

# The Ever Changing Natural Gas Market

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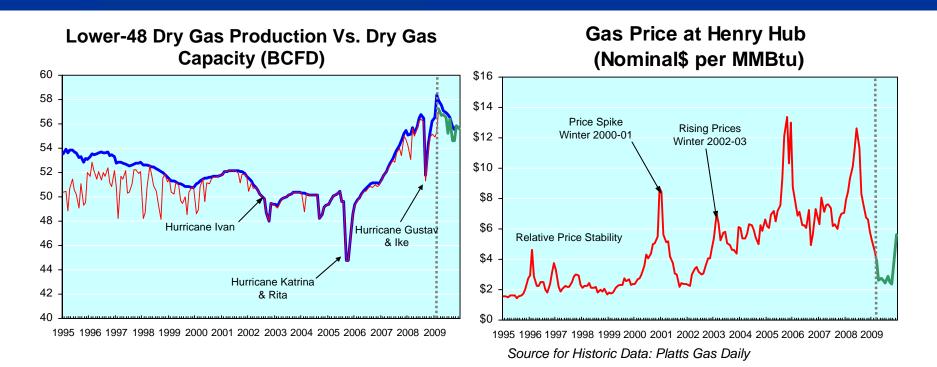
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Note: Unless otherwise referenced, all conclusions and results are based on ICF's gas market fundamentals analysis.



## **The Natural Gas Balance**

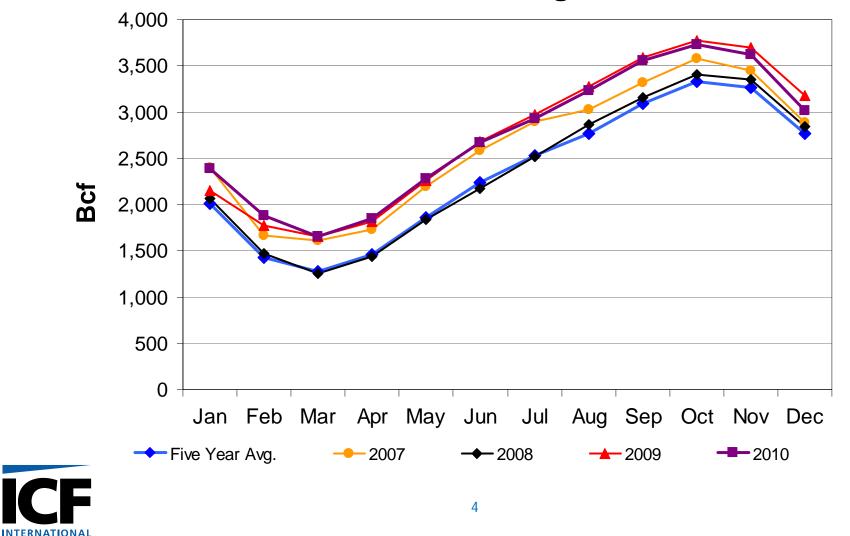


The recent downturn in the economy will lead to a relatively looser balance between supply and demand over the next year or so.



## **Recent Gas Storage Trends**

**U.S. Working Gas** 



### Have Recent Market Events Changed ICF's Views?

- No, recent events have bolstered our views!
  - Recent price volatility demonstrates that a tight supply/demand balance has been in place.
  - While the economic downturn and new gas supplies such as production from shales has loosened the balance in the nearterm, expected demand growth, especially in the power sector, will lead to a tighter balance in the long-term.
- In the long run, new supplies will be needed to meet demand growth.



### **Important Demand Assumptions in ICF's Projection**

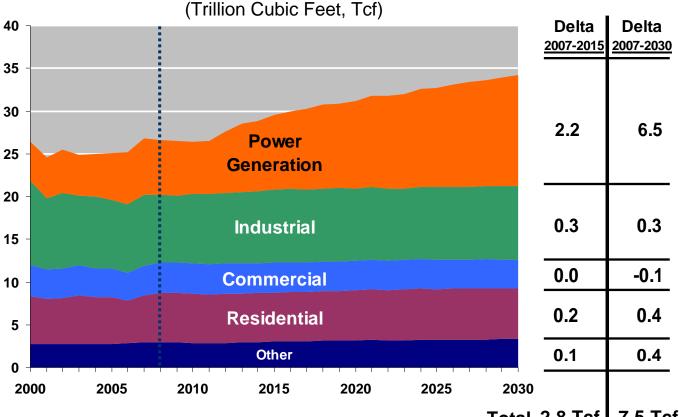
- In the long-run, U.S. and Canada economic activity continues at levels consistent with levels observed during the past 20 years.
  - A recession is assumed for 2008 and 2009. We assume U.S. GDP growth averages -0.8% in 2008 and -2.4% in 2009, with proportional changes in U.S. industrial production and Canadian GDP.
  - The economy bounces back in Q2 2010 to 4.0% growth, and then stabilizes at 2.8% in Q3 2010, which continues throughout the rest of the projection.
- Carbon policy is enacted.
  - Assumed policy is consistent with Waxman-Markey.
- Adoption of DSM programs and conservation and efficiency trends continue, consistent with most recent historical trends.



