

OE ENERGY MARKET SNAPSHOT

Western States Version – February 2010 Data

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Office of Enforcement
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
March 2010

Special Report:

Agenda Update

- Order 720A
- Electric Transparency Notice of Inquiry
- Credit Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Order 720A Promotes Greater Transparency in Gas Markets

- Commission voted to reaffirm and clarify Order No. 720 at January meeting
- Requires most “non-interstate pipelines” that deliver ≥ 50 million MMBtu (Bcf) annually to post daily scheduled flows at receipt and delivery points on a publicly accessible website
 - Postings to occur for receipt and delivery points with design capacity $\geq 15,000$ MMBtu/d
- Exemptions primarily for:
 - 1) Pipelines that deliver < 50 million MMBtu (Bcf) annually
 - 2) Pipelines that deliver more than 95% of natural gas directly to “retail end-users” (primarily LDCs)
 - 3) Pipelines that fall entirely upstream of a processing or treatment plant (primarily gatherers)
 - 4) Storage providers
 - 5) Pipeline owned or operated by end-users
- Requires interstate pipelines to post no-notice service

Link: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-1546.pdf>

Electricity Market Transparency NOI

The Commission is seeking comment on whether it should extend the EQR filing requirements to publicly owned utilities, municipal utilities, public utility districts, rural cooperatives, and federal entities in order to improve:

- Ability to monitor power sales for market power and manipulation
- Ex Ante analysis (granting MBR authority)
- Ex Post analysis

Additionally, the Commission is seeking comment on whether FERC should consider other refinements to the existing EQR filing requirements including:

- Reporting the trade date and type of rate;
- Reporting resale of financial transmission rights in secondary markets;
- Standardizing the unit for reporting energy and capacity transactions; and
- Omitting the time zone from the contract section of the EQR.

Comments are due March 30, 2010.

Link: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2010/012110/E-3.pdf>

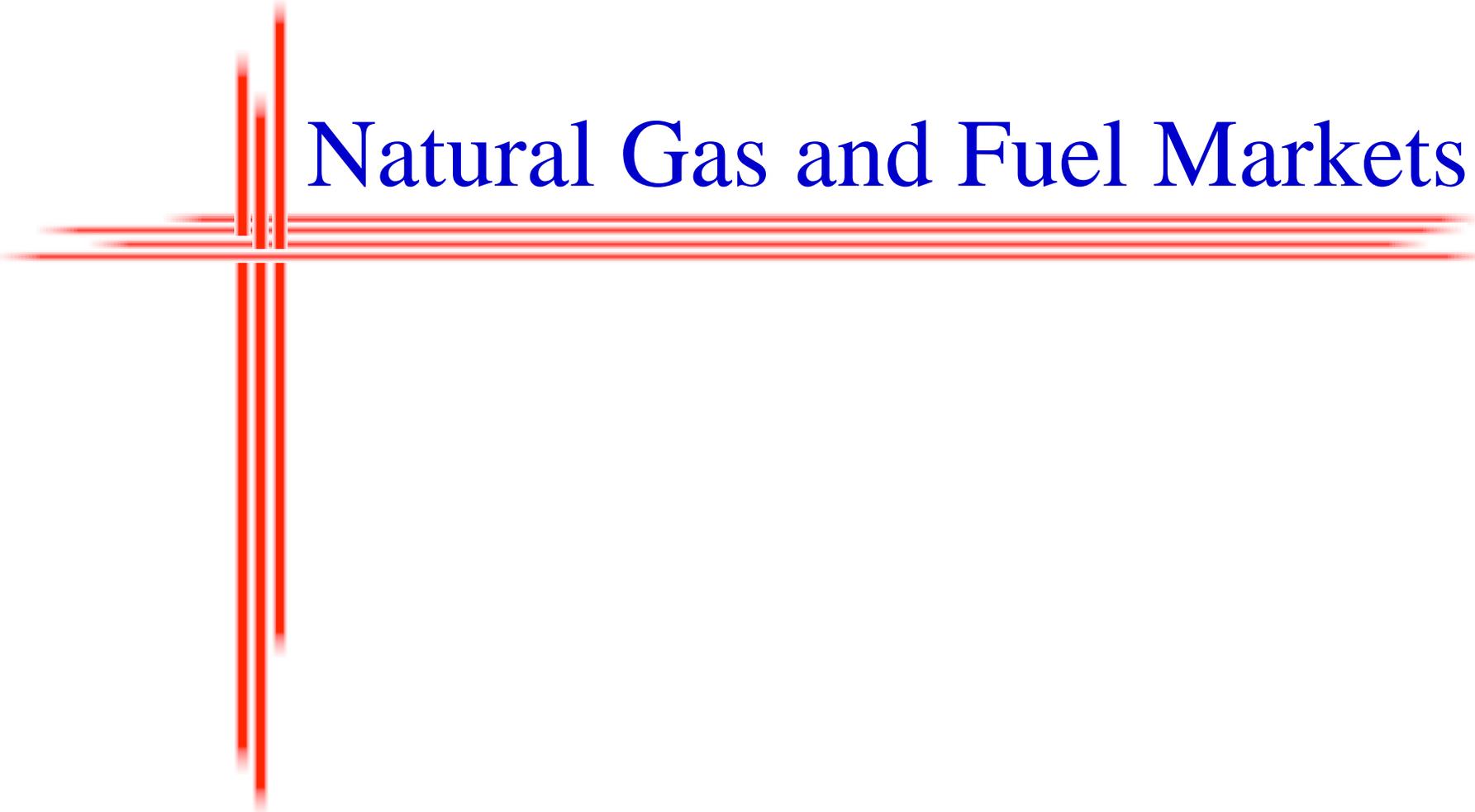
Credit Reforms in Organized Wholesale Electric Markets

The Commission is seeking comment on the following proposals:

- Shorten the settlement cycle to no more than seven calendar days with no more than an additional seven calendar days for final payment;
- Limit unsecured credit to no more than \$50 million per market participant in energy markets and eliminate unsecured credit in Financial Transmission Rights (FTR) markets; Clarify the ability of market administrators to offset amounts owed to market participants against amounts owed by market participants and to manage defaults;
- Establish minimum participation criteria for market participants;
- Specify circumstances in which a market administrator may invoke “material adverse change” to require a market participant to post additional collateral;
- Limit time period allowed for posting additional collateral when additional collateral is requested; and
- Whether the credit reforms should be applied differently to certain market participants depending on their characteristics.

Comments are due March 29, 2010.

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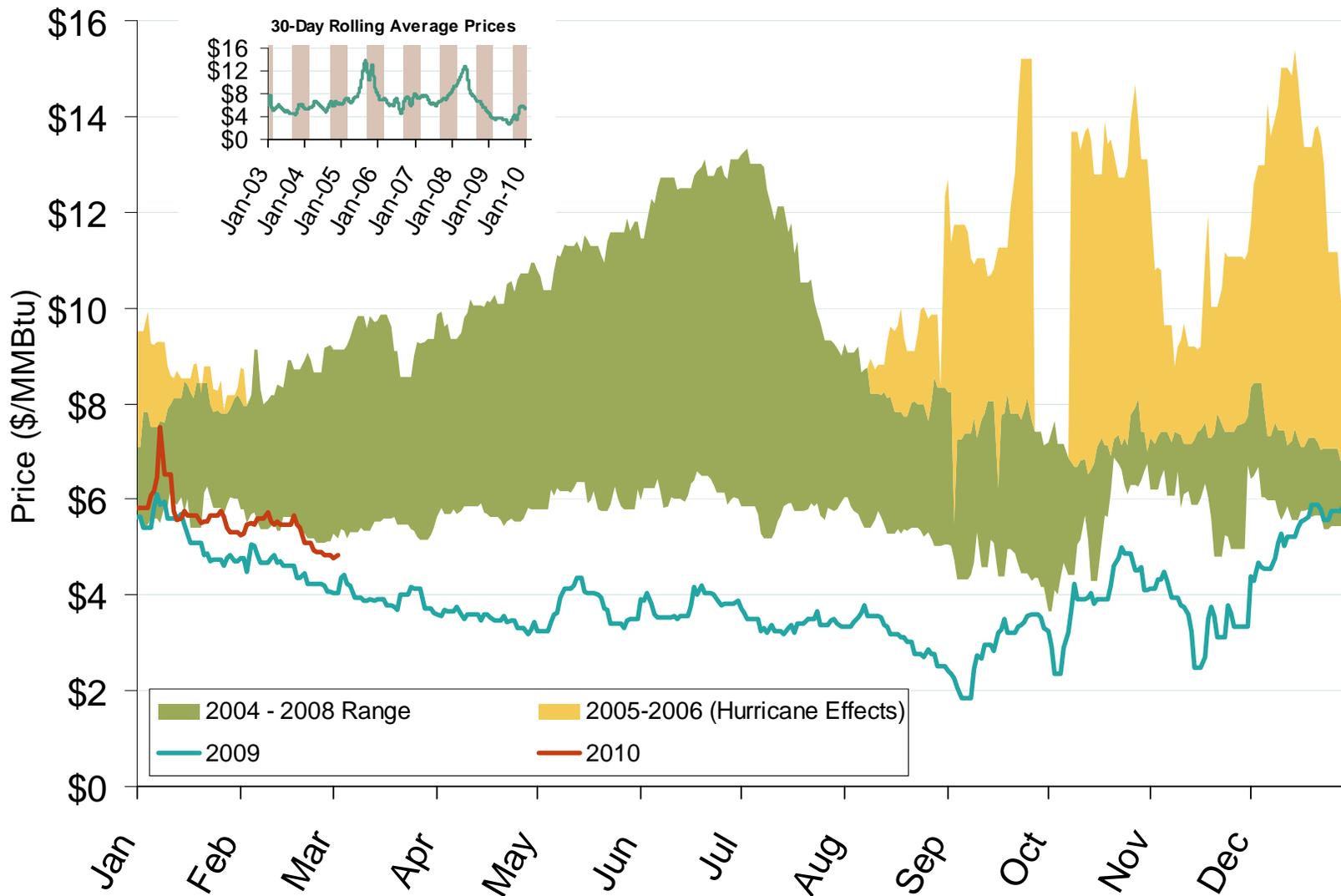


Natural Gas and Fuel Markets

Natural Gas Market Overview: 5 Year Range of Henry Hub Spot Prices

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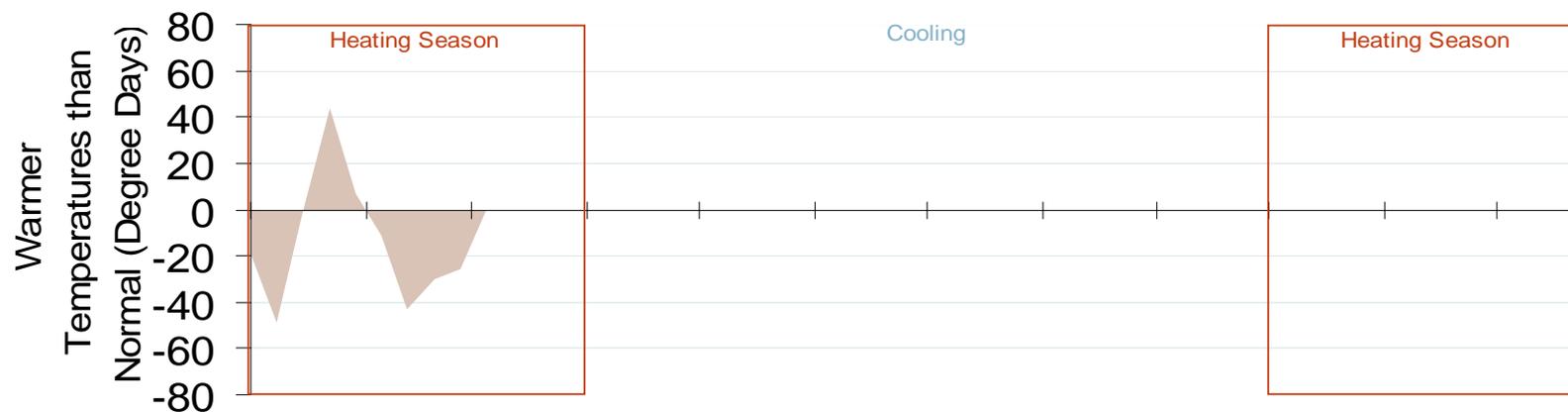
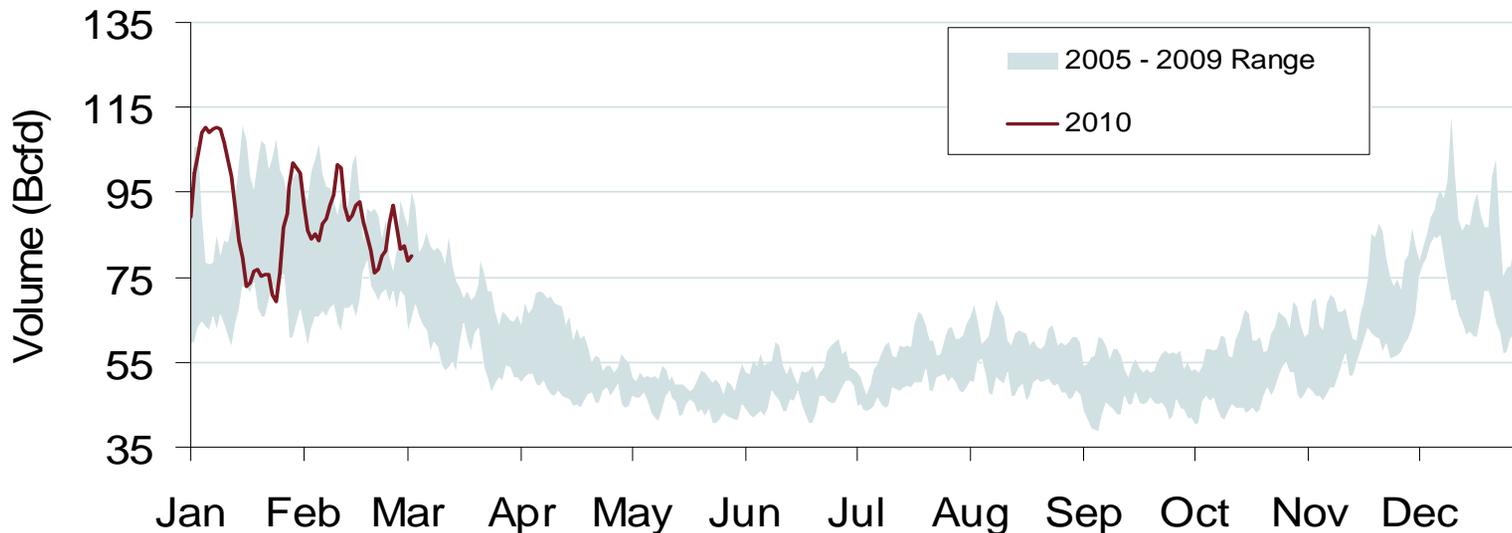
Henry Hub Natural Gas Daily Spot Prices



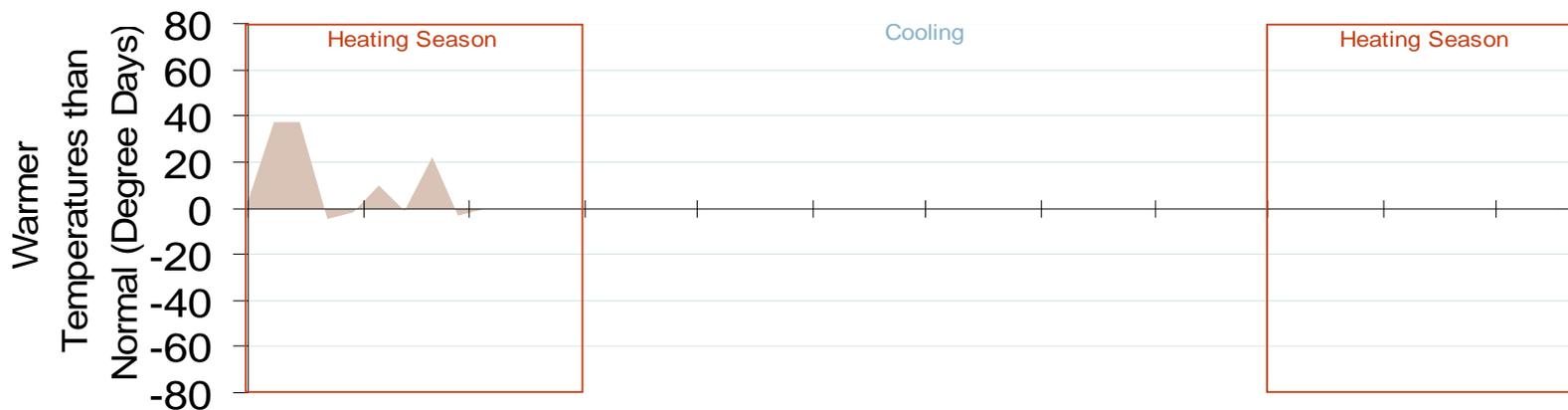
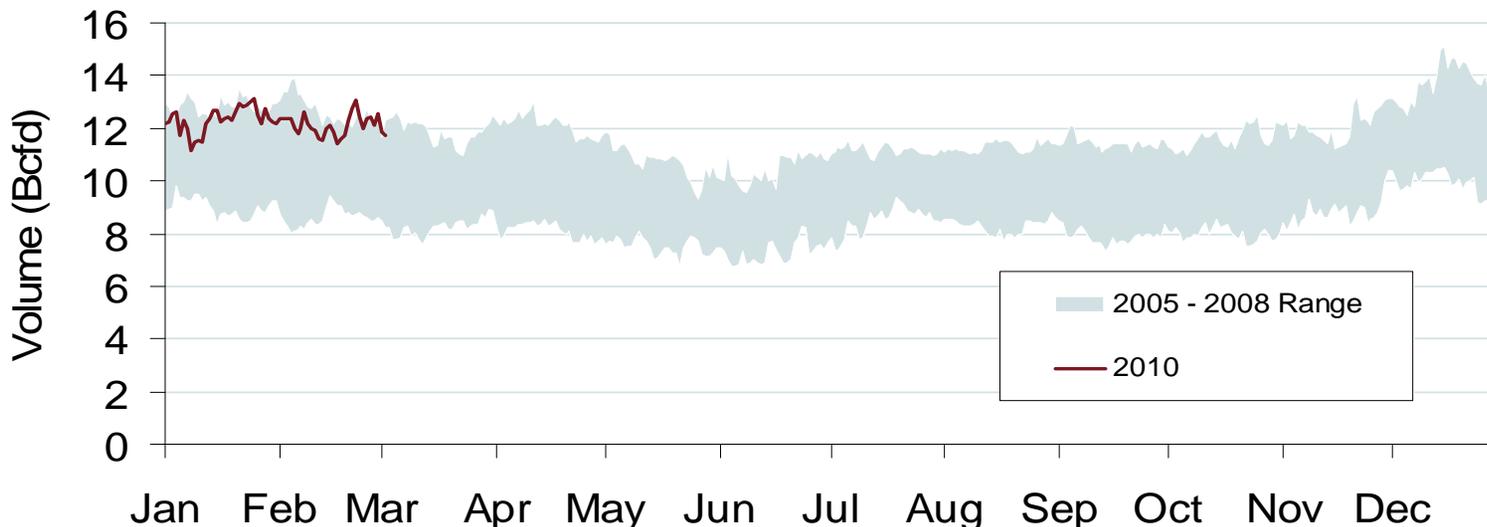
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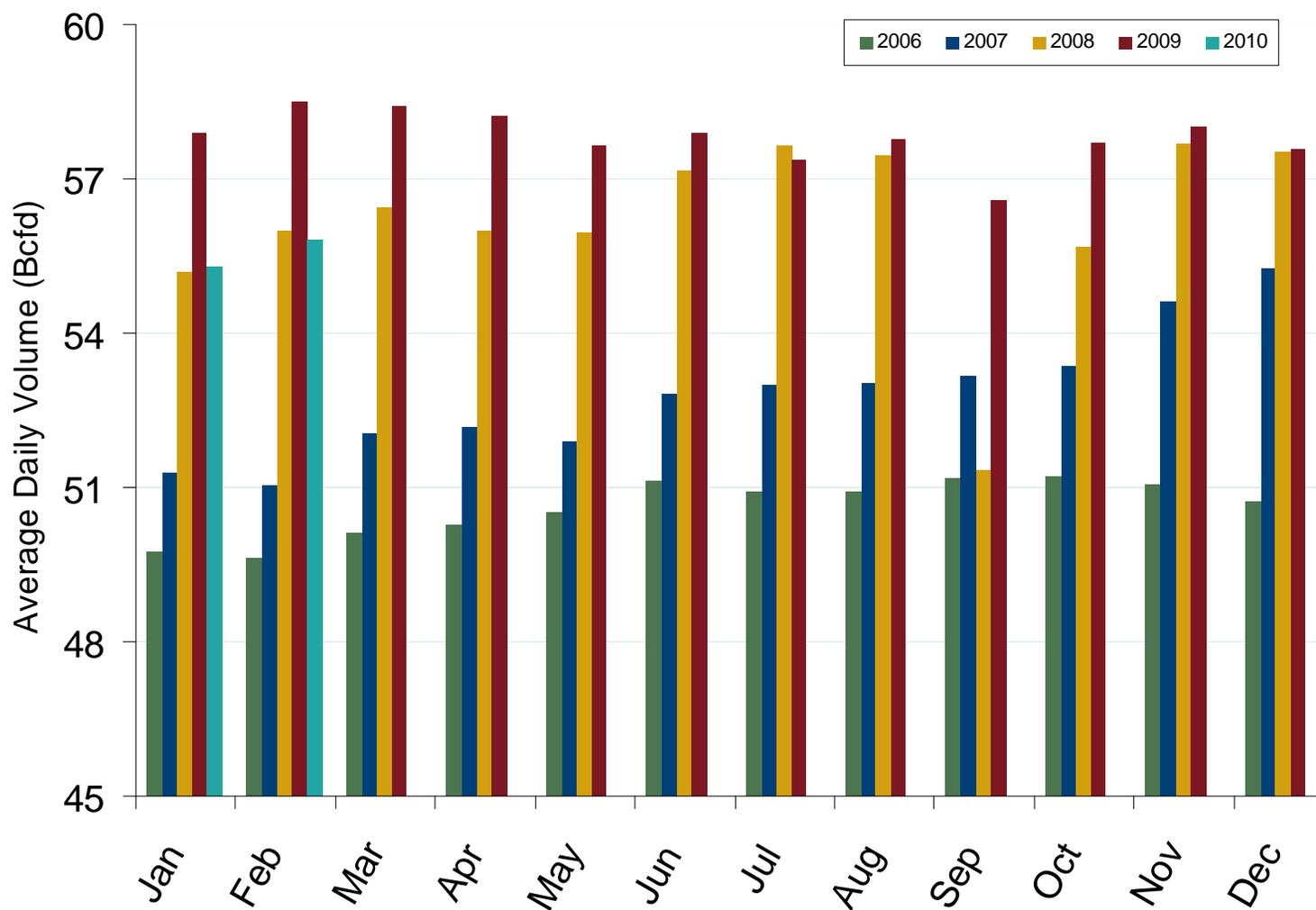
Total U.S. Natural Gas Demand (All Sectors) and Temperatures



