



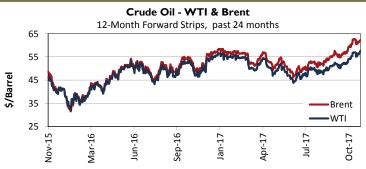
# Competitive Energy Services Weekly Market Summary

November 20 - 24, 2017

## Synopsis of Last Week's Energy Markets

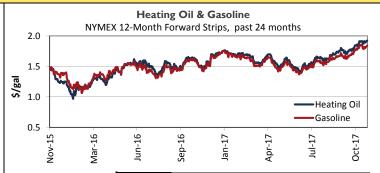
Prompt month WTI jumped 4% this week. The 600,000 barrel-per-day Keystone Pipeline has been shut down to repair a leak, cutting off flows to Gulf Coast refiners. Furthermore, OPEC meets this coming week to discuss extending production cuts. In contrast, natural gas prices fell 9% last week amid a mild weather outlook for the end of November. These forecasts and strong production weighed on prices despite the slowly widening storage deficit and another higher-than-average storage withdrawal.

## Oil Market



NYMEX WTI	last close	previous week	24-month high	24-month low	
12 month strip, \$/bbl	\$56.09	\$56.39	\$57.06	\$32.40	
date	11/24/17	11/17/17	11/9/17	1/20/16	
change from last close		-0.5%	-1.7%	73%	

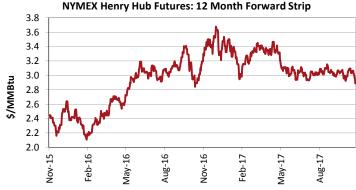
US STORAGE (in million bbls)	crude oil
domestic stocks as of 11/	17/17 457
gain / loss from previous wee	k -1.9
comparison to historic range	within



NYMEX Heating Oil	last close	previous week	24-month high	24-month low	
12 month strip, \$/gal	\$1.92	\$1.91	\$1.92	\$0.97	
date	11/24/17	11/17/17	11/24/17	1/20/16	
change from last close		0.6%	0%	99%	

US STORAGE (in million bbls)	distillate	propane	gasoline
domestic stocks as of 11/17/17	125	74	210
gain / loss from previous week	0.3	-1.0	0.0
comparison to historic range	within	within	within

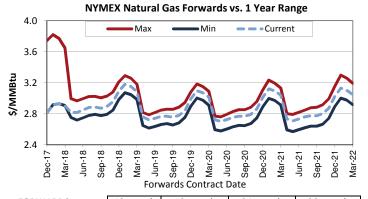
#### **Natural Gas Market**



NYMEX PRICING	last close	previous week	24-month high	24-month low	
12 mo. strip, \$/MMBTu	\$2.88	\$3.06	\$3.70	\$2.11	
date	11/24/17	11/17/17	12/28/16	2/25/16	
change from last close		-6.1%	-22%	37%	

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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 (\$/MMBTu) \$2.88 \$2.92 \$2.88 \$2.87	FORWARDS	12 month	18 month	24 month	36 month
	strip (\$/MMBTu)	\$2.88	\$2.92	\$2.88	\$2.87

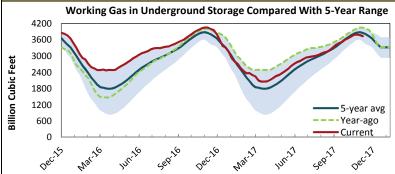
Natural gas futures are useful for both natural gas and electricity consumers because they drive electricity pricing in many U.S. markets. This chart compares the current natural gas price for each forward month on the NYMEX exchange to the highest and lowest prices for the same month over the past 12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

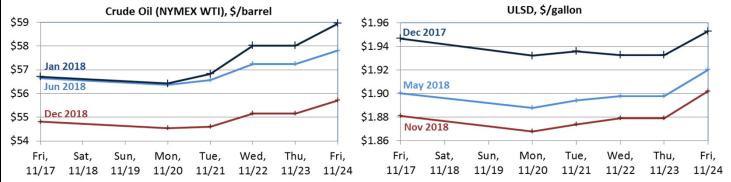
EIA Storage Data	date	Bcf	+/ -
Previous Stock Level	11/10/17	3,772	
Most Recent Stock Level	11/17/17	3,726	
Year-ago Stock Level		4,045	-7.9%
5-Year Average Stock Level		3,847	-3.1%
Most Recent Net Change	11/17/17	-46	
Year-Ago Net Change		2	
5-Year Average Net Change		-26	