## **Gas Demand Outlook**

The North American gas market may be best characterized as a "demand leads supply market" after economic growth resumes.

- The recent economic downturn will delay growth for a few years.
- Gas consumption in the power sector will grow substantially.
  - Over 400 GW's of new gas-fired generating capacity in the U.S. will be used to satisfy increasing electric load.
- Almost no growth in other sectors.
- When necessary, priceinduced demand reductions will balance the market.



#### **U.S. & Canada Gas Consumption**



Total 2.8 Tcf 7.5 Tcf

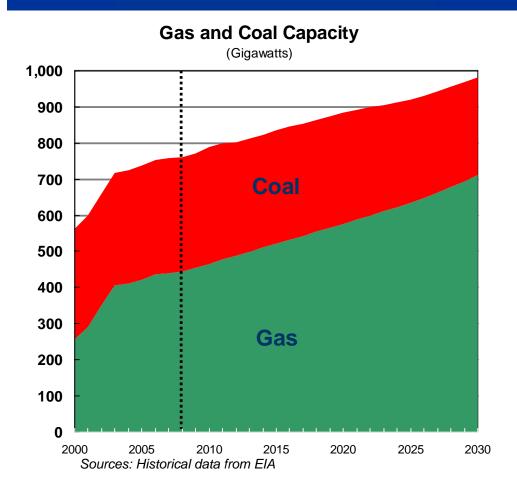
### What Drives Growth in Gas-Fired Power Generation?

- Since 1997, over 200 Gigawatts of new gas-fired capacity has been constructed.
  - Gas-fired plants have continued to be favored due to relatively low capital costs and favorable pollutant emissions versus coal plants.
- Gas is an important bridge fuel for carbon policy.
  - Generation from existing coal plants is likely to remain the same or decline.
  - Carbon policy is likely to limit the growth in coal capacity.
  - Coal with carbon sequestration is too costly to be considered a viable option until after 2020.
- Generation from renewables grows at a rapid pace, but is not sufficient to entirely satisfy incremental electric load growth.
  - This is mostly driven by state RPS specifications. The development is further enhanced by carbon policy.
- Significant growth in nuclear generation is not expected until after 2020, and even uncertain then.
- No significant changes in hydroelectric capacity or generation.

A large portion of the incremental growth in electricity demand during the next 15 years will likely be met by gas-fired generation.



## **U.S. Coal and Gas-Fired Capacity**



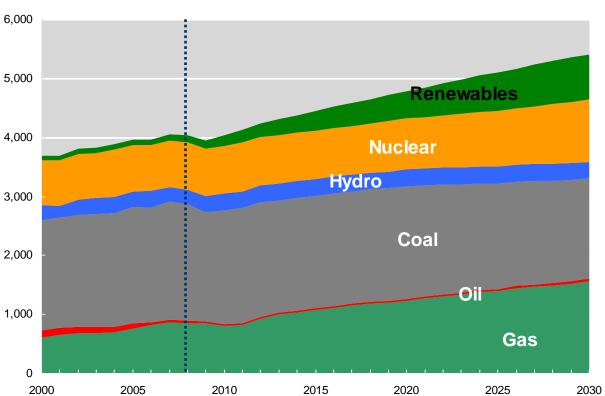
- Over 200 GW of new gasfired combined cycle and combustion turbine capacity has been added since 1997.
- The expansion pace has recently slowed and will continue at a similar pace going forward as gas generation is used to meet a significant portion of incremental electricity demand.



## **Gas-Based Generation**

 In the next twenty years, gas-fired generation will grow to almost 30 percent of total generation.