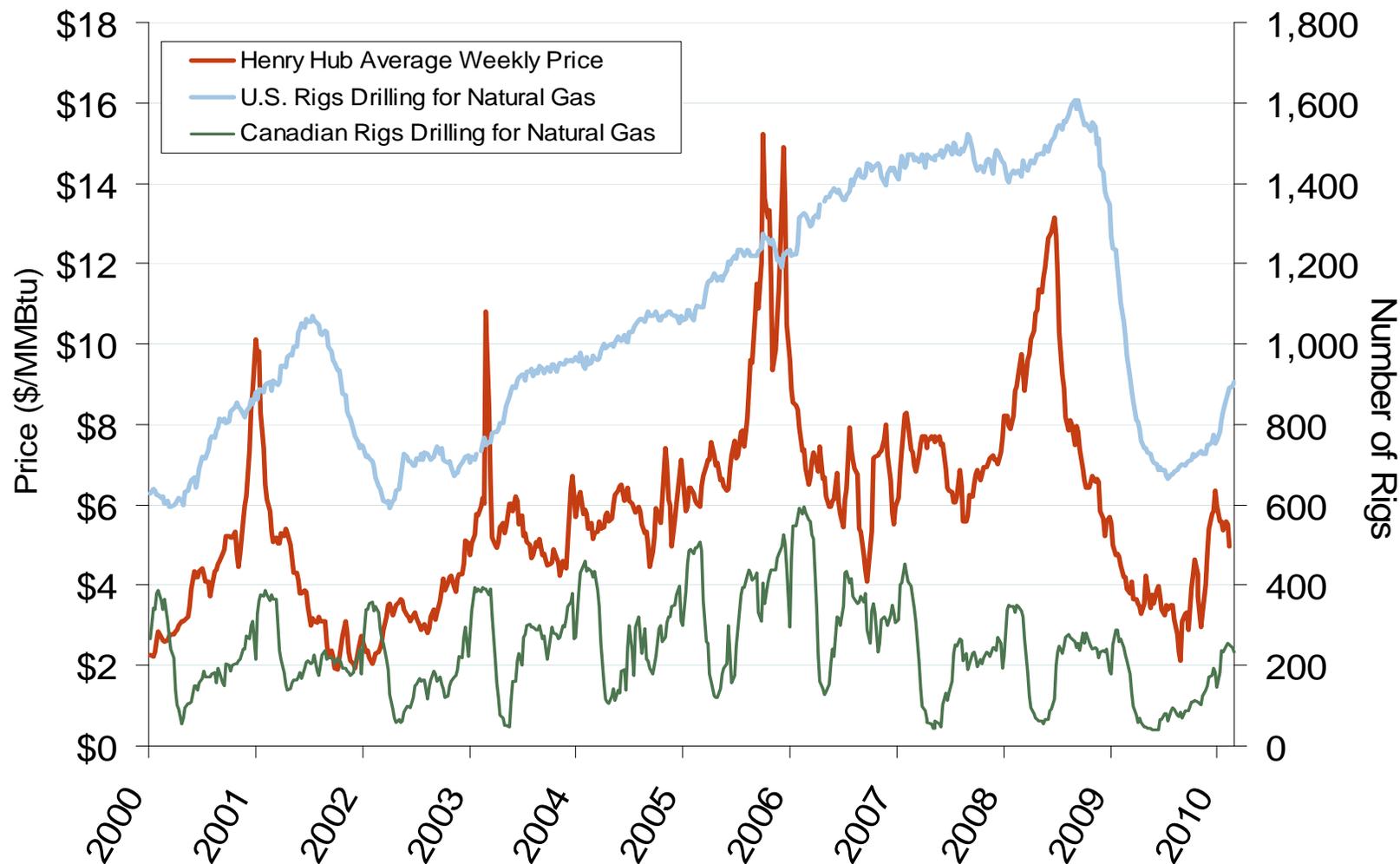
Daily Western Natural Gas Demand All Sectors



U.S. Dry Gas Production



U.S. and Canadian Natural Gas Drilling Rig Count and Daily Spot Prices

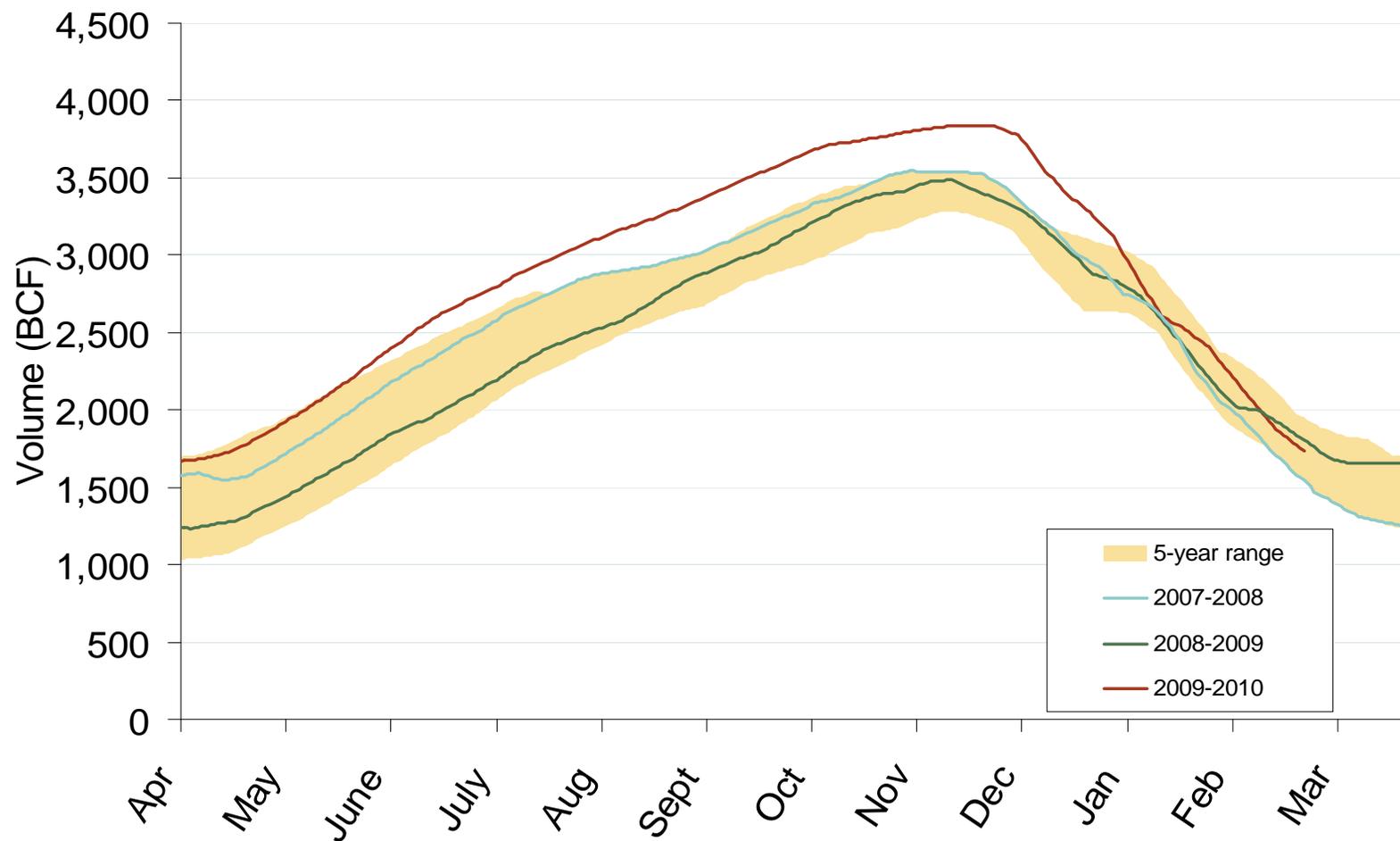


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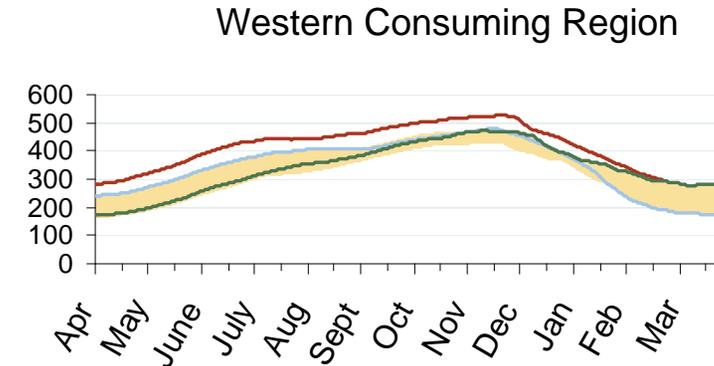
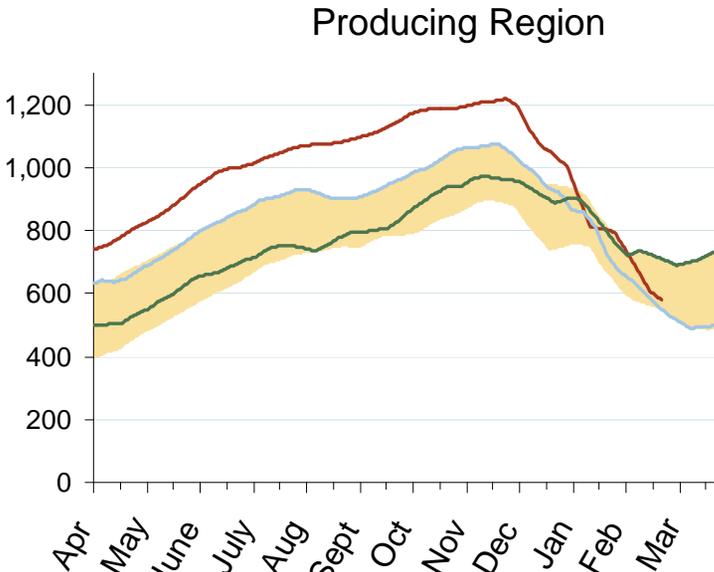
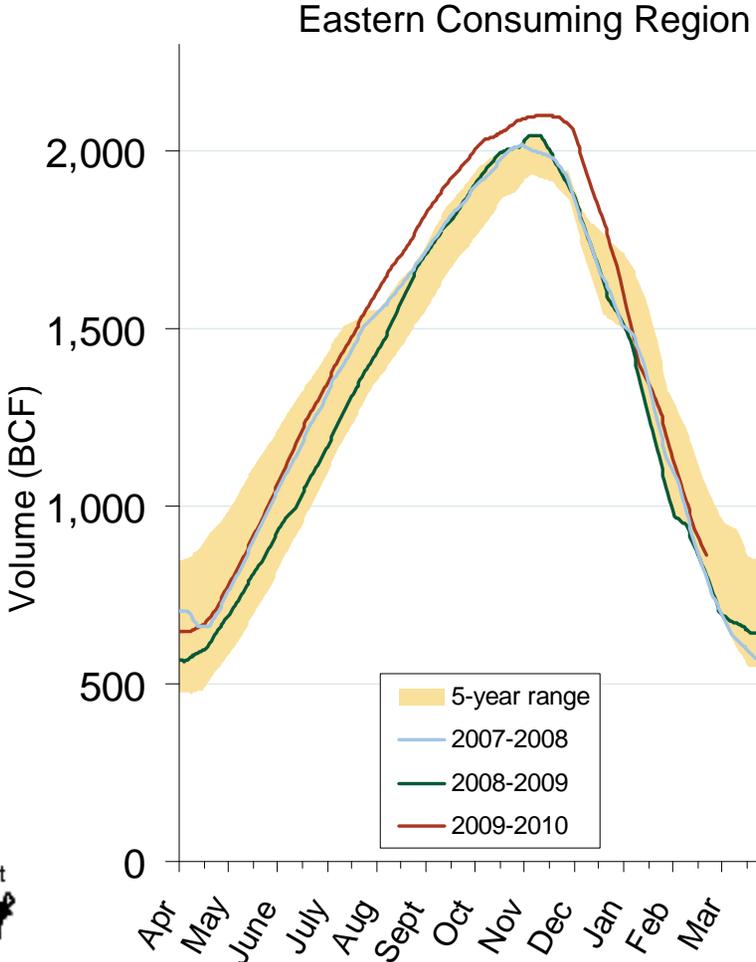
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Total U.S. Working Gas in Storage



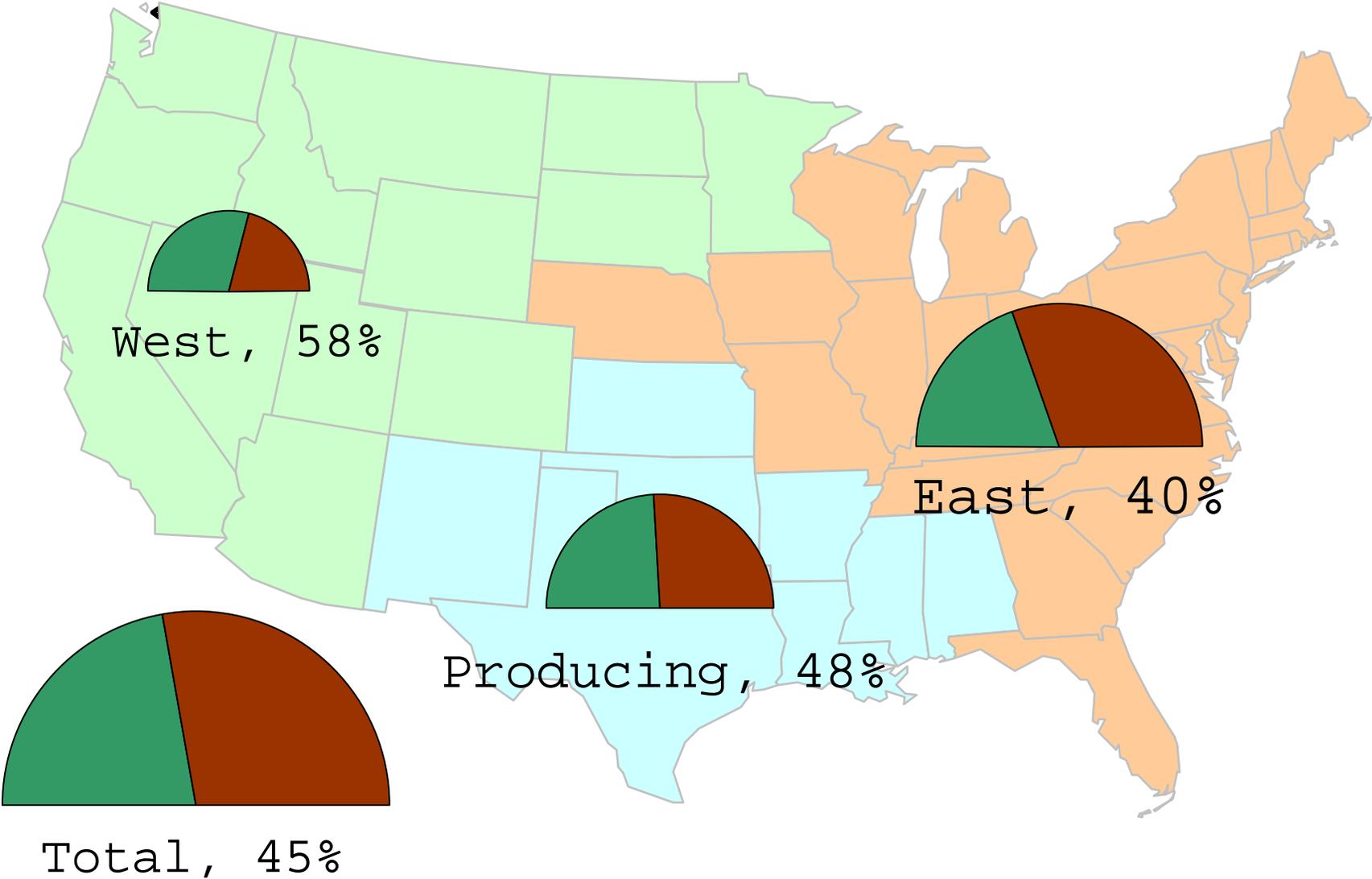
Regional Totals of Working Gas in Storage