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

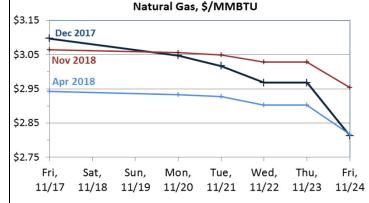
## **Market Assessment**

	NYMEX Futures Summary Statistics											
	Last Expired Prompt Most Expensive Least Expensive Winter Avg											
	Contract	Exp. Date	Price	Month	Price	Next 12 Months	Price	Next 12 Months	Price	(Dec17-Mar18)		
Crude oil	Dec-17	11/20/17	\$56.09	Jan-18	\$58.95	Mar-18	\$56.89	Nov-18	\$55.12	\$58.17		
Heating oil	Nov-17	10/31/17	\$1.88	Dec-17	\$1.95	Jan-18	\$1.96	Sep-18	\$1.90	\$1.95		
Natural gas	Nov-17	10/27/17	\$2.75	Dec-17	\$2.81	Nov-18	\$2.95	Dec-17	\$2.81	\$2.89		

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



Crude oil prices climbed last week, with the NYMEX-traded benchmark WTI in the rare situation of gaining faster than London-traded Brent crude. Flow on TransCanada's Keystone Pipeline has been shut off since November 16 when 210,000 gallons of crude oil spilled onto agricultural lands in South Dakota. The Keystone Pipeline normally carries 590,000 barrels of crude per day from the tar sands in Alberta, Canada, down to refineries in the Gulf Coast. On Wednesday, the EIA reported that total US crude stocks fell 1.9M barrels; of that total, stocks at the NYMEX storage hub at Cushing, Oklahoma, fell 1.8M bbls. With the Keystone Pipeline shutdown, stocks at Cushing will likely post substantial declines for the next few weeks. Also ahead, OPEC will be meeting on November 30 to discuss whether to extend the joint production cuts through 2018.



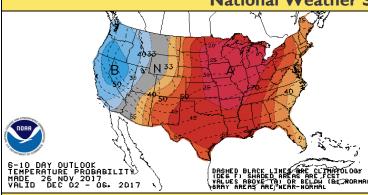
Natural gas prices plummeted last week as production accelerated and weather forecasts turned mild. December futures lost 28 cents to close at \$2.81 on Friday as projections indicate that temperatures could be typical or warm through the end of November. The EIA reported on Wednesday that the storage levels are now 3.1% lower than the 5-year average after a 46 Bcf withdrawal. The deficit could narrow in the coming weeks, however: demand stumbled over the holiday as both power burn and heating demand declined, while dry production continued to set record highs at nearly 77 Bcf/d. This alongside mild weather and dampened heating demand could slow upcoming storage withdrawals.

The National Weather Service near-term forecast calls for warmer-than-normal temperatures east of the Rockies and cooler-than-normal temperatures for the West. The natural gas market scores on page 1 improved dramatically from the previous week. Clients with electricity or natural gas contracts expiring in 2017 or 2018 should consult with a CES representative for customized guidance.

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## **National Weather Service Forecast**



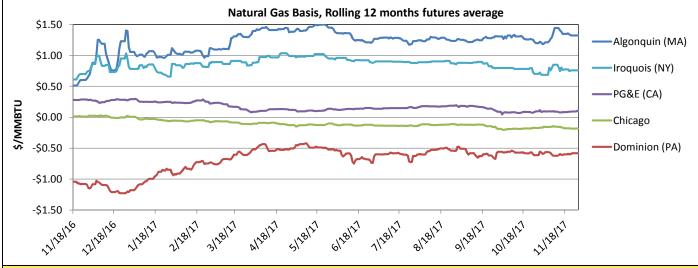
#### 6 - 10 Day Forecast for Dec 2 - 6

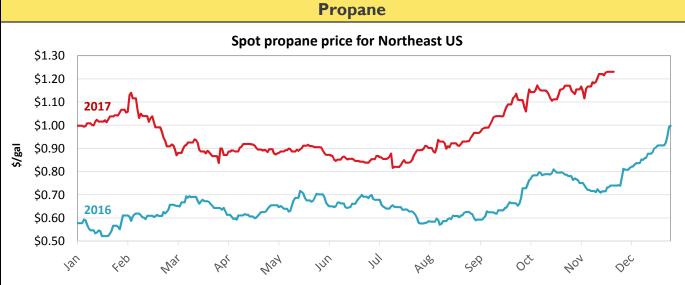
This map depicts forecasted temperatures for next week compared to the long term average. The blue/purple areas are forecast to be colder than normal, white areas are normal, and yellow/orange/red areas are warmer than normal. Abnormally hot weather in the summer and cold weather in the winter can increase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