Gas Generation as Percent of U.S. Total Generation 2006: 20% 2017: 25% 2030: 29%

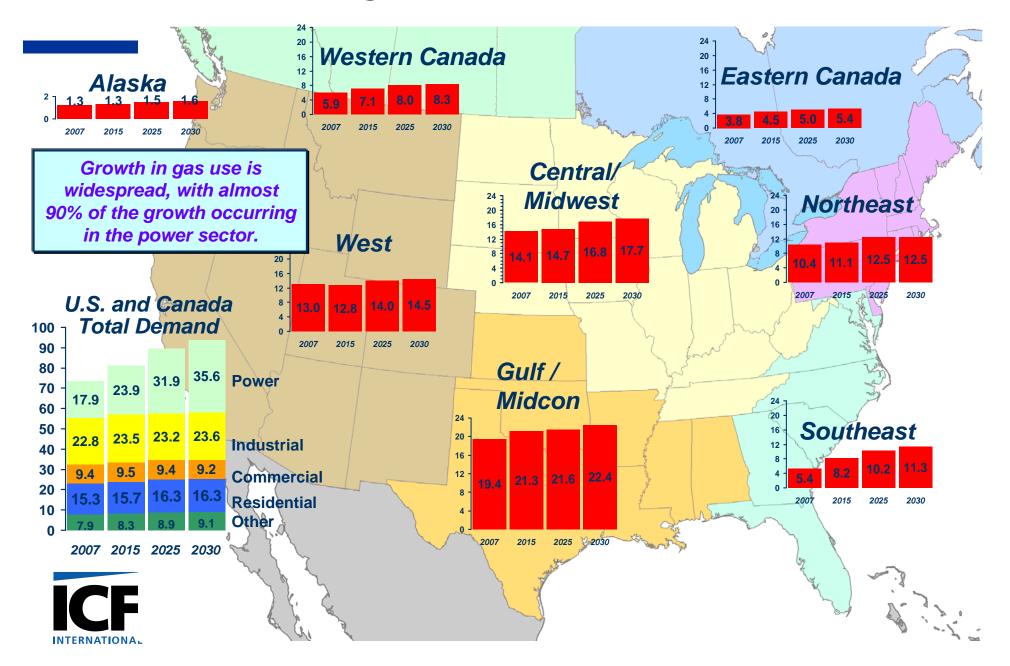




(Billion kilowatthours)