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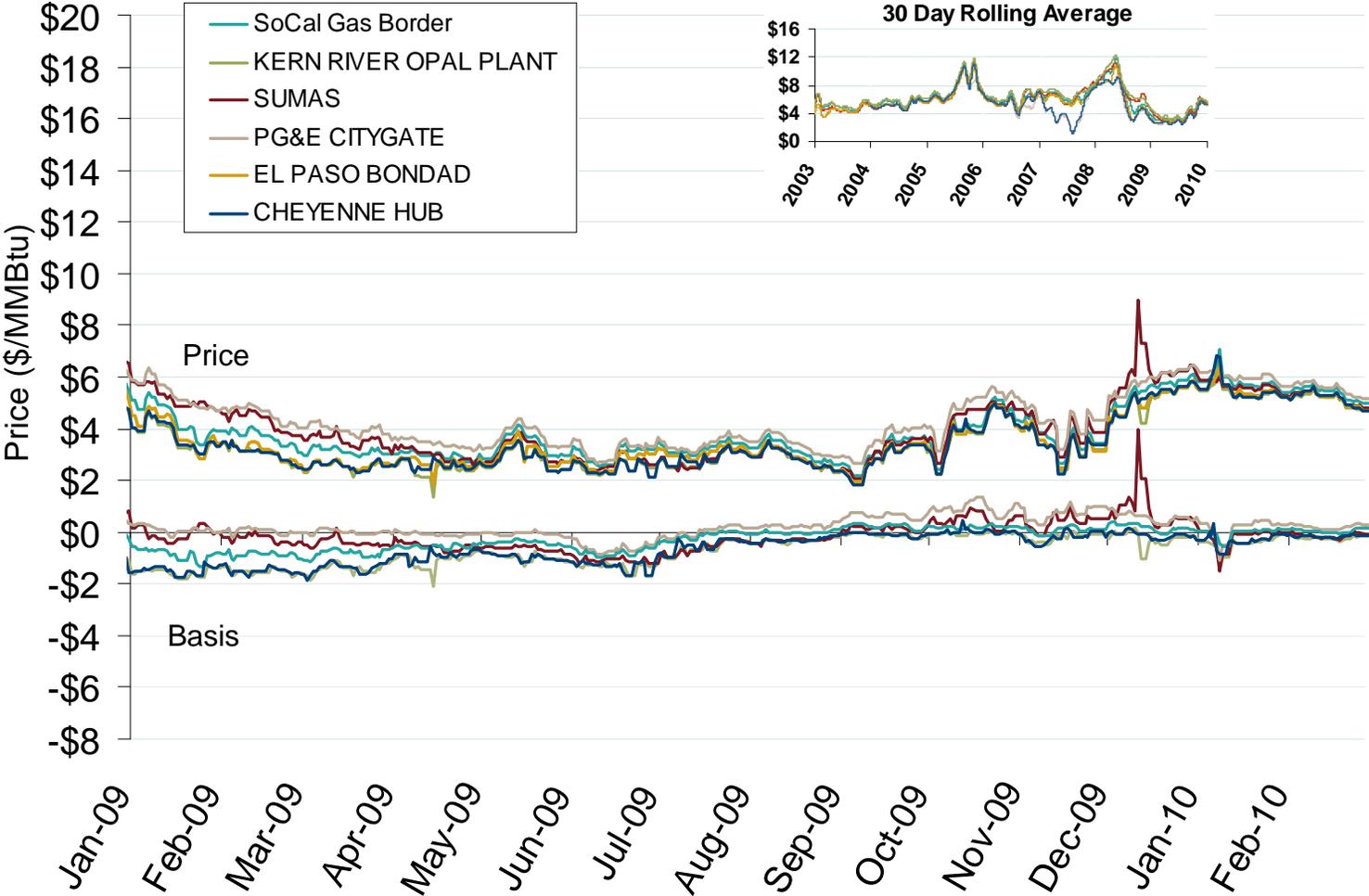
Natural Gas Storage Inventories – February 26, 2010



Source: Derived from EIA Storage and Estimated Working Gas Capacity data.
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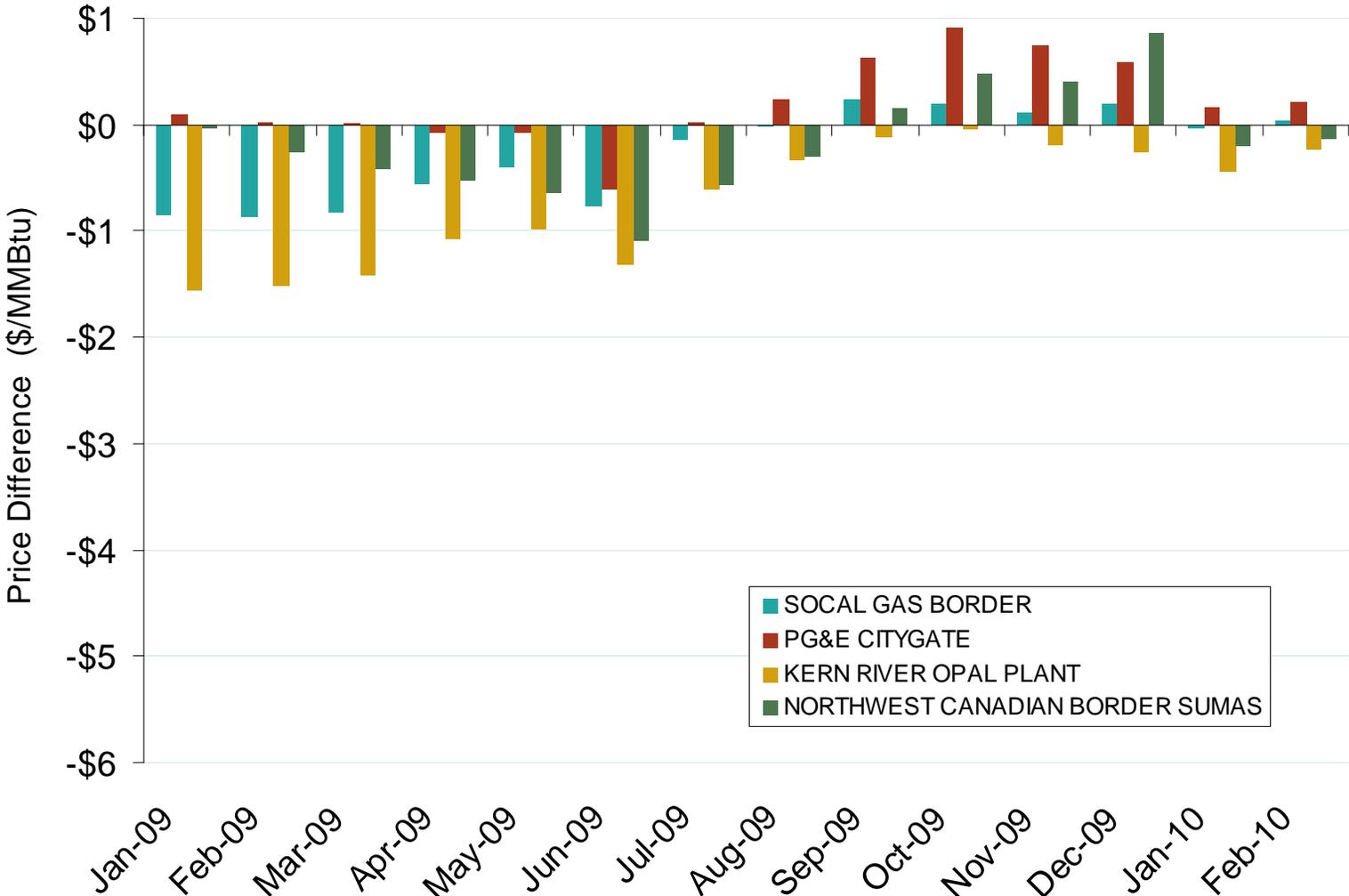
Western Day-Ahead Hub Spot Prices and Basis



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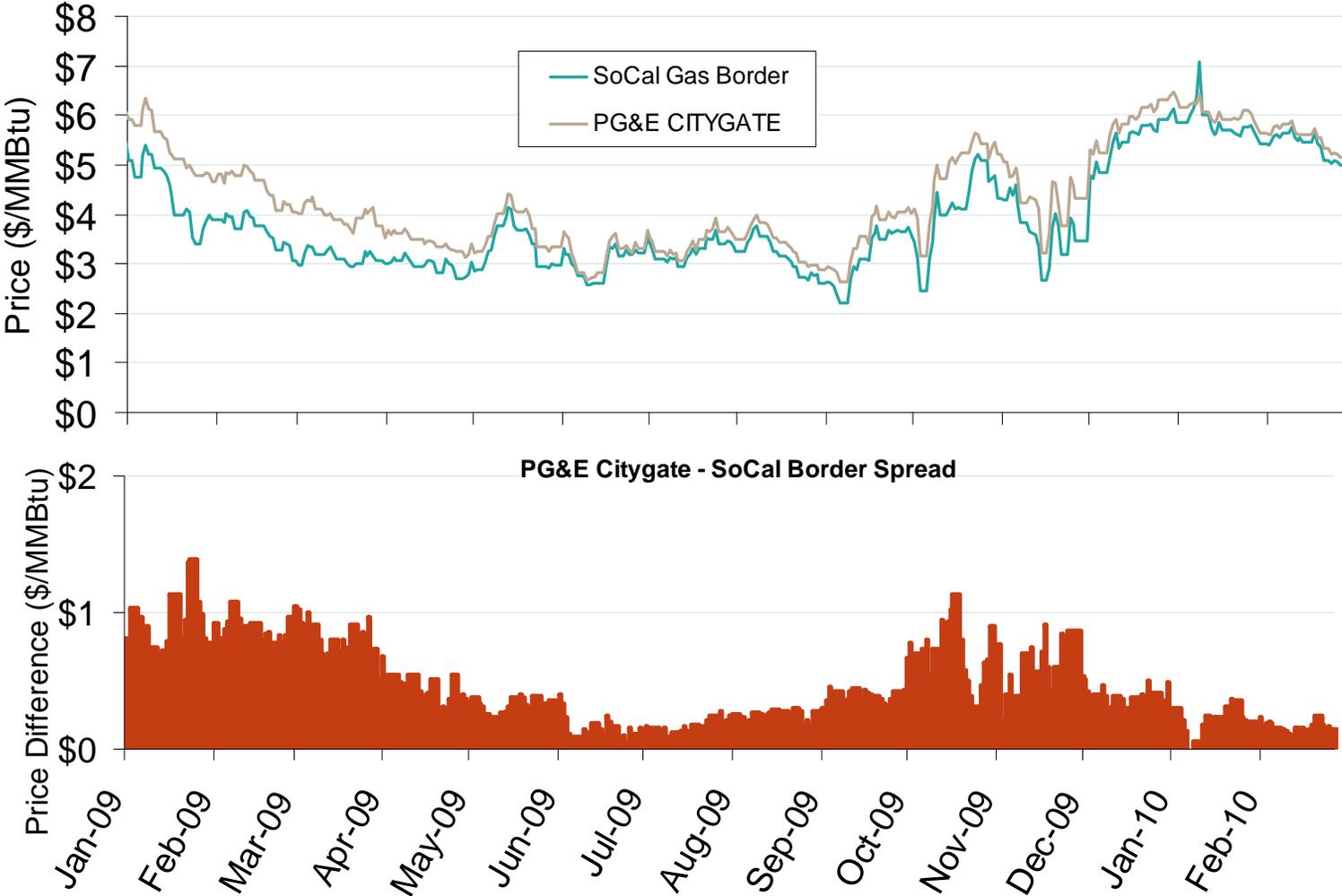
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Western Monthly Average Basis Value to Henry Hub



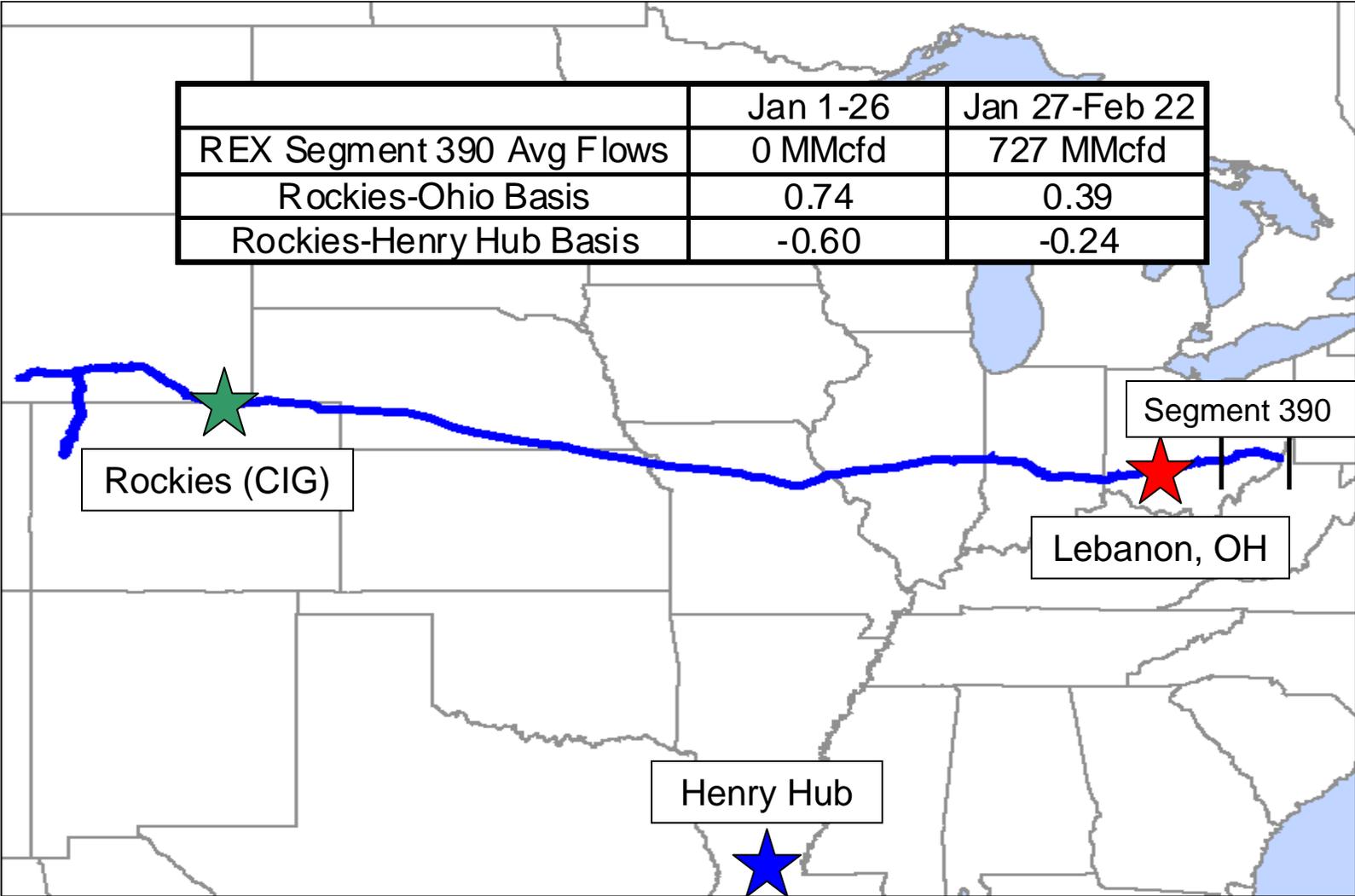
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Difference in Northern and Southern California Daily Spot Prices



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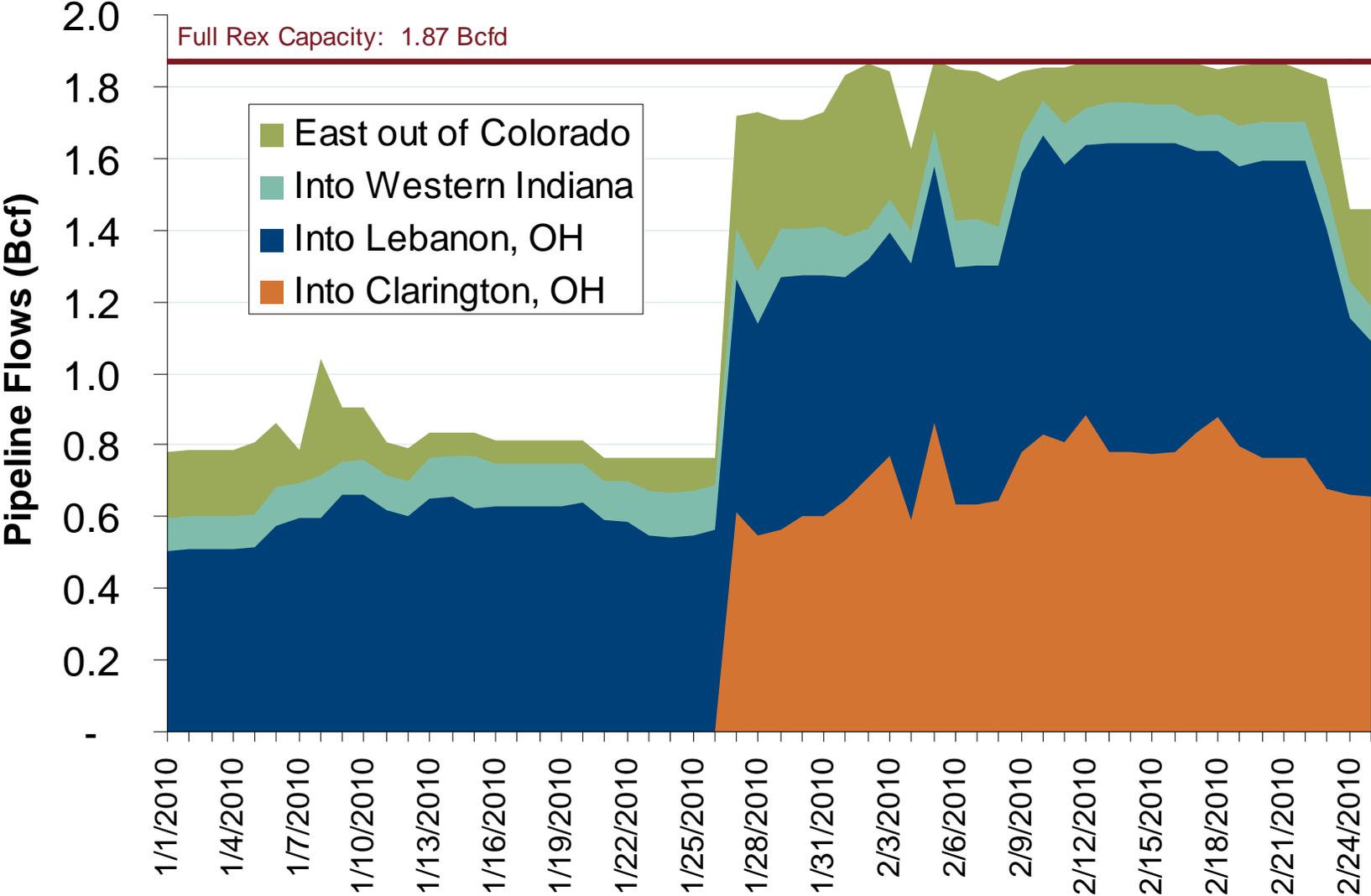
Rockies Express-East Segment 390 Returns to Service



