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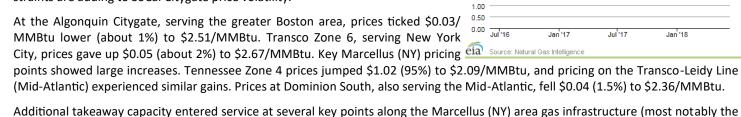
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Near-month natural gas futures prices (Nymex)

Tuesday, June 12th, 2018

# **GENERAL UPDATE**

- Financial gas markets ticked modestly lower with the July 2018 NYMEX forward contract falling \$0.03/MMBtu, roughly 1%, to close the week at \$2.93/MMBtu.
- Physical gas spot prices were mixed as temperatures moderated in some parts of the country. At the Chicago Citygate, prices added \$0.01 (<0.5%) to \$2.67/MMBtu. Prices at PG&E Citygate, which serves customers in the Northern California area, dropped \$0.08 (2.5%) to \$2.95/MMBtu. The price at SoCal Citygate, serving Southern California, fell \$0.34 (almost 11%) to \$2.82/MMBtu. Continuing supply constraints are adding to SoCal Citygate price volatility.
- 0.50 At the Algonquin Citygate, serving the greater Boston area, prices ticked \$0.03/ MMBtu lower (about 1%) to \$2.51/MMBtu. Transco Zone 6, serving New York
- Additional takeaway capacity entered service at several key points along the Marcellus (NY) area gas infrastructure (most notably the Rover Mainline and Transco elements), bringing additional demand to the system.



# **POWER**

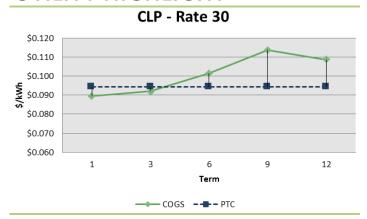
- ERCOT curves continued to trade lower. The 12-month ATC strip in the Houston zone dropped \$4.75 (9%) to \$46.13/MWh. The 24month curve fell \$3.25 (7%) to \$42.97/MWh and the calendar 2019 term fell \$1.10 (2.5%) to \$40.12/MWh.
- PJM curves were modestly higher. The 12-month ATC strip in the PEPCO DC load zone rose \$0.30 to \$38.83/MWh; the 24-month added \$0.05 to \$37.61/MWh and the calendar 2019 strip rose \$0.10 to \$37.16/MWh. Each of these changes was less than 0.5%.
- In New York's Zone J, the 12-month ATC curve rose \$0.50 (1.2%) to \$40.91/MWh; the 24-month strip added \$0.40 (1%) to \$40.60/ MWh, and the calendar 2019 term added \$0.40 (1%) to \$40.04/MWh.
- In the NEMASS load zone the 12-month ATC term rose \$0.45 (1%) to \$43.91/MWh. The 24-month ATC strip traded \$0.25 (0.5%) higher to \$43.64/MWh, and the calendar 2019 curve increased \$0.20 (0.5%) to \$43.05/MWh.

#### **UTILITY HIGHLIGHT**

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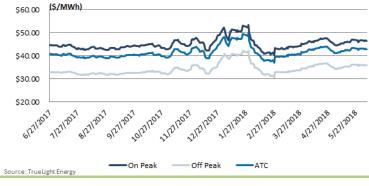
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**CLP** 



The current Price to Compare (PTC) for Eversource, formerly Connecticut Light & Power (CLP), Small Commercial rate class (Rate 30) is \$0.09304/kWh, effective January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. This PTC is projected to increase to \$0.09422/kWh for the July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 pricing period. This is only a 1.27% increase.

#### **CONNECTICUT-12 MONTH STRIP PRICING**



- Over the last week, the CLP ATC 12-month strip was virtually flat, falling by less than a tenth of a percent, finishing at \$42.88/ MWh.
- Since the beginning of the year, the ATC strip has reached a high of \$49.72/MWh on Jan 30, 2018 and a low of \$37.09/MWh on Feb 27, 2018 and has traded between \$39.54/MWh and \$44.02/

## **NATURAL GAS**

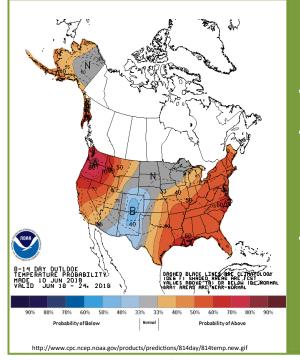
• The EIA reported a net injection of +92 Bcf for the week ending June 1, lower than both the 5-year average (+104) and last year's fill (+103). Estimates of the weekly net injection ranged from + 85 to +98 Bcf, with a median estimate of +93. Working gas stocks totaled 1,817 Bcf, 512 Bcf lower than the 5-year average and 799 Bcf lower than last year at this time.

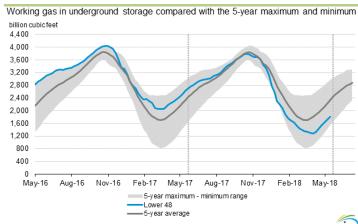
## **SUPPLY & DEMAND**

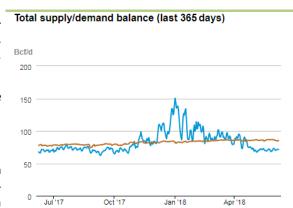
- Total U.S. consumption of natural gas rose 2% for the week. Power burn demand slipped 1%, while residential/commercial consumption jumped 19%.
   Cooler temperatures in New England goosed heating demand on the system. Industrial demand rose 1%, while Mexican exports fell 1%.
- U.S. LNG exports rose. Six LNG vessels (total capacity of 21.8 Bcf) left the Sabine Pass and Cove Point terminals.

# MARKET INTELLIGENCE

- A leaked memo from the Department indicated the DOE, in response to an
  order from the Trump Administration, is exploring a requirement that grid operators purchase coal and nuclear generation. While the scheme has not been
  officially announced, any threat might spook forward prices higher in thermalheavy markets such as PJM, NYISO, and ISONE to a lesser extent.
- The state of New Jersey recently overhauled its renewable goals, increasing its renewable portfolio standards (RPS) to 50% by 2030 which will initiate large investment into renewables via the form of a revamped SREC (solar renewable energy certificate) program and the establishment of an OREC (offshore wind certificate) program. This comes on the heels of the state's subsidization of two PSEG nuclear power plants. Both events will likely increase New Jersey electricity prices in the forward market.







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Total consumption

Total supply

#### WEATHER

- Temperatures in the Lower 48 states averaged 73°F, 7° higher than normal and last year at this time.
- Above average temperatures dominate the landscape in the short-term. While the extreme advisories are gone from the South and Southwest, we can still expect some triple-digit areas for Texas. The Central Plains and East are well above average with high levels of humidity, so it will feel like summer all around. These kinds of conditions create volatile precipitation on the margins, so look for above average rainfall as well.
- A strong summer ridge builds in the Pacific Northwest next week with plenty of humidity and rain pushing ahead of it. The Upper Plains, Midwest and Ohio River Valley are all in store for above average precipitation. The East Coast will trend hot and humid as well, but with less frequent storm conditions.

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