### U.S. and Canada Regional Gas Demand (Bcf per day)

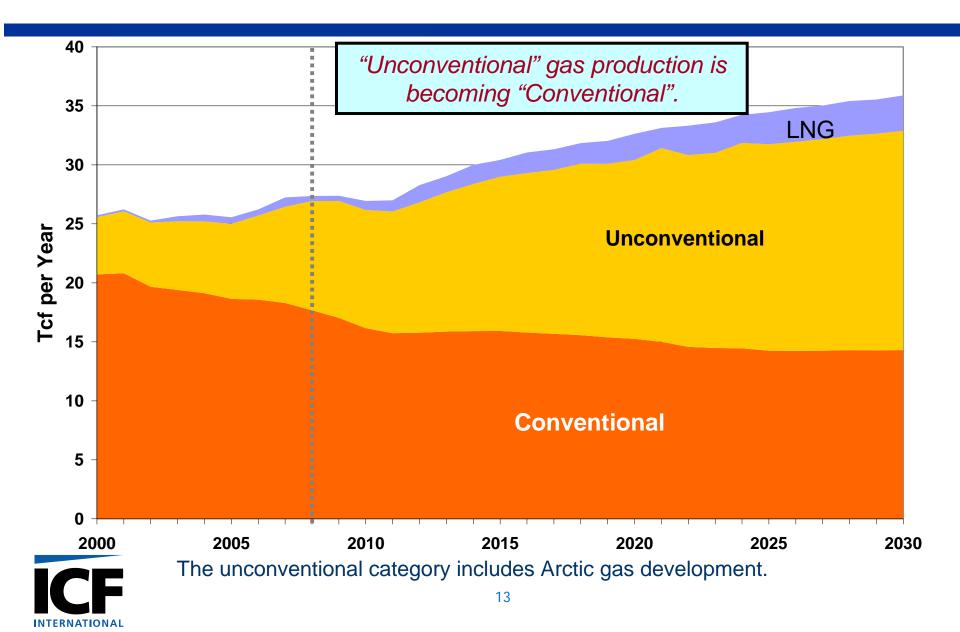


## **Summary of Gas Demand**

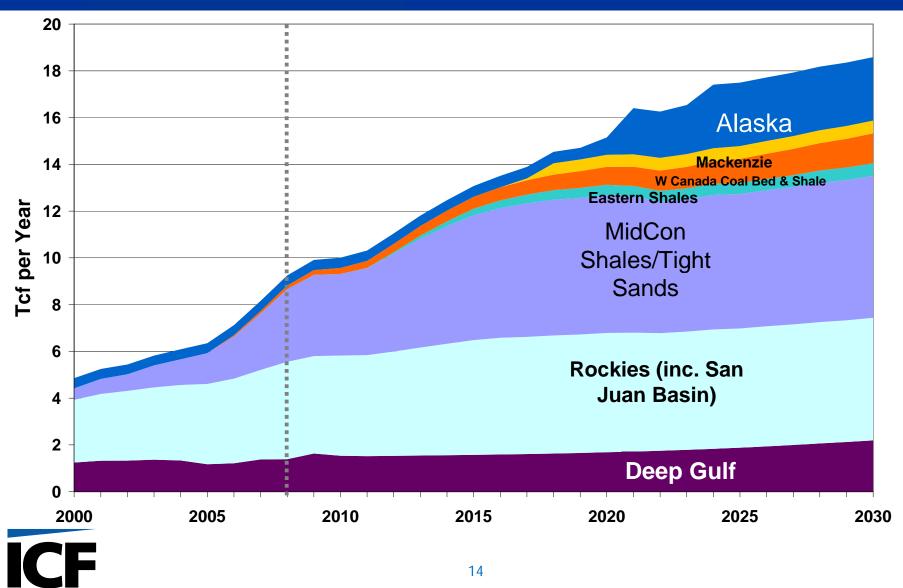
- The recent economic downturn will delay growth in gas demand by a few years.
- Significant growth is expected after the next few years, particularly in the power sector.
- Growth will occur with or without carbon policy, but greater growth is expected with carbon policy.
- Growth outside of the power sector will be more modest. DSM, conservation, and efficiency will limit opportunities for growth.



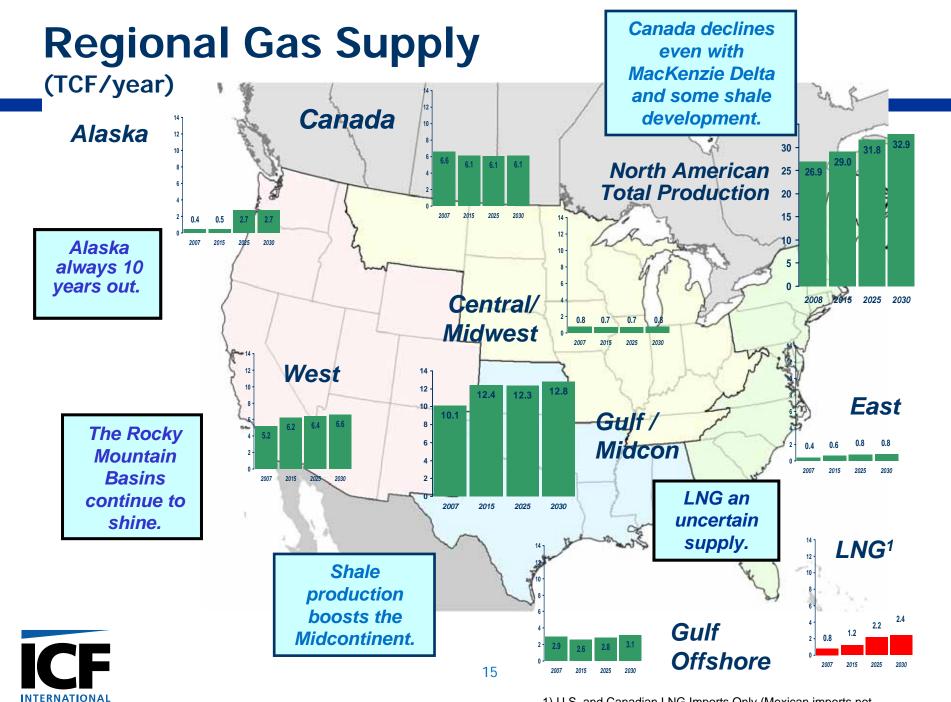
## **U.S. and Canada Natural Gas Supply**