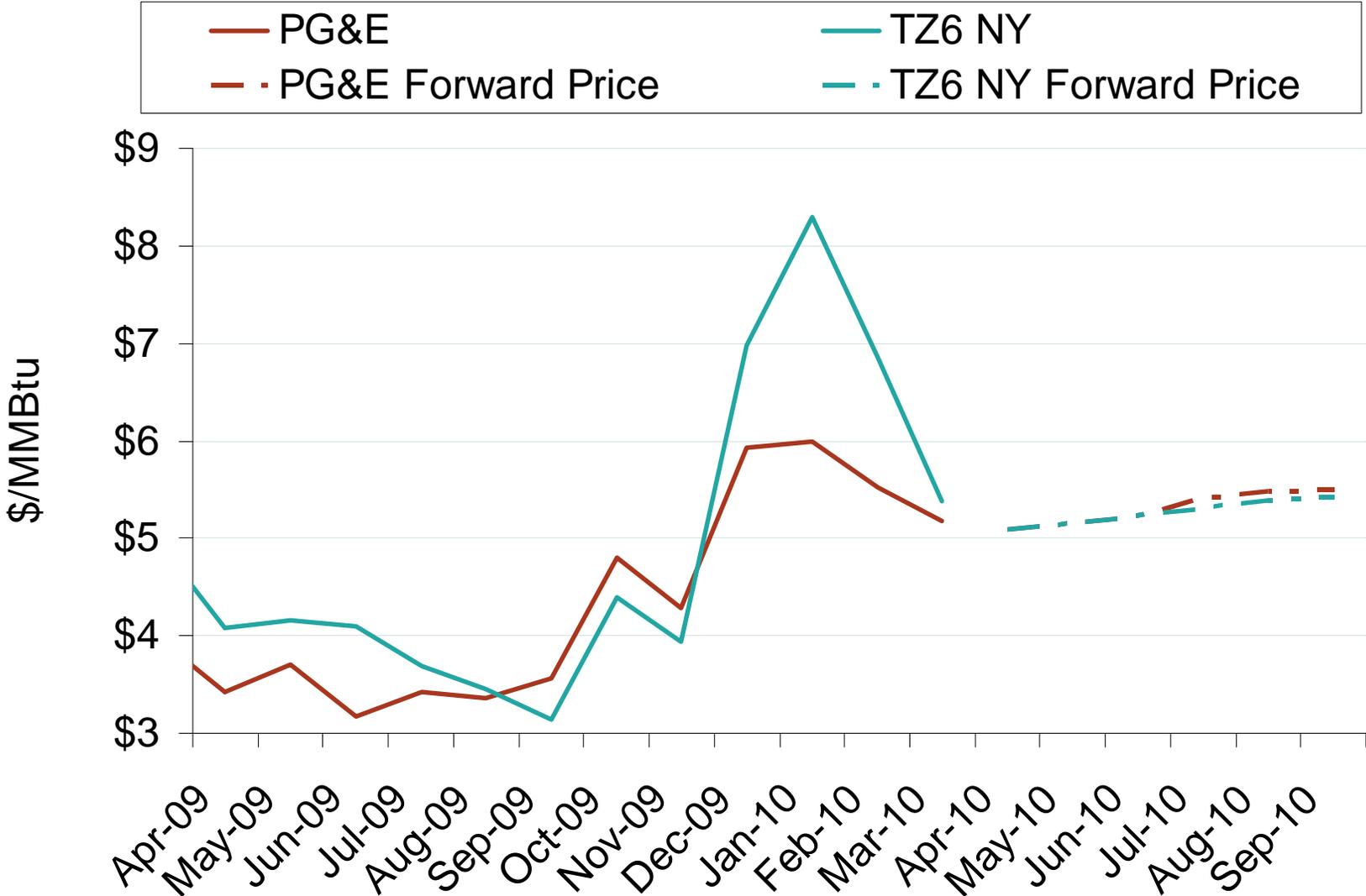
Source: Bentek, Intercontinental Exchange, Ventyx
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REX Flows Reach Capacity

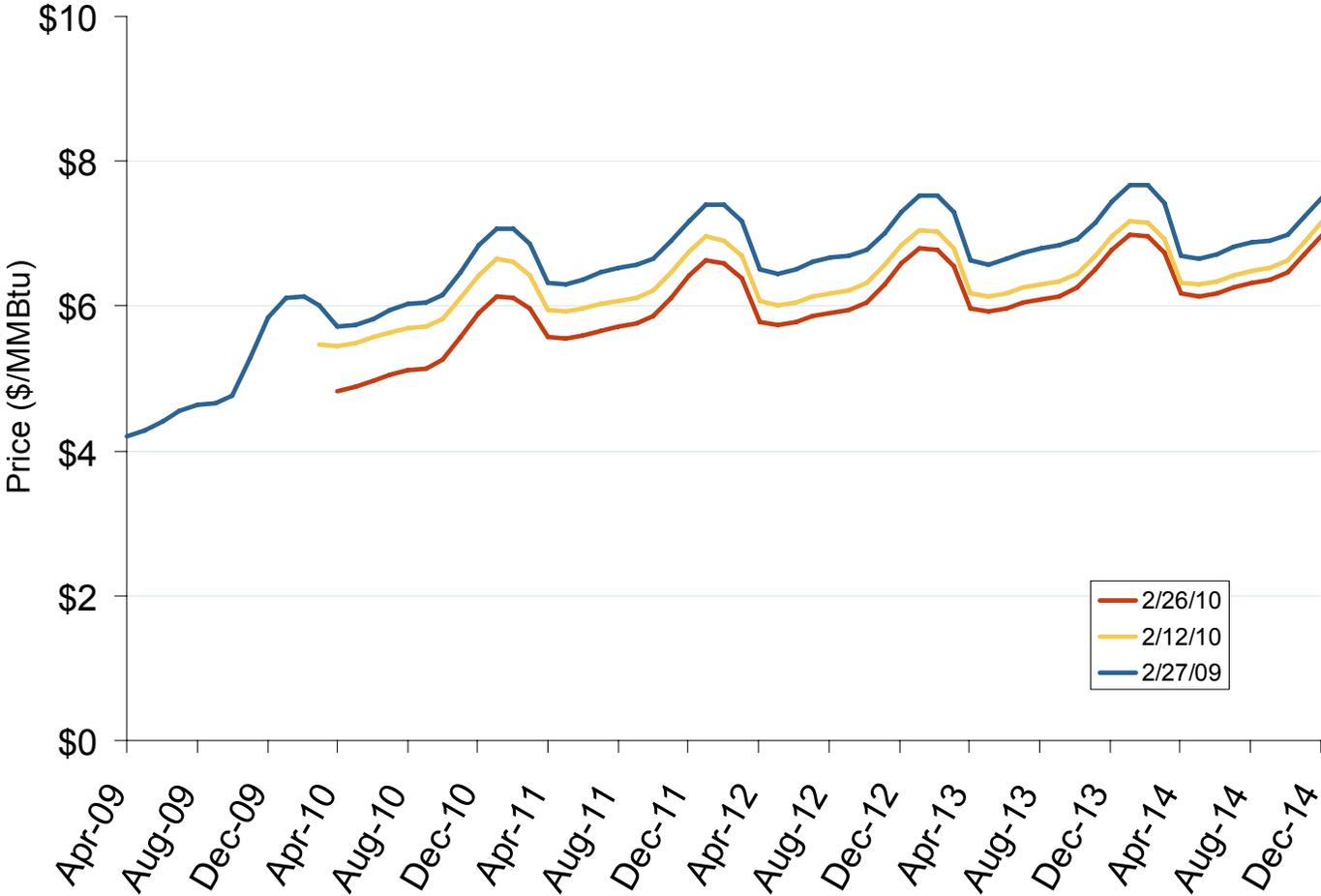


PG&E Gas Prices Expected To Surpass Transco Zone 6 This Summer



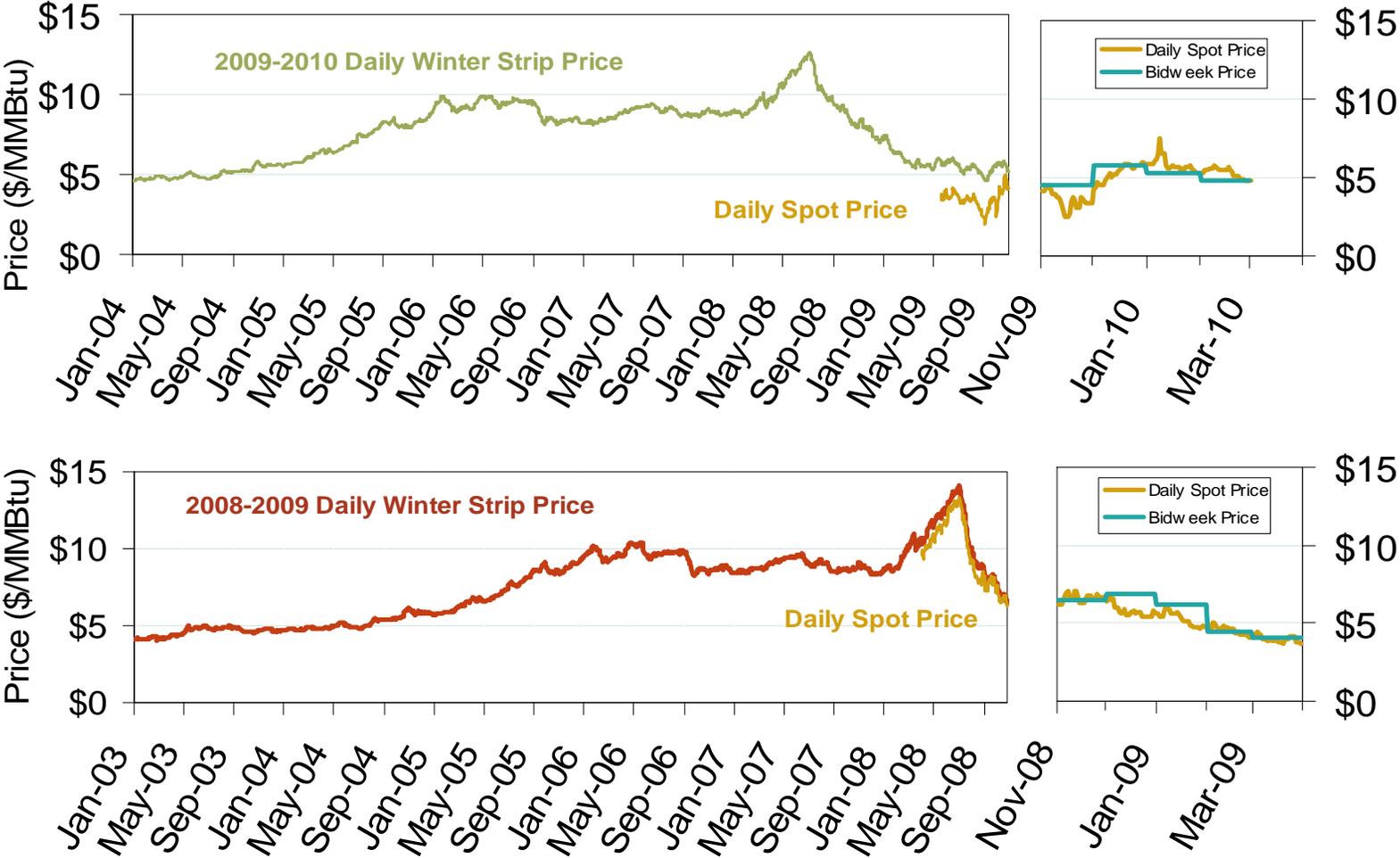
Source: Derived from ICE data.

NYMEX Natural Gas Forward Price Curve



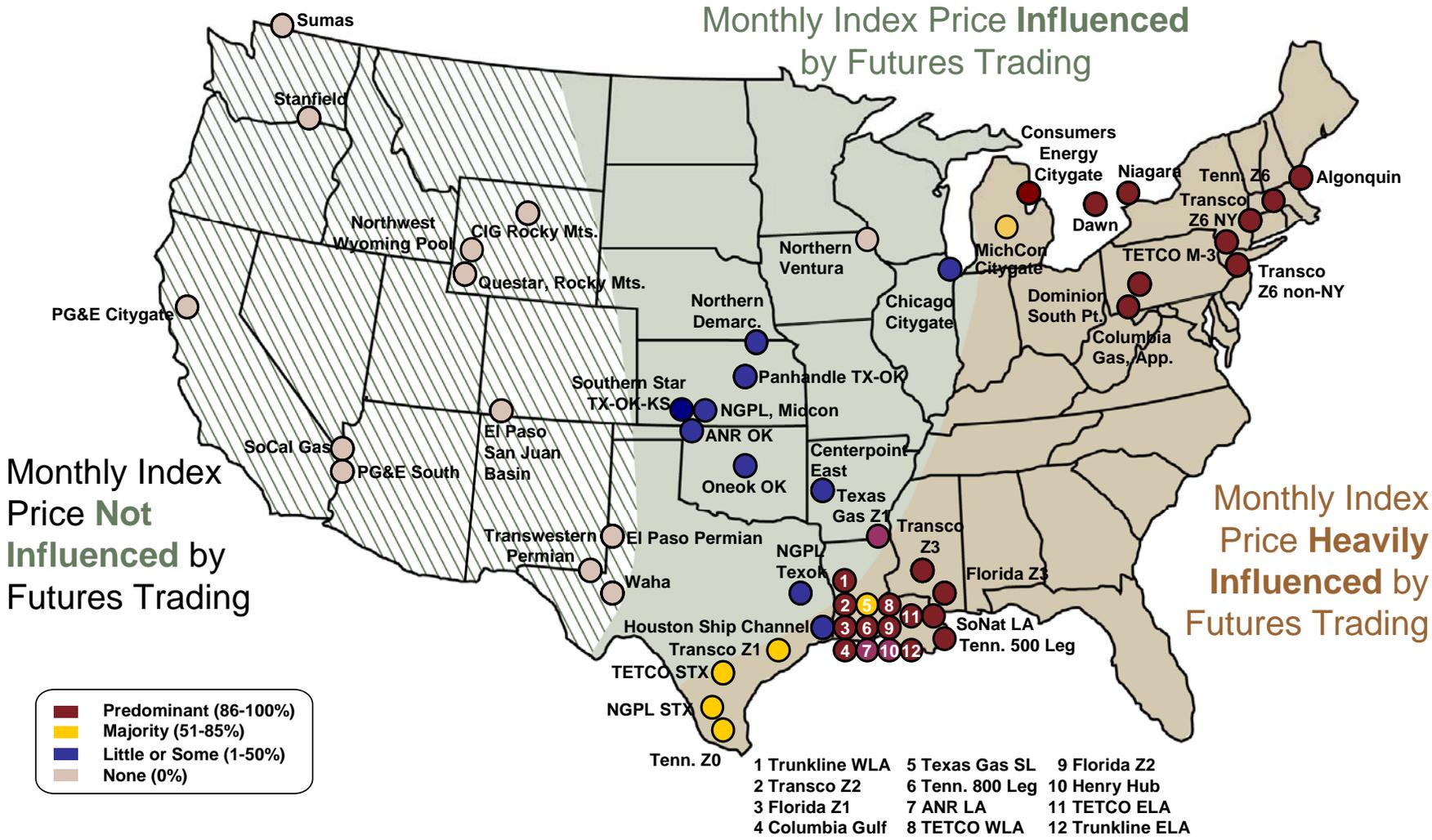
The NYMEX futures contract trades in 10,000 million Btu units. The blue series shows the forward price curve for these contracts 1-year ago. The red and yellow curves show prices for contracts traded on the current and previous months.

Natural Gas Winter Futures Strip and Daily Henry Hub Spot and Bidweek Prices



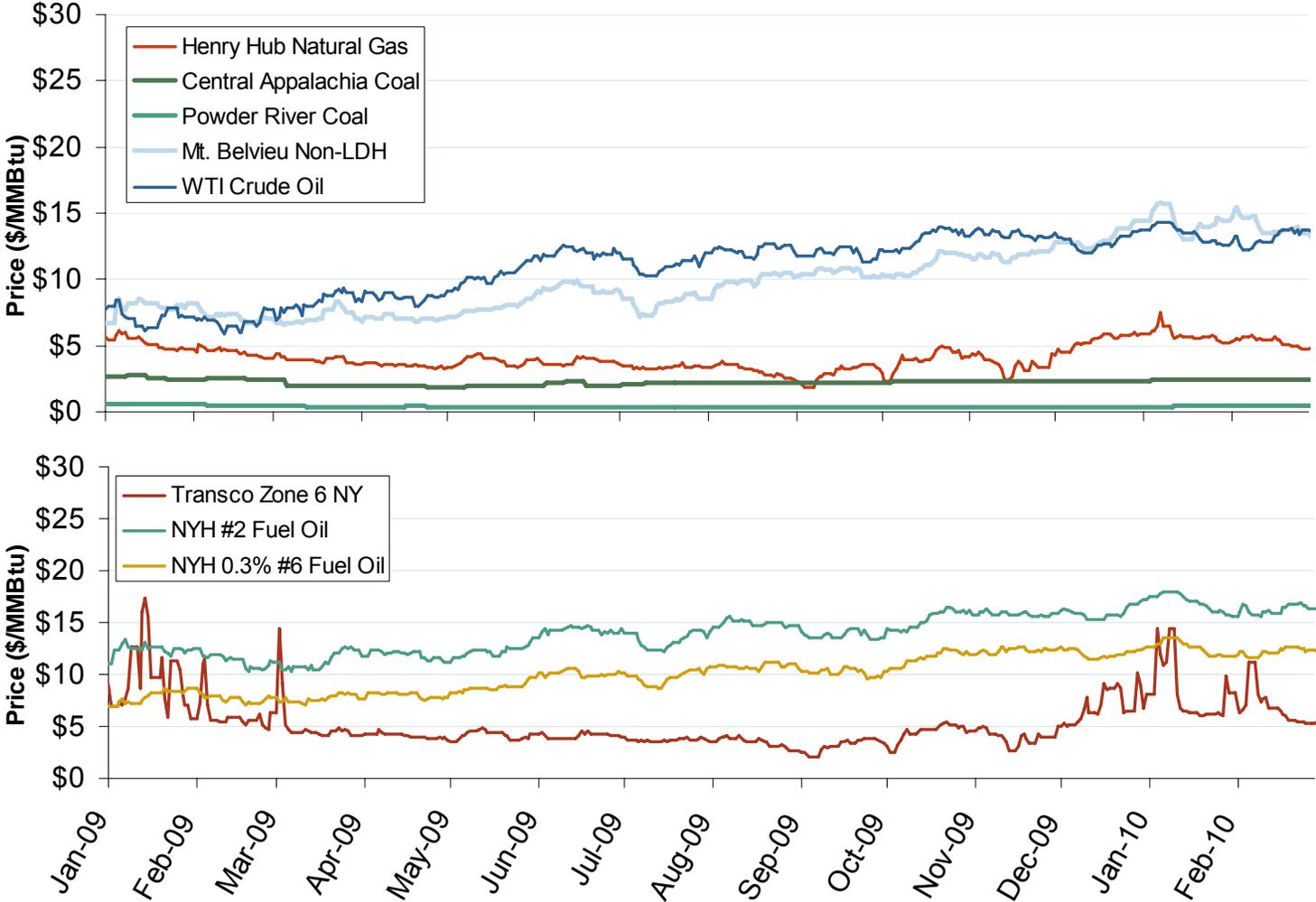
Source: Derived from Platts and Nymex data.

Use of Physical Basis in Natural Gas Price Indices at Major Trading Points, 2009



Source: Derived from *Platts* data for January through June 2009 indices.

