

Smart Energy Initiative

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The 2015 Energy Briefing



Contemporary Energy Issues in the Mid-Atlantic Region

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About the Kleinman Center

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The Center's inward facing goals include enhancing educational and career opportunities for students, and increasing academic research efforts into energy policy and technology issues.

The Center's outward facing goals include providing nonbiased information to policymakers on critical energy issues.



Major Energy Developments

- Unconventional Natural Gas Development
- Electric Power Sector Transition
- Appalachian Coal Downturn
- Unconventional Shale Oil Supply, Transport and Processing



From shortfalls...

- Limited Natural Gas Supply
 - High prices in the 2000's
 - Price volatility (gas prices correlated to oil prices)
 - Increased pressure on gas imports





Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



...to surplus!



based on data from var

Natural Gas Gross Withdrawals and Production



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U.S. dry shale gas production

40 Marcellus (PA & WV) 35 Haynesville (LA & TX) Eagle Ford (TX) 30 Fayetteville (AR) 25 Barnett (TX) Woodford (OK) 20 Bakken (ND) Antrim (MI, IN, & OH) 15 Utica (OH, PA & WV) 10 Rest of US 'shale' 5 0 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014

shale gas production (dry) billion cubic feet per day

Sources: EIA derived from state administrative data collected by DrillingInfo Inc. Data are through December 2014 and represent EIA's official shale gas estimates, but are not survey data. State abbreviations indicate primary state(s).

figure data



Impacts?

• Environmental Risks?

- Air, land, water and waste

- Export market development?
- Market for new pipelines?
- New wet and dry gas industries?
- Consumer savings?
- Distribution system upgrades?



Philadelphia Energy Hub

- What does this mean?
 - Large scale pipeline
 - Creation of new market center or "Hub"
 - Expansion of local and regional end use markets and other opportunities for natural gas









24 U.S. Market Centers "Hubs"



- Provides pipeline interconnections and relieves congestion
- Market center and pricing of gas
- Improves transport and balancing



Image courtesy of U.S. EIA

Electricity Market Transition





Regional Electric Power Market Changes



Major Themes:

- **Gas is Up** Impact of low natural gas prices combined with ramping up previously underused installed gas capacity.
- Coal is Down Coal losing market share

Data from PJM-EIS Generation Attribute Tracking System



Policies Impacting Regional Electricity Market

- Environmental Regulations on Power Plants
 - Carbon, mercury, ozone, cross state pollution, CCR and other rules
 - Pollution control investments required
 - What will happen with the Clean Power Plan?
- PJM Capacity Market Changes
 - 3 year forward market to secure capacity and promote investment in new electric power resources.
 - PJM's proposal to make market changes is pending with FERC.
 - Likely to lead to cost increases associated with securing resource adequacy.



Policies Impacting Regional Electricity Market

- Demand Response Programs
 - Legal challenge to DR as a wholesale resource has vacated primary policy (FERC 745) driving the market. Request for Supreme Court review is pending.
 - If vacature remains, then compensation for DR will be reduced and DR resources will likely decrease.

• Winter Peak Load

- Increased gas demand for electricity when homes and businesses also need gas for heat.
- Polar Vortex price increases, reliability issues
- Natural gas and electricity market coordination



Appalachian Coal



Image courtesy of www.coaleducation.org



Why the Downturn?

Deeper seams that are more expensive to access.

Average weekly coal commodity spot prices

(dollars per short ton)

Week Ended	Central Appalachia 12,500 Btu, 1.2 SO ₂	Northern Appalachia 13,000 Btu, <3.0 SO ₂	Illinois Basin 11,800 Btu, 5.0 SO ₂	Powder River Basin 8,800 Btu, 0.8 SO ₂	Uinta Basin 11,700 Btu, 0.8 SO ₂
16-Jan-15	\$53.06	\$63.15	\$45.32	\$11.55	\$38.13
23-Jan-15	\$53.06	\$63.15	\$45.32	\$11.55	\$38.13
30-Jan-15	\$53.06	\$63.15	\$45.32	\$11.55	\$38.13
6-Feb-15	\$53.06	\$63.15	\$45.32	\$11.55	\$38.13
13-Feb-15	\$53.06	\$63.15	\$42.32	\$11.55	\$38.13

Source: With permission, SNL Energy

Note: Coal prices shown are for a relatively high-Btu coal selected in each region, for delivery in the "prompt quarter." The prompt quarter is the quarter following the current quarter. For example, from January through March, the 2nd quarter is the prompt quarter. Starting on April 1, July through September define the prompt quarter. In the column headings, the Btu value is per pound and the SO₂ value is percent per pound. The historical data file of spot prices is proprietary and cannot be released by EIA; see SNL Energy 2.



Why the Downturn?



Figure MT-60. Coal production by region in the Reference case, 1970-2040

- Retirement of older coal plants
 - Driven by low natural gas prices and EPA regulations.
 - These older plants relied on lower-sulfur, higher priced Appalachian coal to meet emissions requirements.
 - Remaining coal plants have scrubbers and can use higher sulfur, lower priced Interior region coals.







Big Savings for Drivers!

24 Month Average Retail Price Chart





Big Business for Philadelphia





Local Complications of Crude-by-Rail



• Lac-Megantic Rail Disaster: freight train carrying Bakken crude oil derailed, causing explosion and fire. 47 people died.

- 1/21/14 Bakken oil car derails over Schuylkill River, near South Street Bridge.
- 1/31/15 11 rail cars of Bakken oil derailed in south philly.



Regional Energy Game Changers!

What about state policy changes from new PA Governor?

- Corbett and Wolf clearly, there are differences between policy position and preferences, e.g.
 - Taxation of shale gas
 - Gas development on state park land
 - Climate change
- Details of new administration priorities and initiatives are not yet disclosed.



Thank you

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