs.





# **Spot Prices**

	New England ISO Real Time F	Power Pricin	g By Zone	(\$/MWh)				Ī	Ī
	l	2/5/18	2/6/18	2/7/18	2/8/18	2/9/18	2/10/18	2/11/18	Avg
	Maine RT On Pk	41	81	61	50	50	2, 20, 20	_,,	57
	Maine RT Off Pk	40	63	48	44	48	33	30	44
	NH RT On Pk	44	81	63	51	51		- 50	58
	NH RT Off Pk	47	64	49	46	48	34	30	45
	Vermont RT On Pk	45	81	63	51	51			58
	Vermont RT Off Pk	47	64	49	46	48	33	29	45
	Connecticut RT On Pk	45	81	63	52	50			58
	Connecticut RT Off Pk	47	64	49	46	48	33	29	45
	Rhode Island RT On Pk	45	81	63	52	51			58
	Rhode Island RT Off Pk	48	65	49	47	49	33	29	46
	NE Mass RT On Pk	45	81	63	52	51			58
	NE Mass RT Off Pk	47	64	49	46	49	34	30	46
	SE Mass RT On Pk	45	81	63	52	51			58
	SE Mass RT Off Pk	47	64	49	46	49	33	29	45
	WC Mass RT On Pk	45	82	63	52	51			59
	WC Mass RT Off Pk	48	65	49	46	49	34	30	46
	New York ISO Real Time Pow	er Pricing B	y Zone (\$/N	/IWh)					Avg
	Capital RT On Pk	36	35	30	31	37			34
	Capital RT Off Pk	44	32	31	31	32	26	23	31
₹	Central RT On Pk	32	33	28	28	34			31
(\$/MWh)	Central RT Off Pk	16	29	27	28	30	24	20	25
\$	Hudson RT On Pk	36	36	31	31	37			34
Power	Hudson RT Off Pk	35	32	31	31	33	26	22	30
8	Mohawk RT On Pk	33	34	29	29	35			32
	Mohawk RT Off Pk	16	29	29	28	31	25	20	25
	Milwood RT On Pk	36	36	31	31	38			34
	Milwood RT Off Pk	35	32	31	31	33	26	23	30
	NYC RT On Pk	50	51	41	40	47	22	20	46
	NYC RT Off Pk	35 By Zone (\$	32	31	31	33	32	28	32
	PJM Real Time Power Pricing  Eastern Hub On Pk	<b>Бу Zone (3)</b> 29	37	31	30	30			<b>Avg</b> 31
	Eastern Hub Off Pk	25	33	27	28	28	28	28	28
	Western Hub On Pk	39	49	37	32	32	20	20	38
	Western Hub Off Pk	26	71	72	30	30	30	30	41
	PPL Zone On Pk	27	34	29	28	28			29
	PPL Zone Off Pk	23	31	26	26	26	26	26	27
	AEP RT On Pk	30	37	30	29	29			31
	AEP RT Off Pk	25	30	25	28	28	28	28	27
	Chicago RT On Pk	28	36	30	29	29			30
	Chicago RT Off Pk	24	29	24	27	27	27	27	26
	New Jersey Hub On Pk	28	35	30	30	30			31
	New Jersey Hub Off Pk	24	32	27	27	27	27	27	27
	California ISO Real Time Pow	er Pricing (\$	/MWh)	-					Avg
	SoCal Edison RT On Pk	38	23	24	36	33			31
	SoCal Edison RT Off Pk	18	19	26	23	24	35	45	27
		2/5/18	2/6/18	2/7/18	2/8/18	2/9/18	2/10/18	2/11/18	Avg
₽	Henry Hub, LA	2.85	2.78	2.73	2.72	2.66	, -, -	, , -	
₫₽	TZ6, MA	3.50	9.24	8.75	3.56	3.34			5.68
ĮΣ	Algonquin, MA		9.44		6.25	3.11			6.27
ıs Ş	Chicago Hub, IL	2.74	2.70	2.68	2.73	2.59			2.69
29	New York, NY	2.79	2.86	4.15	2.86	2.45			3.02
<u>ra</u>	Dominion South, PA	2.49	2.51	2.48	2.45	2.24			2.43
Natural Gas \$/MIMBtu	Opal Hub, WY	1.98	2.09	2.15	2.25	2.33			2.16
~	PG&E Citygate, CA	2.48	2.52	2.55	2.54	2.54			2.53
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