Oil, Coal, Natural Gas and Propane Daily Spot Prices

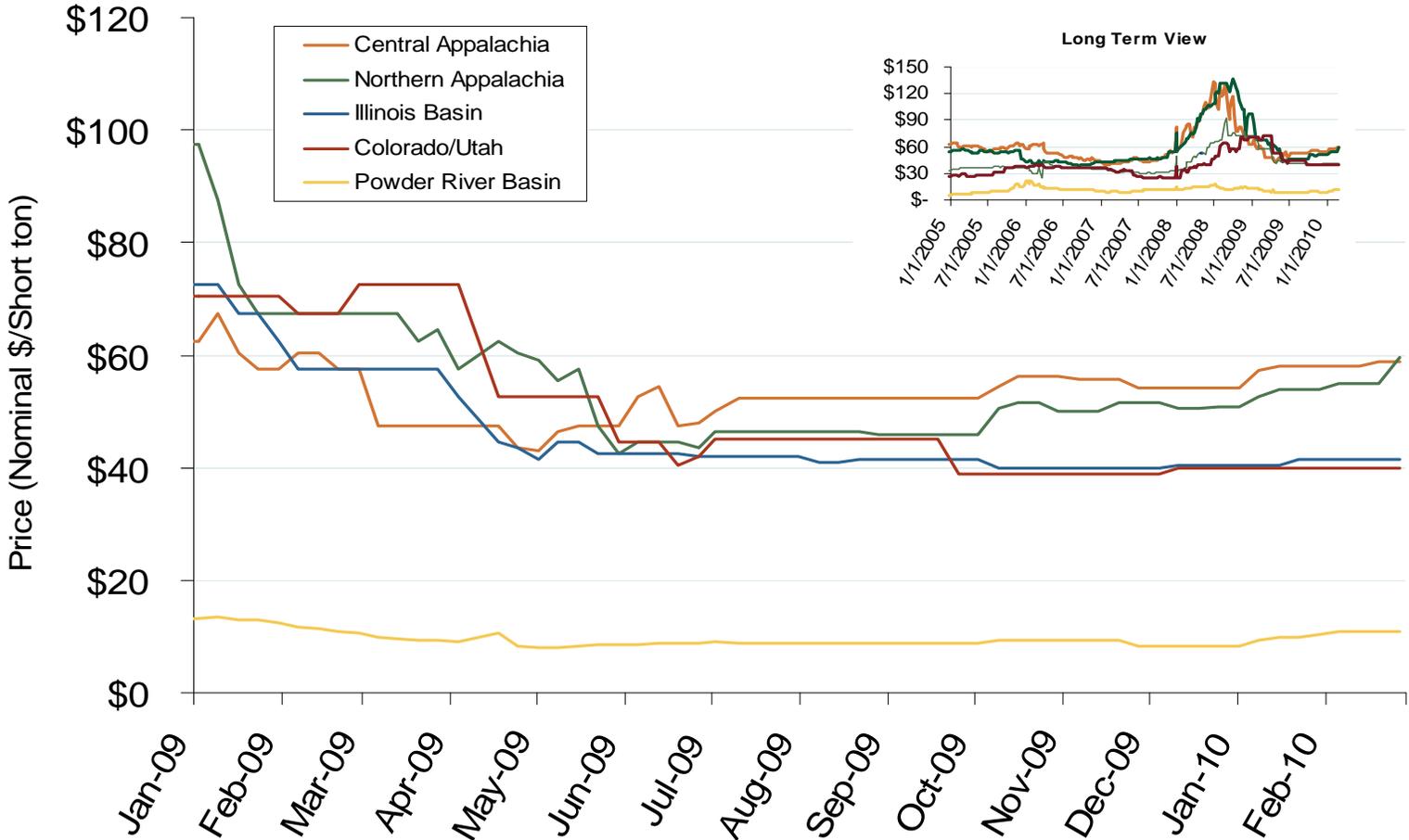


Source: Derived from ICE and Bloomberg data.

Note: Coal prices are quoted in \$/ton. Conversion factors to \$/MMBtu are based on contract specifications of 12,000 btus/pound for Central Appalachian coal and 8800 btus/pound for Powder River Basin coal.

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Regional Coal Spot Prices

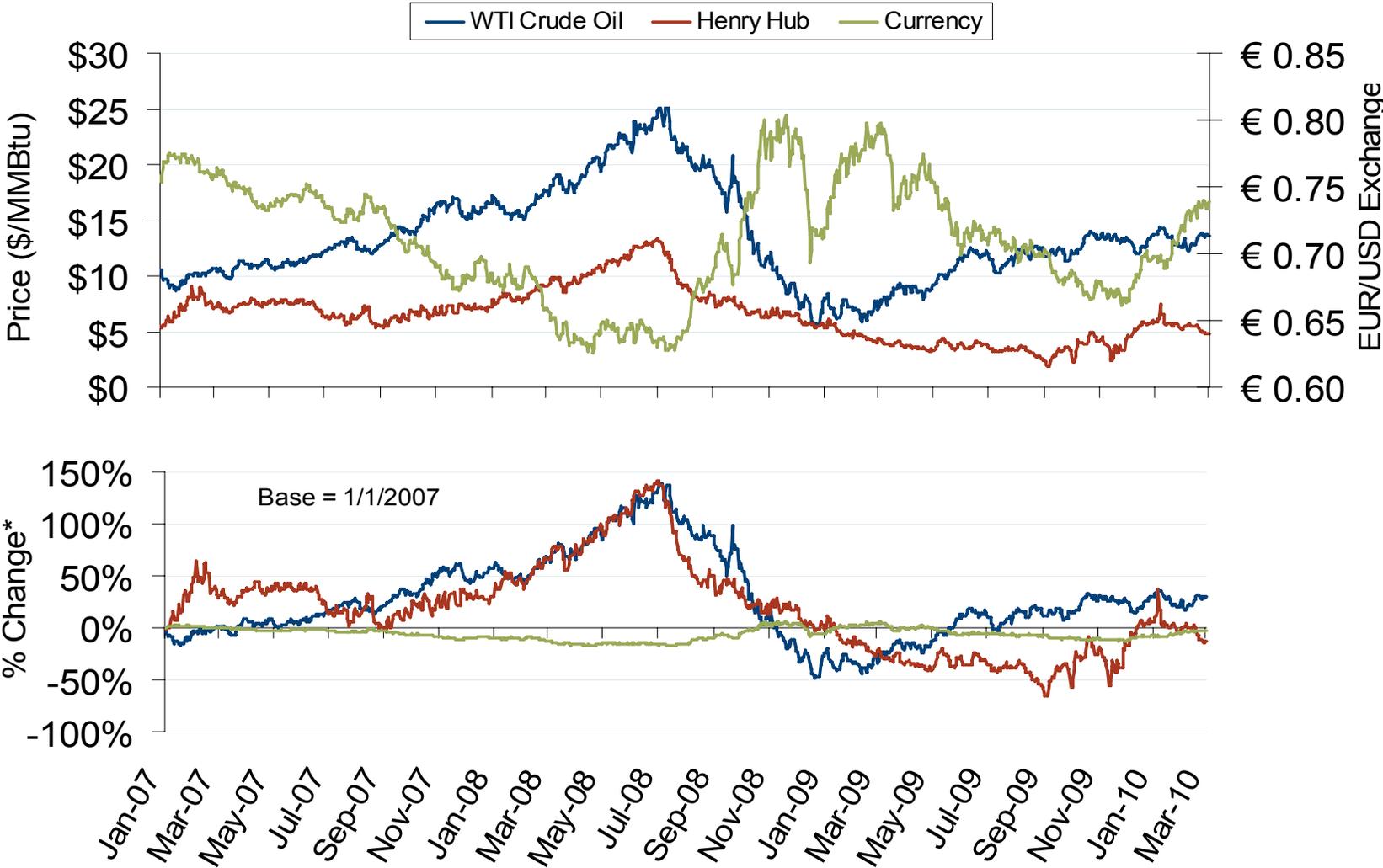


Note: the Central Appalachian (CAPP) coal is priced at Big Sandy. All others are mine mouth prices. Prices do not include transportation costs to a plant, as those can vary widely by contract specifications. Prices exclude incremental cost of emissions allowances.

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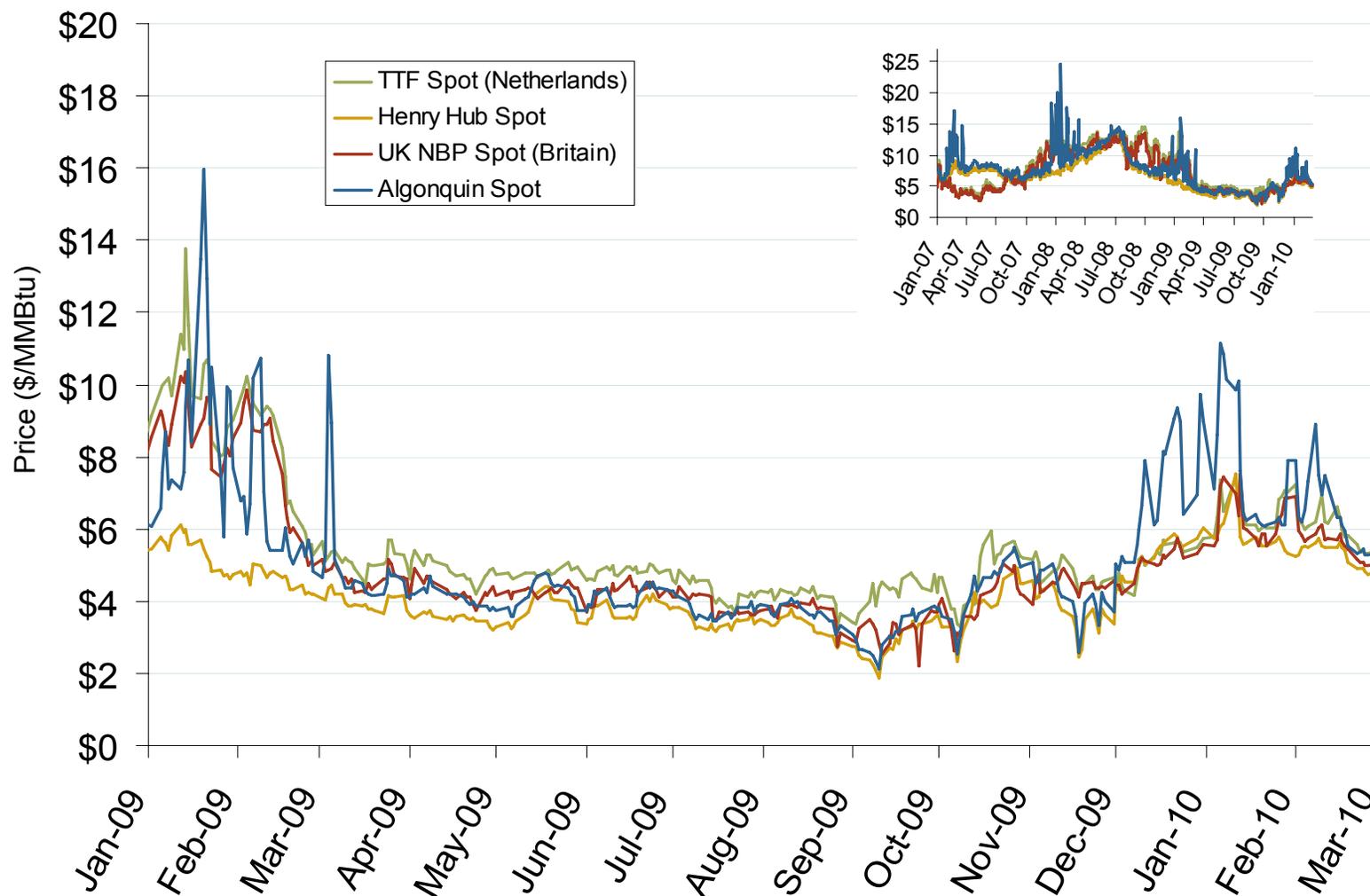
Oil, Natural Gas and Currency Spot Prices



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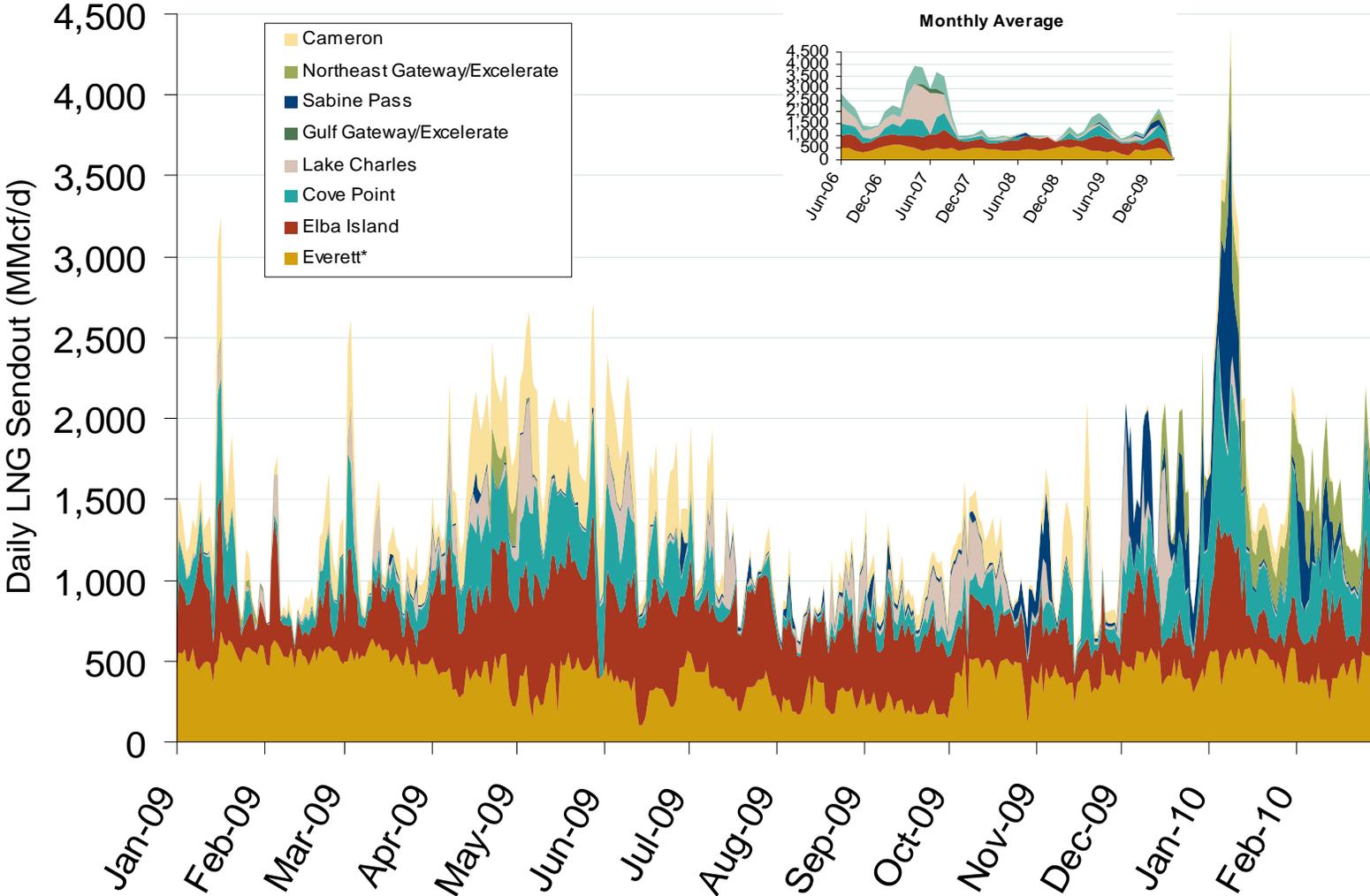
Atlantic Basin European and US Spot Natural Gas Prices



World LNG Estimated March 2010 Landed Prices



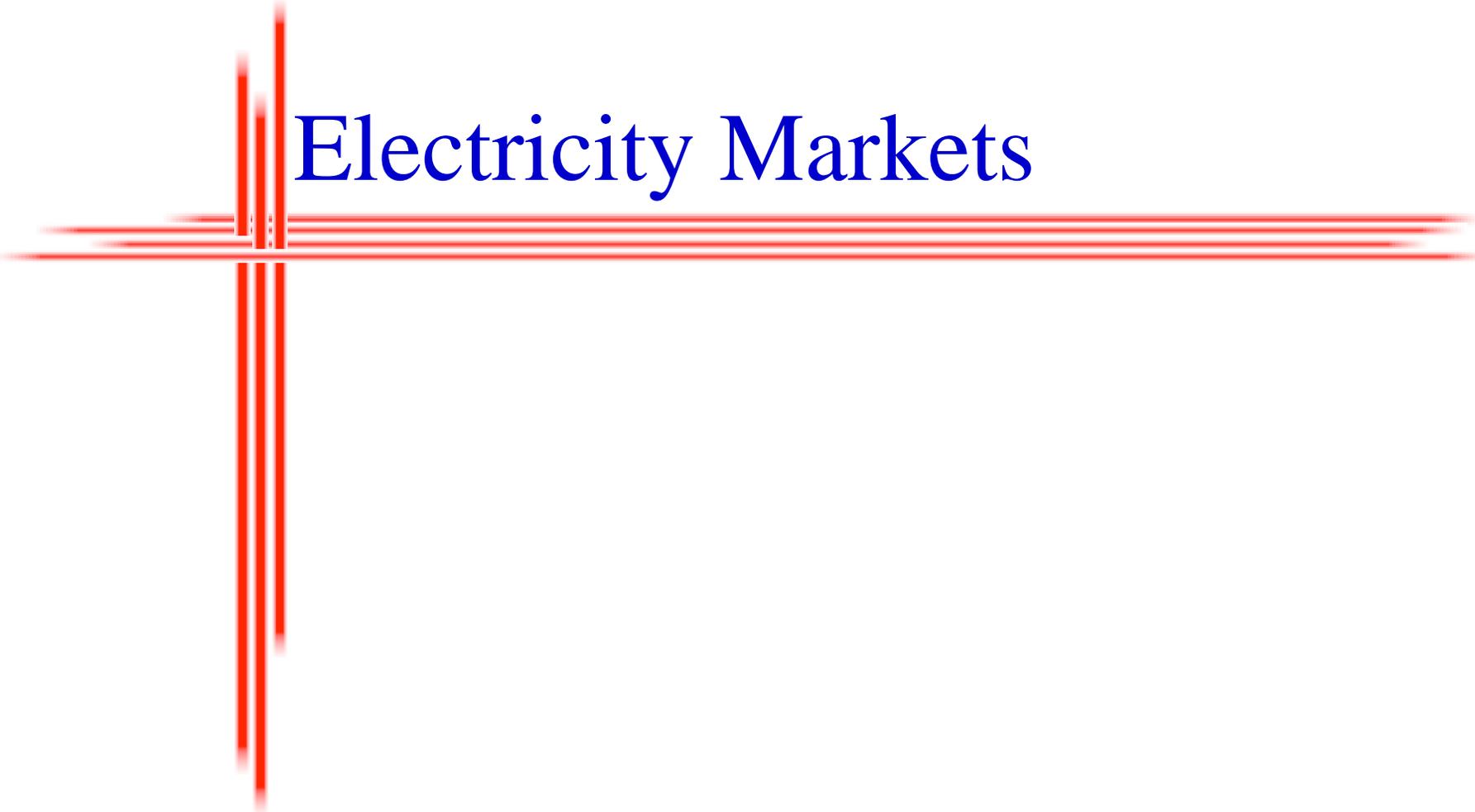
Daily Gas Sendout from Existing U.S. LNG Facilities



Source: Derived from Bentek data.