### **Unconventional and Arctic Natural Gas Supplies**



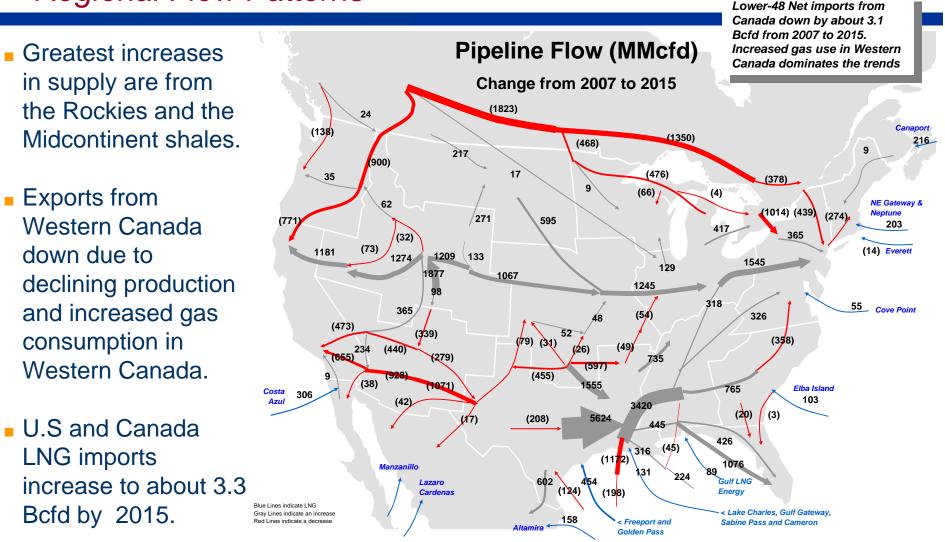
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1) U.S. and Canadian LNG Imports Only (Mexican imports not included )

### New Gas Supplies Affect Regional Flow Patterns

## 2007-2015

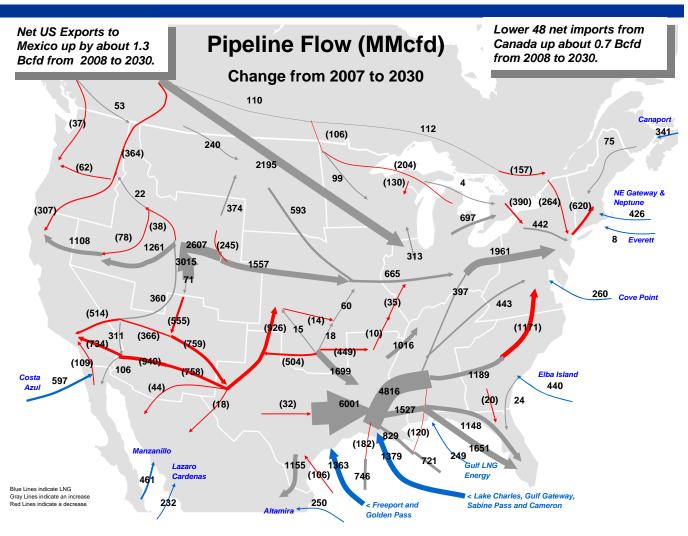




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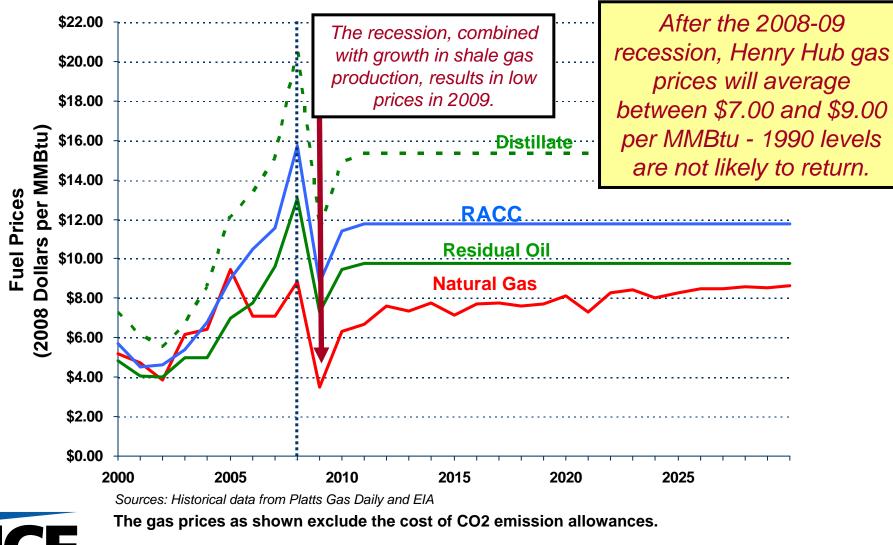
### 2007-2030

