

Price Envelopes for European Gas

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Market Tightness is Inadequate Criteria for Division of European Gas History into Periods



Source: Adapted from Timera Energy

1) 'Global gas glut' (Jun '08 – Dec '10) only strengthened European gas prices despite the LNG flood. European gas prices just followed oil price recovery prior to Fukushima.

2) 'Fukushima tightness' (Mar '11 – Dec '14) gave no special momentum to gas price developments: erratic fluctuations of gas prices completely ignored outflow of large LNG volumes from Europe.

3) 'Oversupply and price convergence' (Dec '14 – current): although gas prices start to weaken prior to September 2014 due to abnormally warm Q1 2013, their collapse coincided with oil price drop on the market which has already rebalanced itself.

Use of market tightness indicator for periodization of European gas history creates parallel reality. It drives to an absurd conclusion that oversupply leads to higher prices.

Inter-Fuel Competition Defines Upper and Lower Price GAZPROM Range Levels for Natural Gas



Source: Gazprom Export

Gas Price Corridor Width is Determined Mainly by Oil Price Volatility and Stretched from 0.8 MMBTU in 1998 to 15 MMBTU in 2012



Source: BP, Gazprom Export





Oil Price Sets a Resistance Level for Natural Gas Prices





Coal Price Sets a Support Level for Natural Gas Prices





Depressed NA Natural Gas Prices are Competitive with 'Expensive' Grades of Coal Only

Average fossil fuel spot prices (\$/MWh), February 2016 – February 2017



a Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration derived from Bloomberg Energy

* Coal and natural gas prices compared on an equivalent energy content and efficiency basis



Competition with Other Hydrocarbons Locks Natural Gas in Price Envelope



Hub Natural Gas Price Navigation in Europe





Bouy#1. Prices of Long-Term Supply Contracts set a Strong Resistance Level for Hub Prices in Europe





Bouy #1. Hub-Based Gas Prices in Europe Move in Tandem with Oil/Quasi Oil-Indexed Contract Prices



Source: BAFA, Bloomberg, World Bank

Even if oilindexation elements are being substituted by hub ones, prices of LTCs exercise strong influence over hub prices and are setting up a trajectory for their movement by acting as "price anchor". Hub prices are therefore not independent: they are derivatives of the contract prices that set a baseline trend for their behavior. Supply and demand only mutate their changes

Bouy #1. Extreme Weather Conditioned Pushed TTF Prices above BAFA for Nearly Two Months



Source: BAFA, Bloomberg



Bouy#2. ACER 2016 Report: Correlation between Oil and Gas Prices is High







Source: Platts (2015) and ACER calculations.

Note: A six-month forward-lag is used for gas in the comparison with oil prices, which is the usual practice in the indexation formulas of gas long-term contracts.



Bouy #2. Correlation and Regression Analysis Indicates that TTF Price Dependence on Oil Prices is Increasing

Correlation (TTF MA, USD/mcm)	Time period	Brent, USD/barrel	Oil Price: Six month moving average	Oil Price: Nine month moving average
	2008-2016	76.6%	85.5%	83.3%
	2008-2013	69.9%	84.7%	81.9%
	2014-2016	79.5%	87.3%	88.7%
R Squared (TTF MA, USD/mcm)	2008-2016	58.6%	73.1%	69.4%
	2008-2013	48.9%	71.8%	67.1%
	2014-2016	63.2%	76.3%	78.6%

This effectively means that NA shale breakeven costs which emerged as the major determinant for global oil prices are setting price rage for European hub prices



\$/MMBTU

	Henry Hub	115% plant losses	Ship- ping to Europe	Regas	Toll Fee	Short- run Mar- ginal Costs	Total costs	NBP MA
Feb-17	2,82	3,24	0,67	0,40	2,37	4,31	6,68	6,36
Jan-17	3,26	3,75	0,67	0,40	2,37	4,82	7,19	6,58
Dec-16	3,58	4,12	0,67	0,40	2,37	5,18	7,55	5,83
Nov-16	2,50	2,88	0,67	0,40	2,37	3,94	6,31	6,19

Full costs of US LNG delivered to Europe are higher than prices on the European hubs (NBP). NA LNG deliveries are profitable on short-run marginal costs.

* *P* = *HH* forwards * 115% + liquefaction + shipping to Europe + regasification Sources: Bloomberg, Wood McKenzie

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Bouy#3. Outlook for NA LNG Export to Europe





Full costs of US LNG delivered to Europe are higher than European hub prices on a forward curve, although are profitable when tolling fees are excluded.

* P = HH forwards * 115% + liquefaction + shipping to Europe + regasification

Sources: Bloomberg, Wood McKenzie

Growing Importance of Forward Market Compared to Prompt Market: Trading Volumes by Utilities/Midstreamers are Higher than Gas Consumption



Overcontraction as Factor of Hub Price Degradation





*Demand Includes import contracts and indigenous production Source: Cedigaz, Eurostat, IEA, Gazprom Export LLC Database

Illusion of Oversupply Created by Monetization of Contract Commitments on the European Forward Market



There is Need to Rebalance Market by Eliminating Paper and Physical Gas Disconnect







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