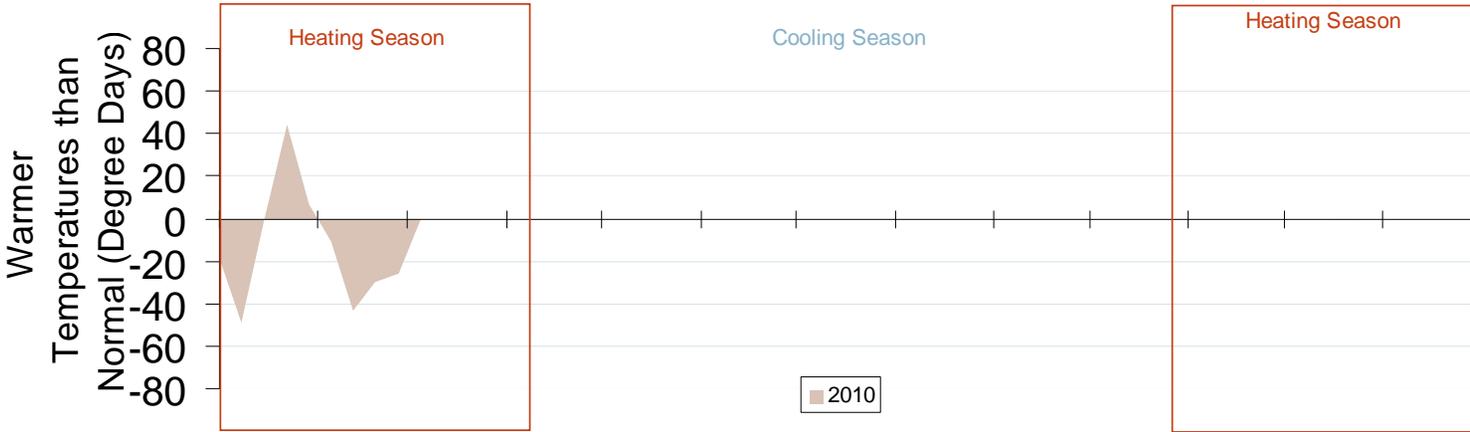
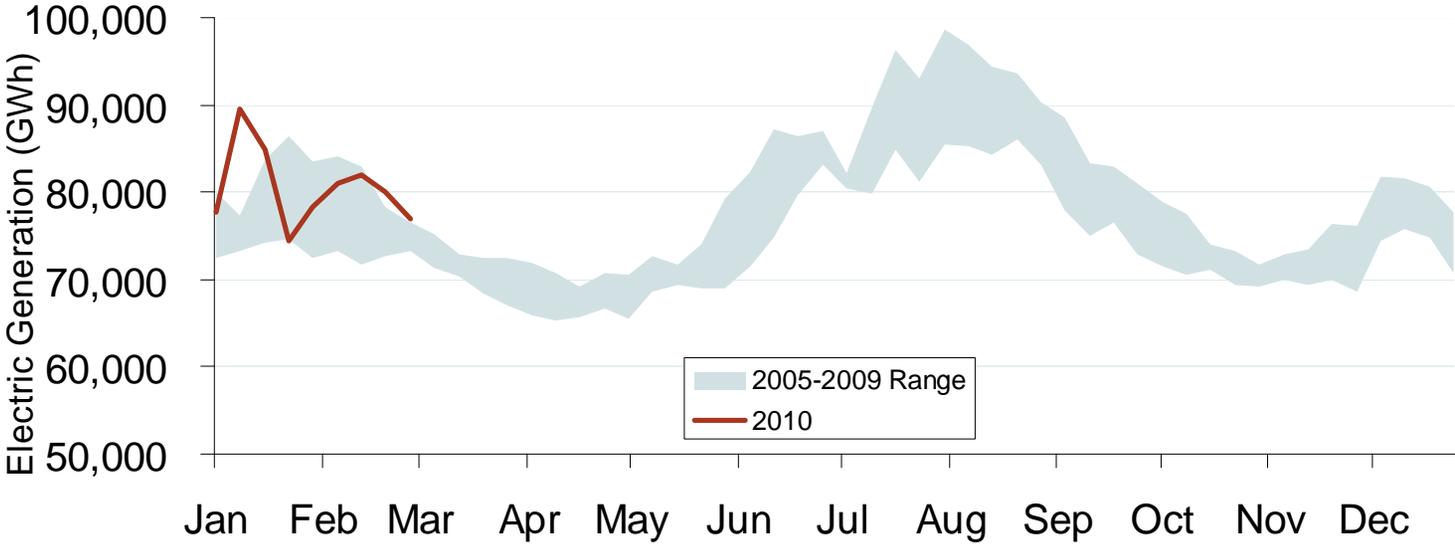
* Everett data includes flows onto the AGT and TGP interstate lines, plus estimates of flows to the Mystic 7 power plant, Keyspan Boston Gas, and LNG trucked out of the terminal. Excludes Freeport LNG which flows via intrastate pipelines.

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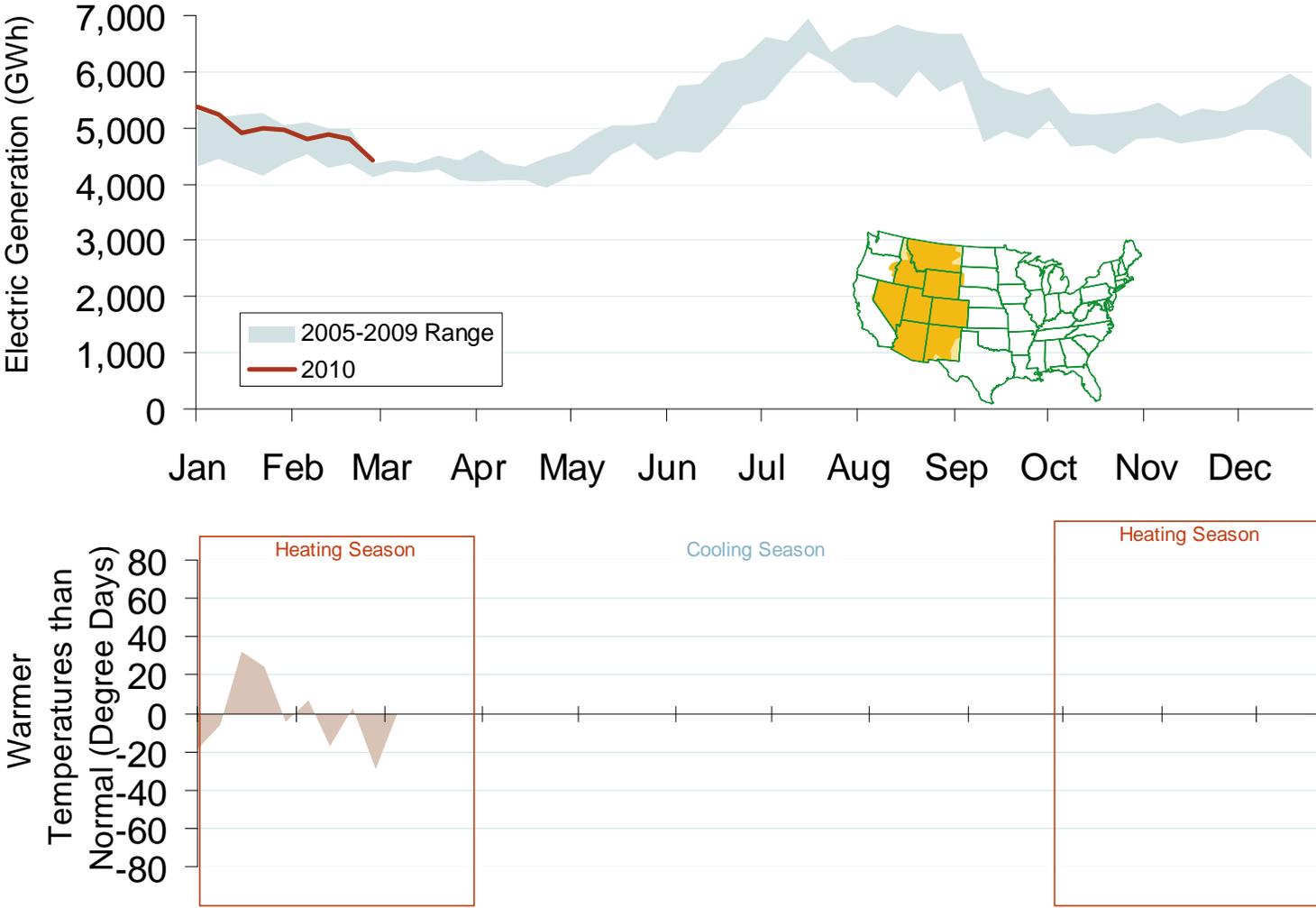
Weekly U.S. Electric Generation Output and Temperatures



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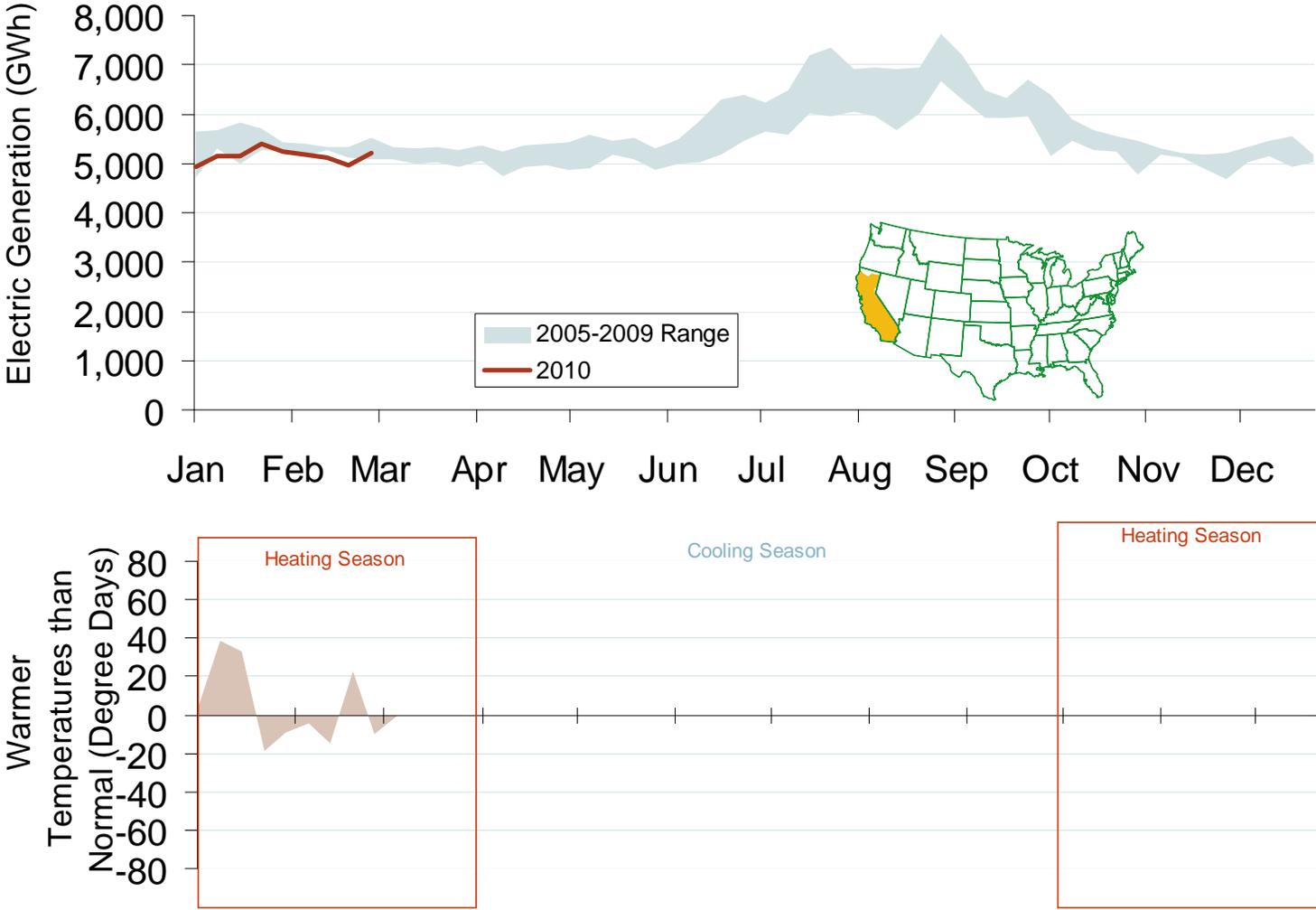
Weekly Electric Generation Output and Temperatures Rocky Mountains Region



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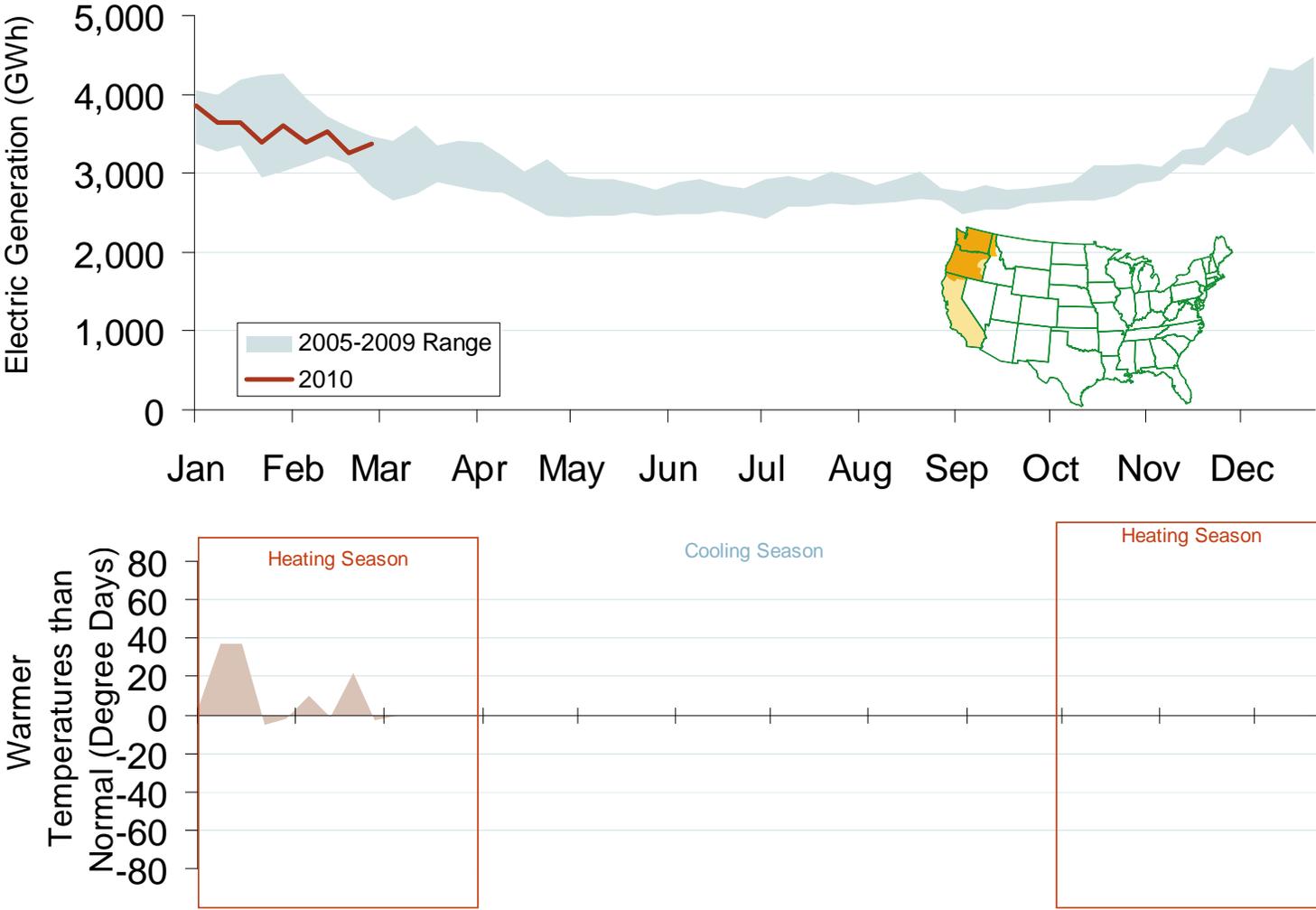
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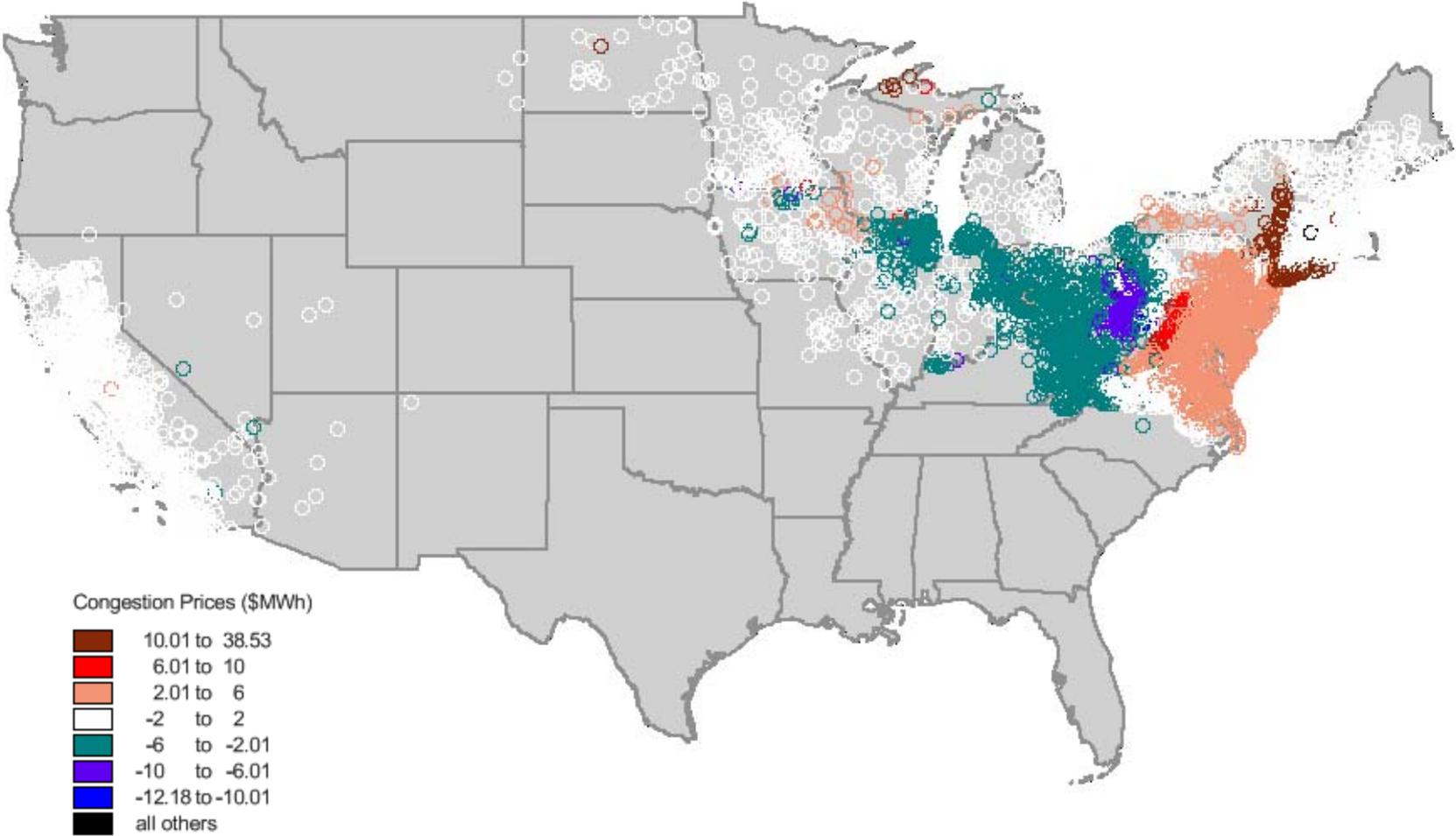
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Weekly Electric Generation Output and Temperatures Pacific Northwest Region