- Greatest increases in supply are from the Rockies and the Midcontinent shales.
- Net exports from Western Canada are only up about 0.7
  Bcfd, despite 7 Bcfd of Alaskan and Canadian Arctic gas development.
- U.S and Canada LNG imports increase to around 6.6 Bcfd by 2030.

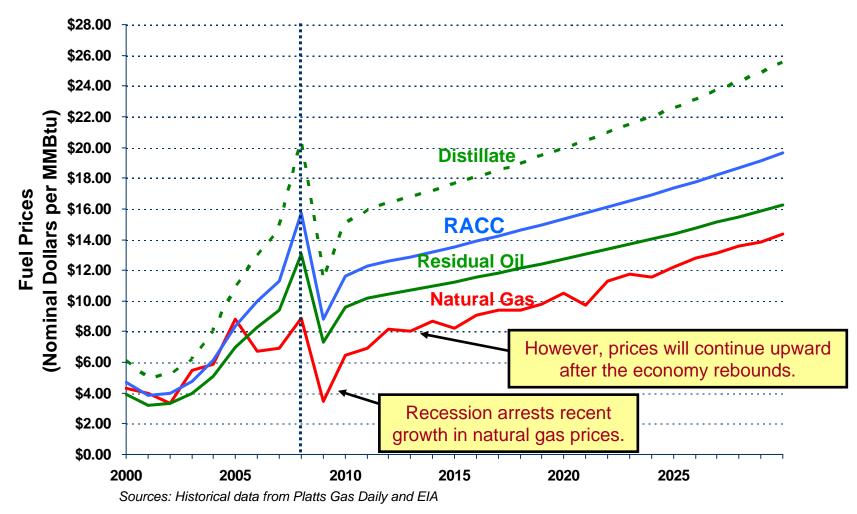




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## **Projected Regional Price Differentials (Basis)**

	Basis in 2008 \$/MMBtu			Basis in Nominal \$/MMBtu		
	2002 to	2007 to	2016 to	2002 to	2007 to	2016 to
	2006	2015	2030	2006	2015	2030
Henry Hub to NYC	0.97	1.00	1.14	0.88	1.04	1.63
Henry Hub to Dominion North Point	0.84	0.55	0.63	0.76	0.58	0.90
Henry Hub to Dominion South Point	0.43	0.41	0.53	0.39	0.44	0.75
Henry Hub to Chicago	-0.10	0.09	0.08	-0.09	0.10	0.11
Henry Hub to Dawn	0.14	0.44	0.58	0.13	0.47	0.82
Henry Hub to South Florida	0.52	0.59	0.90	0.47	0.62	1.29
AECO to Chicago	0.97	0.90	1.06	0.88	0.95	1.50
Opal vs Henry Hub	1.34	1.39	1.16	1.22	1.44	1.65
Opal to Dominion North Point	2.18	1.94	1.79	1.98	2.02	2.55
Opal to Dominion South Point	1.77	1.80	1.69	1.61	1.87	2.41
Opal to Southern California	0.72	1.04	0.90	0.65	1.08	1.29
Southern California vs Henry Hub	0.62	0.35	0.25	0.57	0.36	0.36
Midcontintent vs Henry Hub	0.58	0.48	0.27	0.54	0.49	0.39
East Texas vs Henry Hub	0.29	0.15	0.12	0.27	0.15	0.16
San Juan Basin vs Henry Hub	1.19	0.73	0.58	1.08	0.76	0.82



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## Conclusions

- In 2009, natural gas prices will be lower than in recent years due to the recession.
- However, natural gas prices will rebound as the economy rebounds.
- After the economy rebounds, natural gas consumption is likely to grow, with significant growth in gas-based power generation.
- Shale gas development will be significant.
- Alaska gas and LNG imports are important sources of natural gas supply.
- Henry Hub gas prices are likely to average between \$7.00 and \$9.00 per MMBtu in real terms after next year.
  - But, high levels of gas price volatility are likely to continue, so at any particular point in time gas prices could be significantly outside this range.





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