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# **Spot Prices**

	I			M (amount)	.03				1
	New England ISO Real Time F		_						
		11/20/17	11/21/17	11/22/17	11/23/17	11/24/17	11/25/17	11/26/17	Avg
	Maine RT On Pk	31	26	36	22	26			28
	Maine RT Off Pk	18	26	19	18	25	23	14	20
	NH RT On Pk	32	26	36	22	26			29
	NH RT Off Pk	18	26	19	19	25	23	15	21
	Vermont RT On Pk	31	26	36	22	25			28
	Vermont RT Off Pk	18	25	19	19	25	23	15	20
	Connecticut RT On Pk	32	26	36	22	25			28
	Connecticut RT Off Pk	18	25	19	19	25	23	15	21
	Rhode Island RT On Pk	32	26	36	22	25			28
	Rhode Island RT Off Pk	18	26	19	19	25	23	15	21
	NE Mass RT On Pk	32	27	36	22	26			29
	NE Mass RT Off Pk	19	26	19	19	25	23	15	21
	SE Mass RT On Pk	32	27	36	22	26			29
	SE Mass RT Off Pk	19	26	19	19	25	23	15	21
	WC Mass RT On Pk	32	26	36	22	26			29
	WC Mass RT Off Pk	18	26	19	19	25	23	15	21
	New York ISO Real Time Pow	er Pricing B	v Zone (\$/	MWh)					Avg
	Capital RT On Pk	29	30	31	23	25			28
	Capital RT Off Pk	16	19	18	22	19	22	20	19
(h)	Central RT On Pk	28	28	30	21	16			25
Power (\$/MWh)	Central RT Off Pk	14	7	17	21	8	12	17	14
\$/	Hudson RT On Pk	30	31	32	23	23	12	17	28
er (	Hudson RT Off Pk	16	16	18	22	16	20	19	18
§	Mohawk RT On Pk	28	29	30	21	17	20	15	25
م ا	Mohawk RT Off Pk	14	8	17	21	9	13	17	14
	Milwood RT On Pk	30	31	32	23	23	13	17	28
	Milwood RT Off Pk	16	16	18	23	16	20	19	18
	NYC RT On Pk	30	32	32	23	23	20	15	28
	NYC RT Off Pk	16	16	21	23	16	19	20	18
	PJM Real Time Power Pricing			21	23	10	19	20	Avg
	Eastern Hub On Pk	28	26	26	23	25			26
	Eastern Hub Off Pk	23	32	21	23	28	28	28	26
	Western Hub On Pk	27	25	26	23	21	20	20	24
	Western Hub Off Pk	22	31	21	22	22	22	22	23
	PPL Zone On Pk	26	25	25	22	21			24
	PPL Zone Off Pk	22	31	20	22	22	22	22	23
	AEP RT On Pk	27	25	27	23	21			25
	AEP RT Off Pk	23	31	22	24	23	23	23	24
	Chicago RT On Pk	25	24	27	22	18			23
	Chicago RT Off Pk	19	19	21	22	14	14	14	18
	New Jersey Hub On Pk	27	26	26	22	21	14	14	24
	,						22	22	
	New Jersey Hub Off Pk	22	31	21	22	22	22	22	23
	California ISO Real Time Pow								Avg
	SoCal Edison RT On Pk	30	41	45	40	26			37
<u> </u>	SoCal Edison RT Off Pk	26	32	30	25	21	28	27	27
		11/20/17	11/21/17	11/22/17	11/23/17	11/24/17	11/25/17	11/26/17	Avg
2	Henry Hub, LA	3.05	3.05	2.93					3.01
Natural Gas \$/MIMBtu	TZ6, MA	3.21	3.40	3.58					3.39
Į	Algonquin, MA		3.30						3.30
/\$	Chicago Hub, IL	3.03	3.04	2.83					2.97
Gas	New York, NY	2.58	2.85	2.66					2.70
<u>a</u>	Dominion South, PA	2.47	2.52	2.42					2.47
Ħ	Opal Hub, WY	2.78	2.73	2.50					2.67
Ž	PG&E Citygate, CA	3.09	3.03	2.97					3.03
	Kern River Deliveries	2.99	2.86	2.57					2.81
	Kerri Kiver Deliveries	2.55	2.00	2.57					2.01