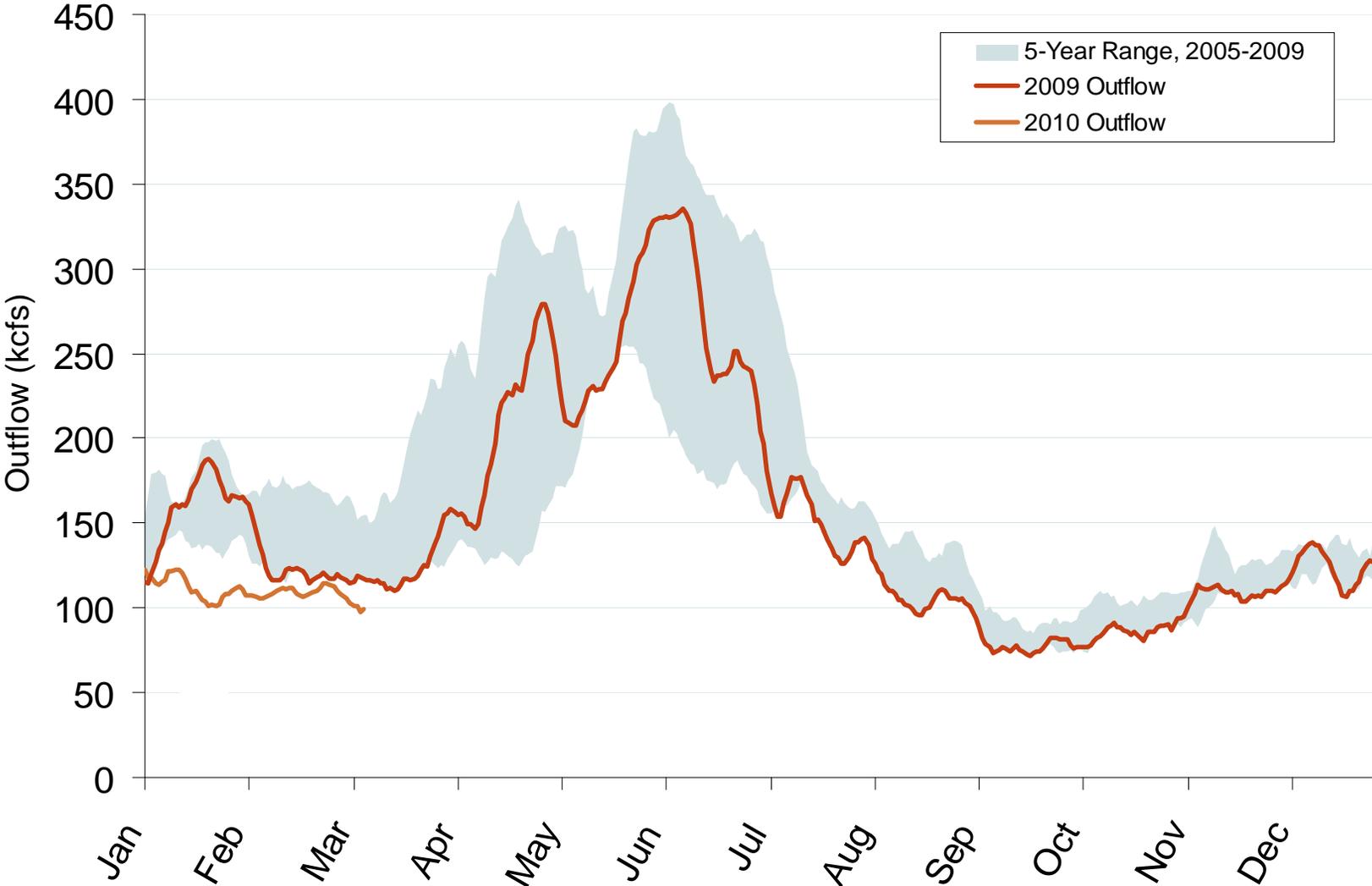


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Day Ahead On-Peak Congestion Average Monthly Prices February 2010



Stream Flow at The Dalles Dam



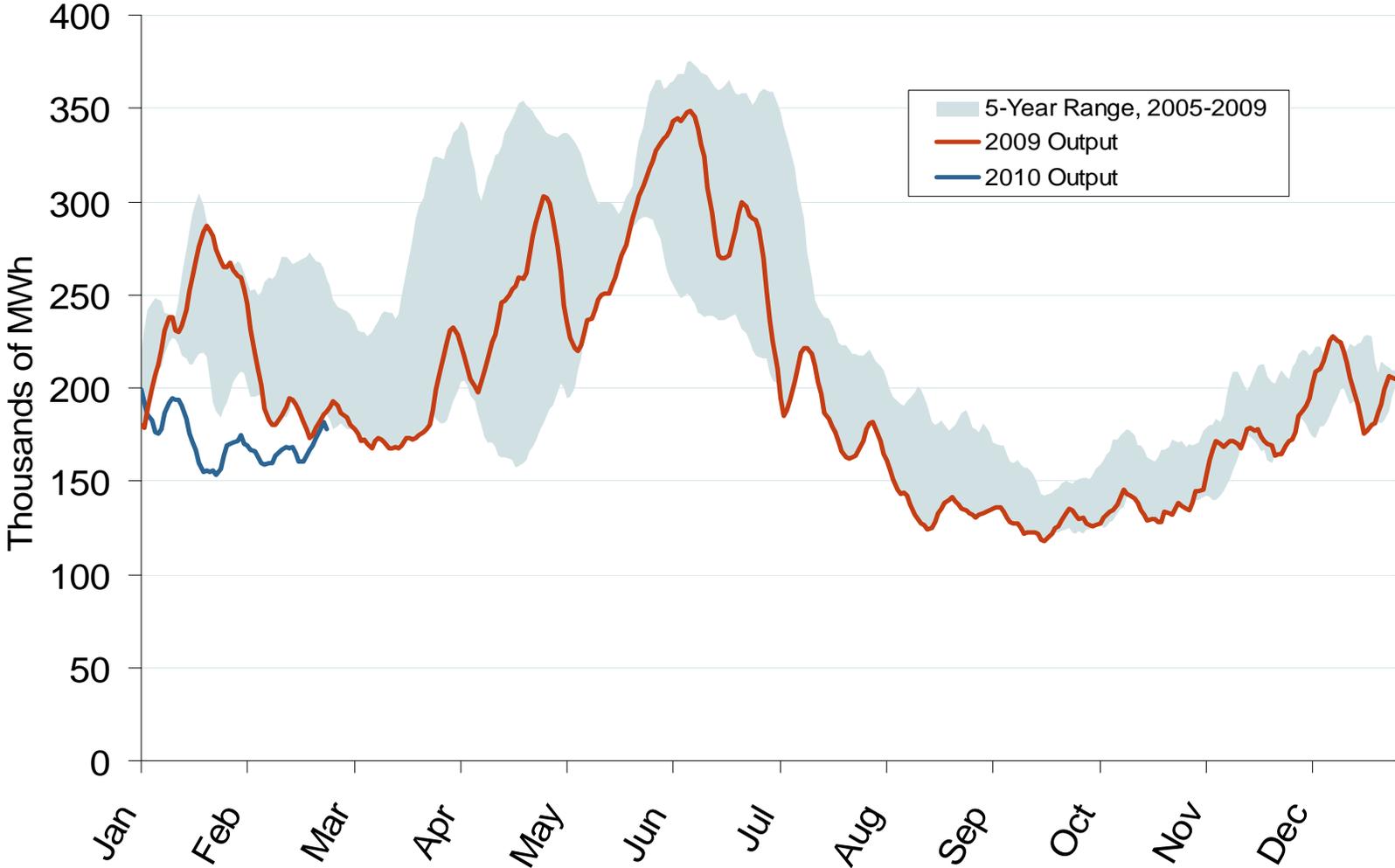
Source: Derived from USACE data.

Trend lines are 7-day moving averages.

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Pacific Northwest Hydroelectric Production



Source: Derived from USACE data reflecting the output of the 24 largest facilities.

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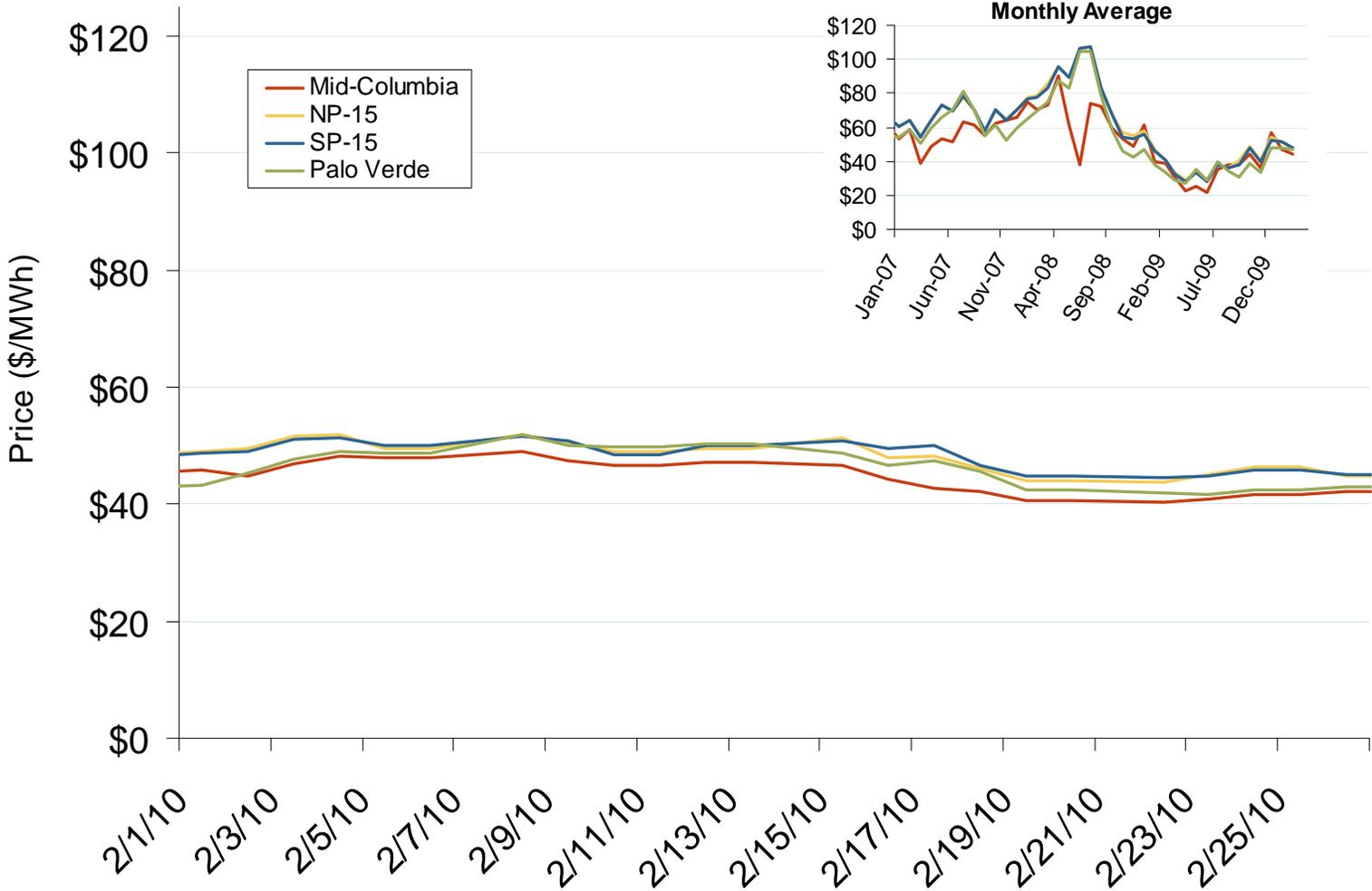
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Pacific/Northwest Hydro and Snowpack Levels

	Hydro Generation		Snow Water Equivalent ³		
	In-State Capacity (MW) ¹	Additional Capacity Created Downstream (MW) ²	One Year Ago (3/5/09) (% of historical average)	Last Month 2/3/10 (% of historical average)	Current 3/1/10 (% of historical average) *(percentage point change from 2/3/10)
British Columbia	10,000	16,200	85%	91%	69% (-22)*
Idaho	2,700	19,700	83%	68%	64% (-4)
Montana	2,700	16,200	87%	67%	62% (-5)
Washington	21,500	0	74%	73%	67% (-6)
Oregon	9,100	0	83%	79%	64% (-15)
California	10,400	0	88%	115%	112% (-3)

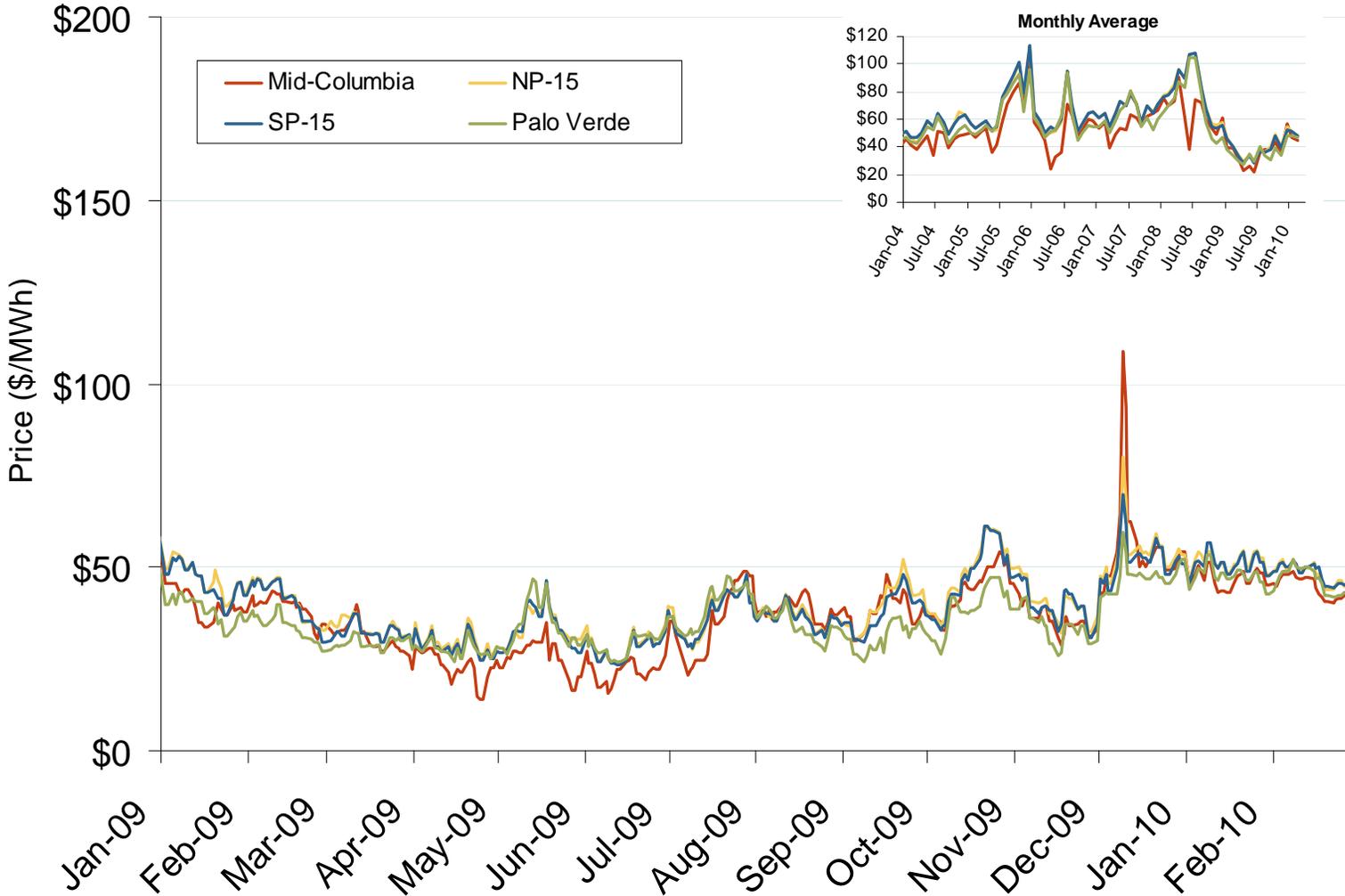
- ¹ Net summer capacity in megawatts by state (EIA).
- ² Approximate electric capacity created by water flow through the downstream states (From EIA and BPA). The capacity estimates reflect the water flow pattern of the series of hydro facilities on the Snake and Columbia Rivers.
- ³ Snow Water Equivalent, in percent of the historical average for the same date, is the ratio of current snow water daily data (collected by the Natural Resources Conservation Services' Snowtel Telemetry sites) compared to the average snow water for the same day between 1961-1990. Total Hydro Capacity figures by state do not tie precisely to Snow Water Equivalent data due to such factors as snow basin terrain and complex distribution of run-off to neighboring state hydroelectric dams or shared facilities (e.g., Columbia River hydroelectric dams on the border of Washington and Oregon) (Bloomberg, California Dept. of Water Resource and Government of British Columbia Ministry of Environment).

Western Daily Bilateral Day-Ahead On-Peak Prices



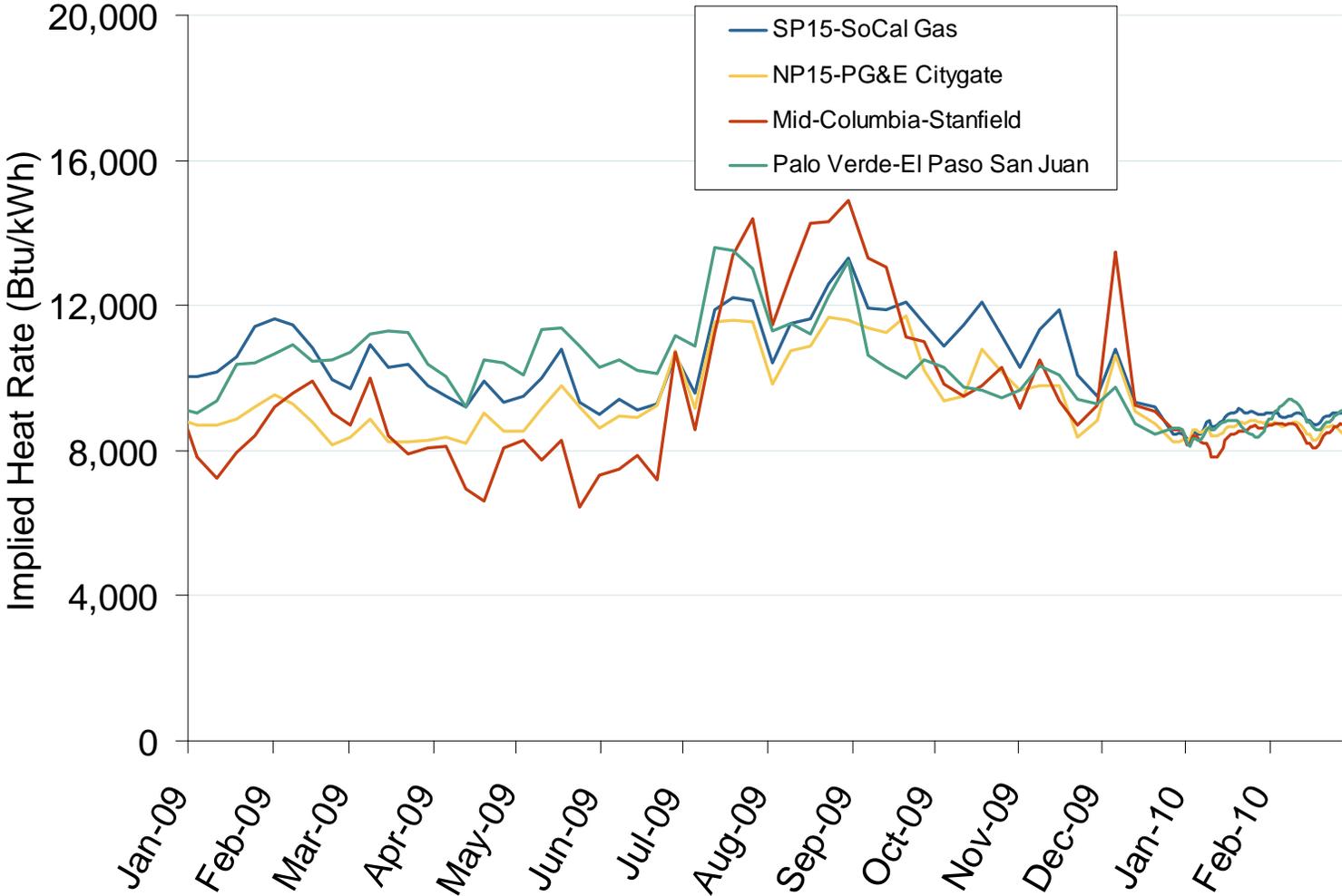
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Implied Heat Rates at Western Trading Points Weekly Averages

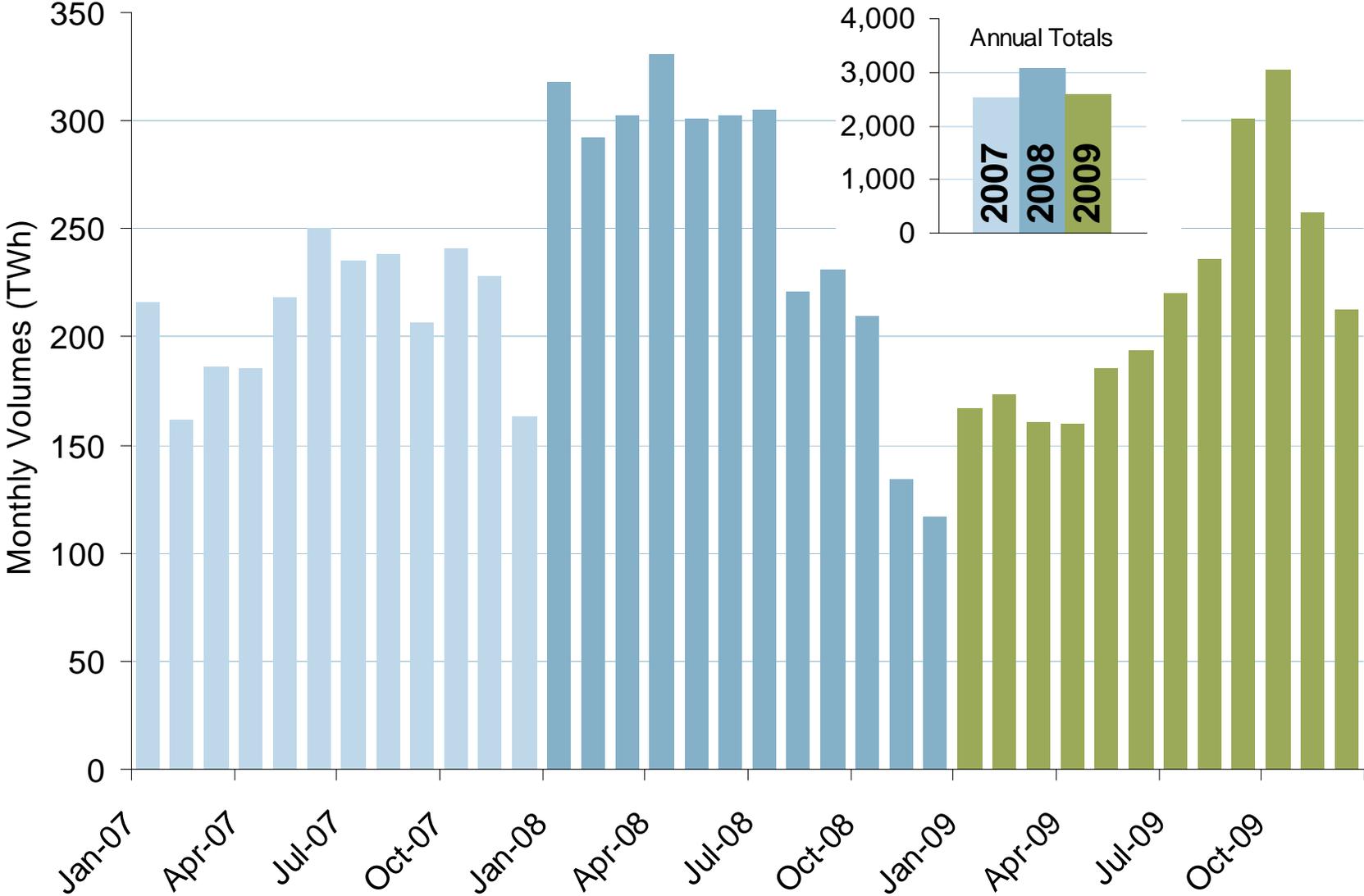


Source: Derived from *Platts* on-peak electric and natural gas price data.
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California Increases Market Transparency

- CAISO notified market participants, nearly one month ahead of implementing a market process change, by issuing a Technical Bulletin on January 11th and a Market Notice on January 26th.
- Beginning on trade day February 5th generation resources needed South-of-Lugo and in Orange County will be committed in the day-ahead market.
- Previously, market participants were not notified when market changes were implemented, instead discovering that changes had been made when market results deviated from expectations, such as when:
 - Commitment requirements were moved into the Residual Unit Commitment process (RUC) from the Exceptional Dispatch mechanism this past summer.
 - Physical transmission constraints in the Southern California Edison (SCE) area were added into the market model this past fall.
- In early February 2010, the CAISO began an effort to increase transparency by hosting a monthly Market Performance and Planning Forum, aimed at:
 - Reviewing market performance issues.
 - Providing information and enabling dialogue on upcoming market changes and implementation planning.
 - Consolidating information for multiple forums for stakeholders.
- The CAISO has also initiated a Data Release & Accessibility stakeholder initiative, the first of three phases addresses transmission constraint management.

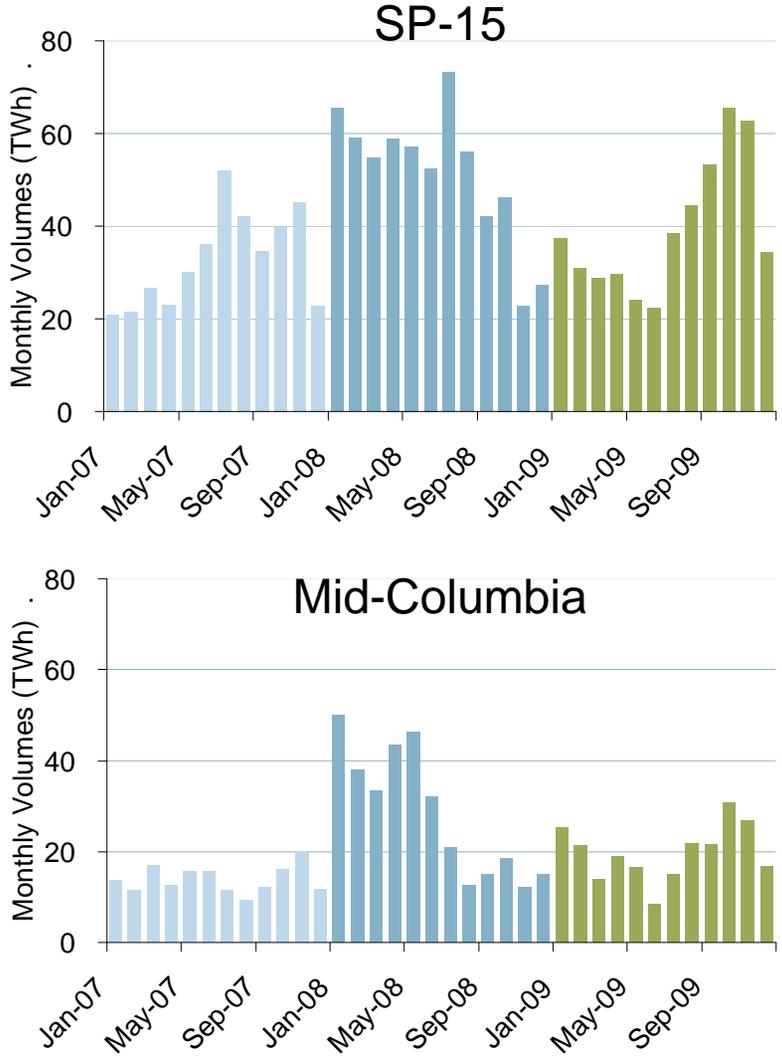
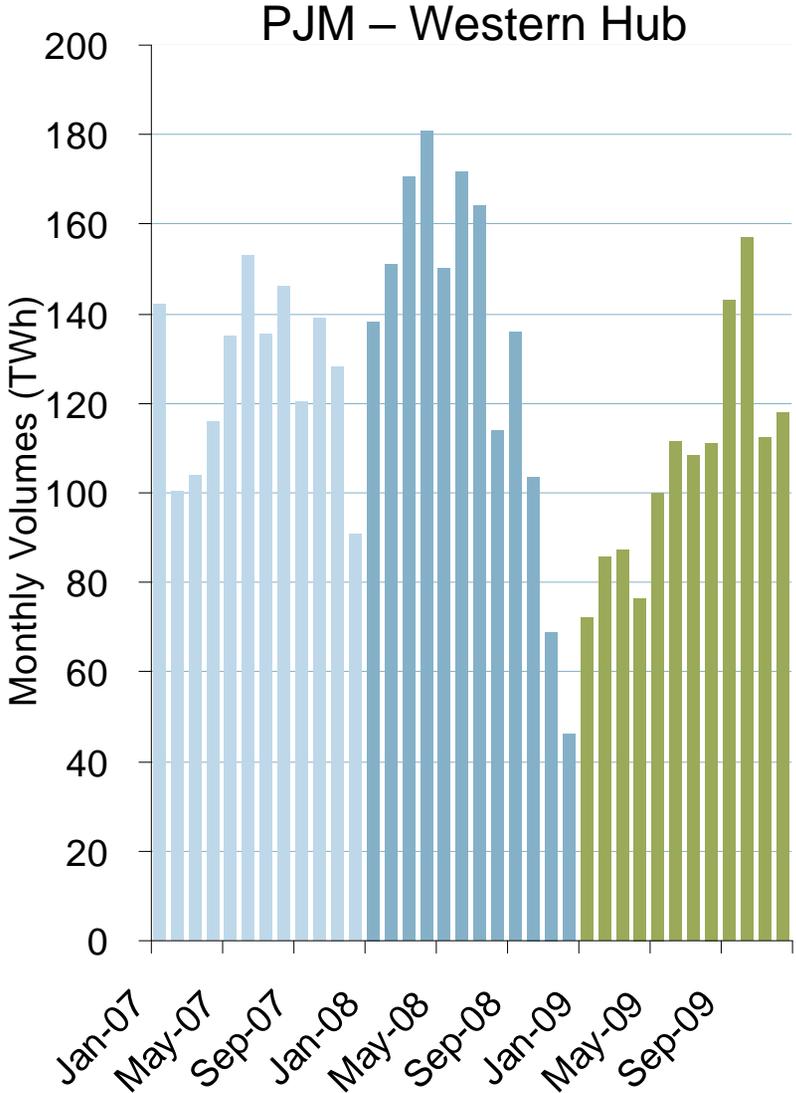
2009 Financial Power Volumes on ICE



Notes: Derived from IntercontinentalExchange (ICE) data. Financial-Swap volumes aggregated by trade date. March 2010 Western Snapshot Report

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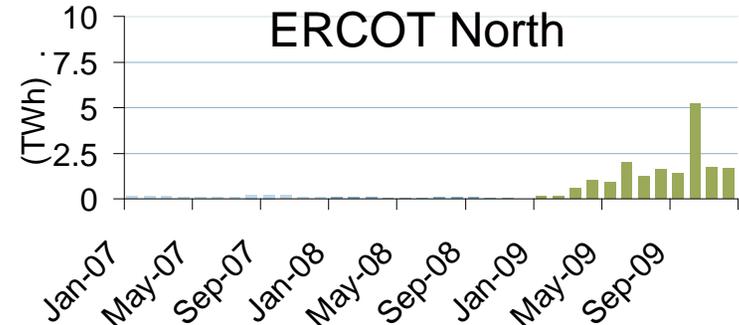
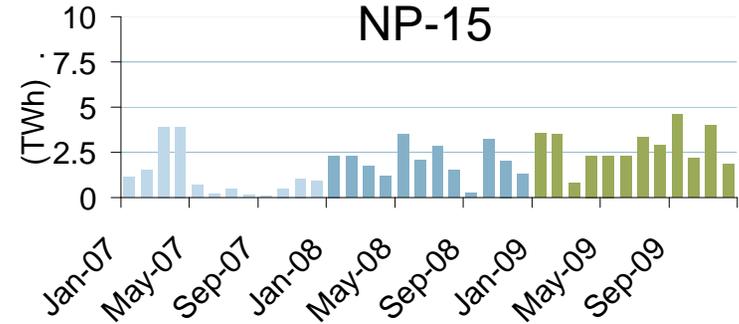
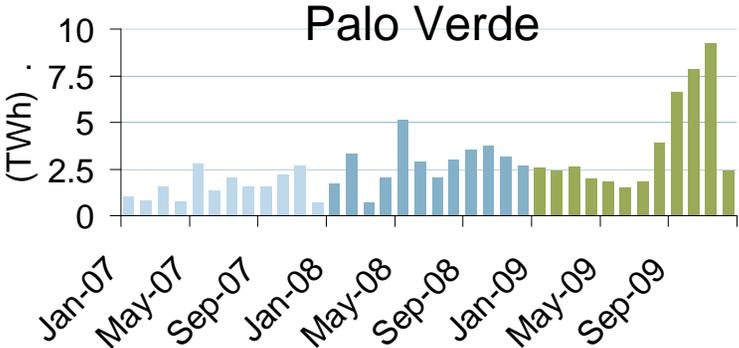
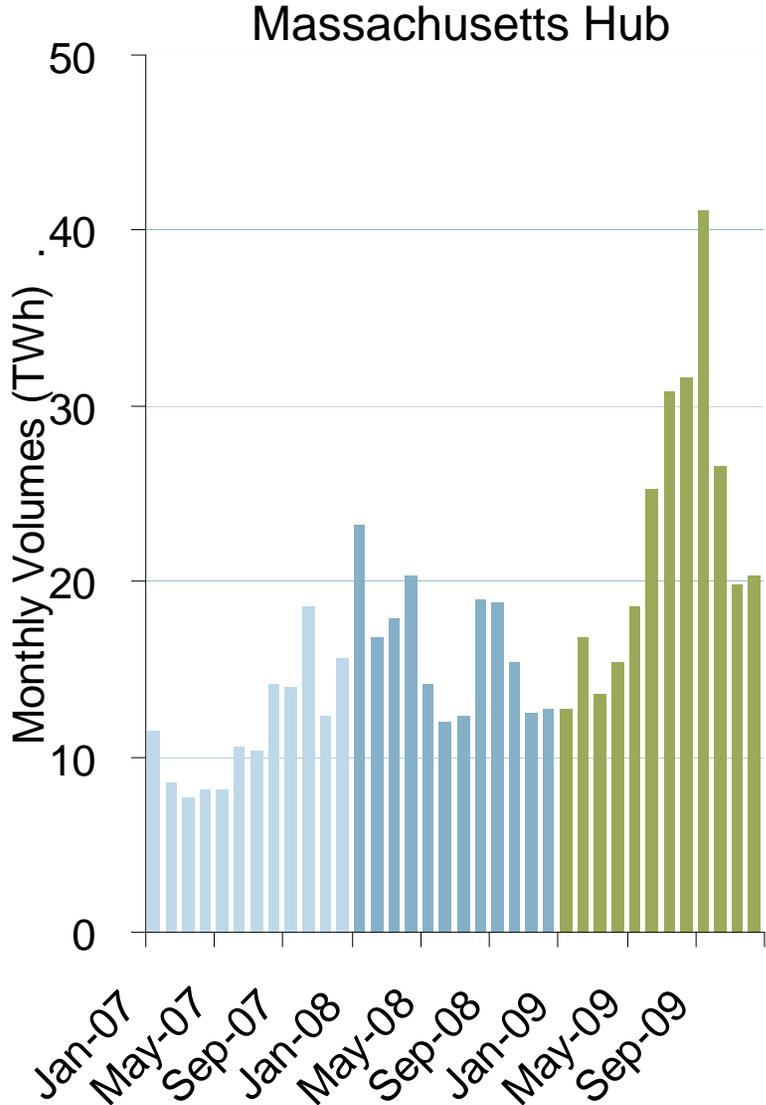
Financial Volumes on ICE at Major Hubs



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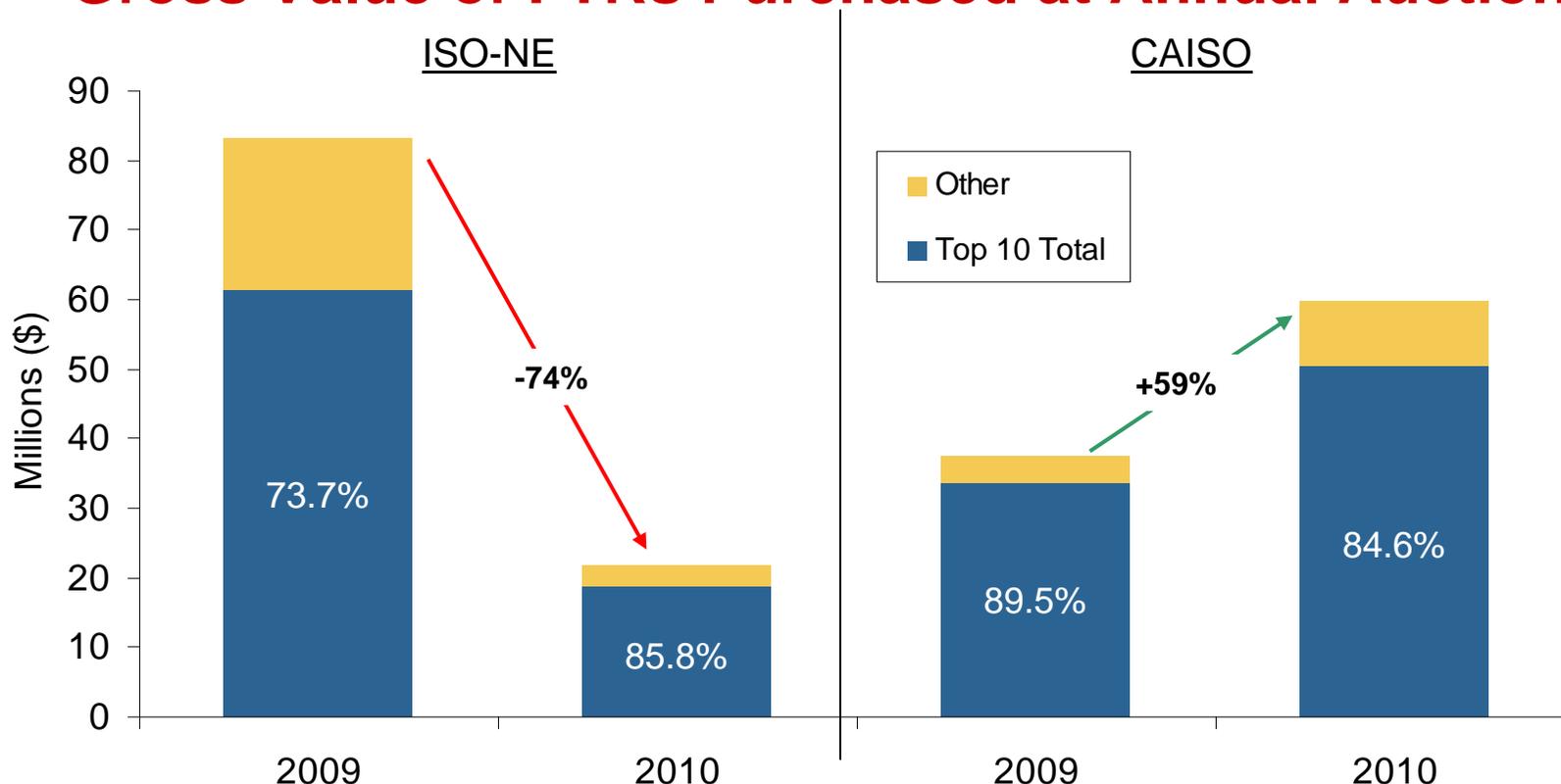
Financial Volumes on ICE at Other Select Hubs



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Gross Value of FTRs Purchased at Annual Auctions



- Majority of ISO-NE and CAISO FTR auction purchases made by top 10 participants
- Low gas prices, decreased demand, and transmission upgrades contribute to significant decline in ISO-NE annual FTR auction
- 2009 MRTU market start encourages market participation in 2010 FTR auctions

Note: Does not include allocated FTRs positions.

Source: Derived from Ventyx, CAISO, and ISO-NE data