# OE ENERGY MARKET SNAPSHOT

## Mid-Atlantic States Version – April 2010 Data

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Office of Enforcement
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
May 2010

# Special Report:

- **Transmission Capacity Release**
- **Weather and Hurricane Forecast**

# Promoting a Competitive Market for Capacity Reassignments

The Commission is seeking comment on a proposal to permanently remove the price cap on transmission capacity reassignments.

- Capacity reassignment refers to the resale of transmission capacity. The original sale from the transmission owner is capped at the tariff rate. Resales were also capped at the tariff rate before Order No. 890 (2007).
- FERC lifted the price cap for a study period May 2007-October 2010.
- Staff report found:
  - 35,000 transactions, 65 TWh reassigned 2007-2009
  - 79% of transactions were on Bonneville Power Administration system
  - All durations represented: hourly, daily, monthly, yearly. Hourly were 97%.
  - 134 transactions priced above the cap, less than 1%
  - No evidence of affiliate preference or abuse by resellers
- Objectives of the final rule are to help parties manage the financial risks associated with their long-term commitments, reduce the market power of transmission providers by enabling customers to compete, and foster efficient capacity allocation

Comments are due June 28, 2010.

Link: http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/Files/20100429155358-RM10-22-000.pdf

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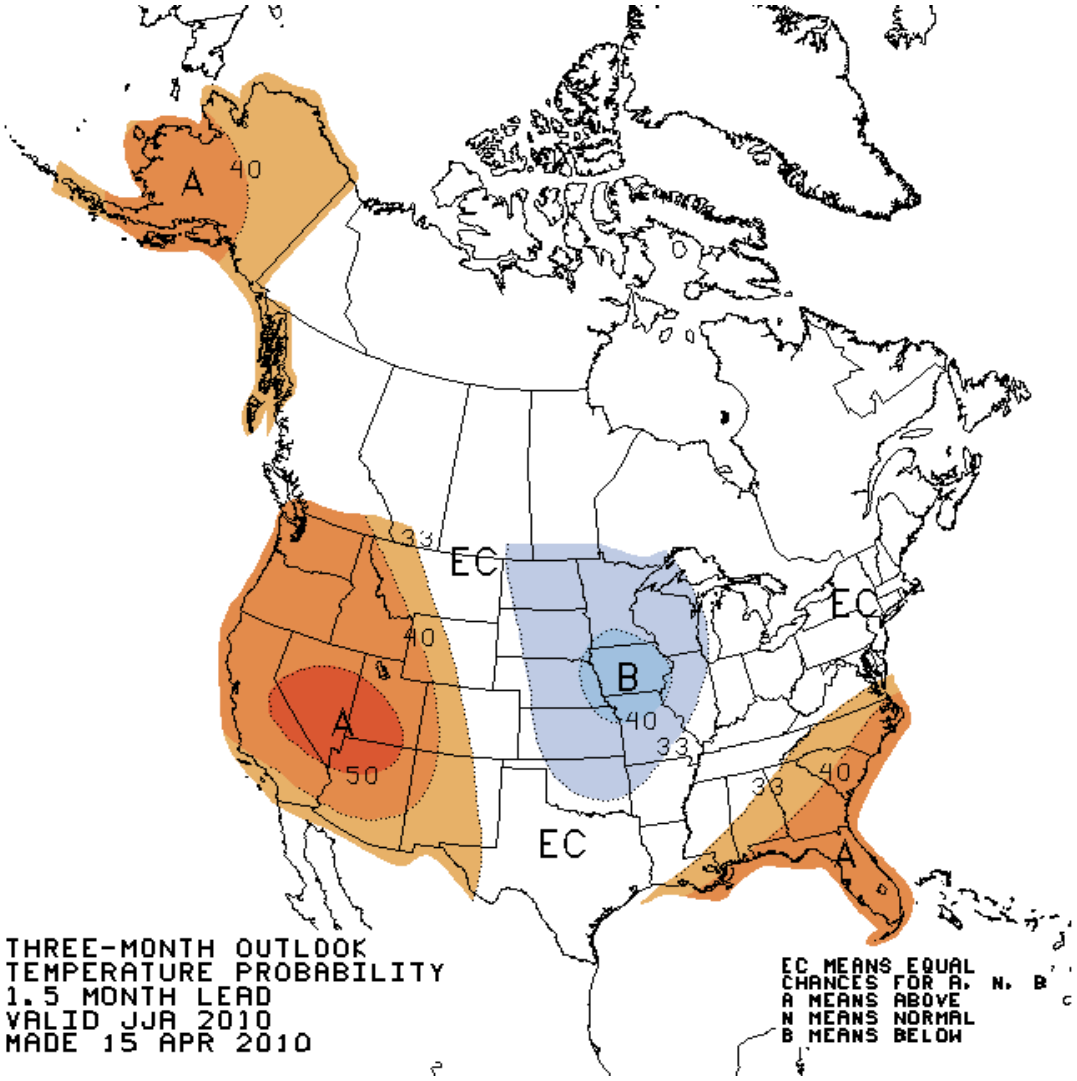


Source: NOAA

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# Forecasters Predicting a Very Active Hurricane Season

## 2010 Hurricane Forecasts

| | 1950-2000 Average | Last Year | NOAA | Earth Sat | CSU | WSI | Accu Weather |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Named Storms | 10 | 9 | | 16 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Hurricanes | 6 | 3 | | 8 | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| Intense Hurricanes | 3 | 2 | | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 |

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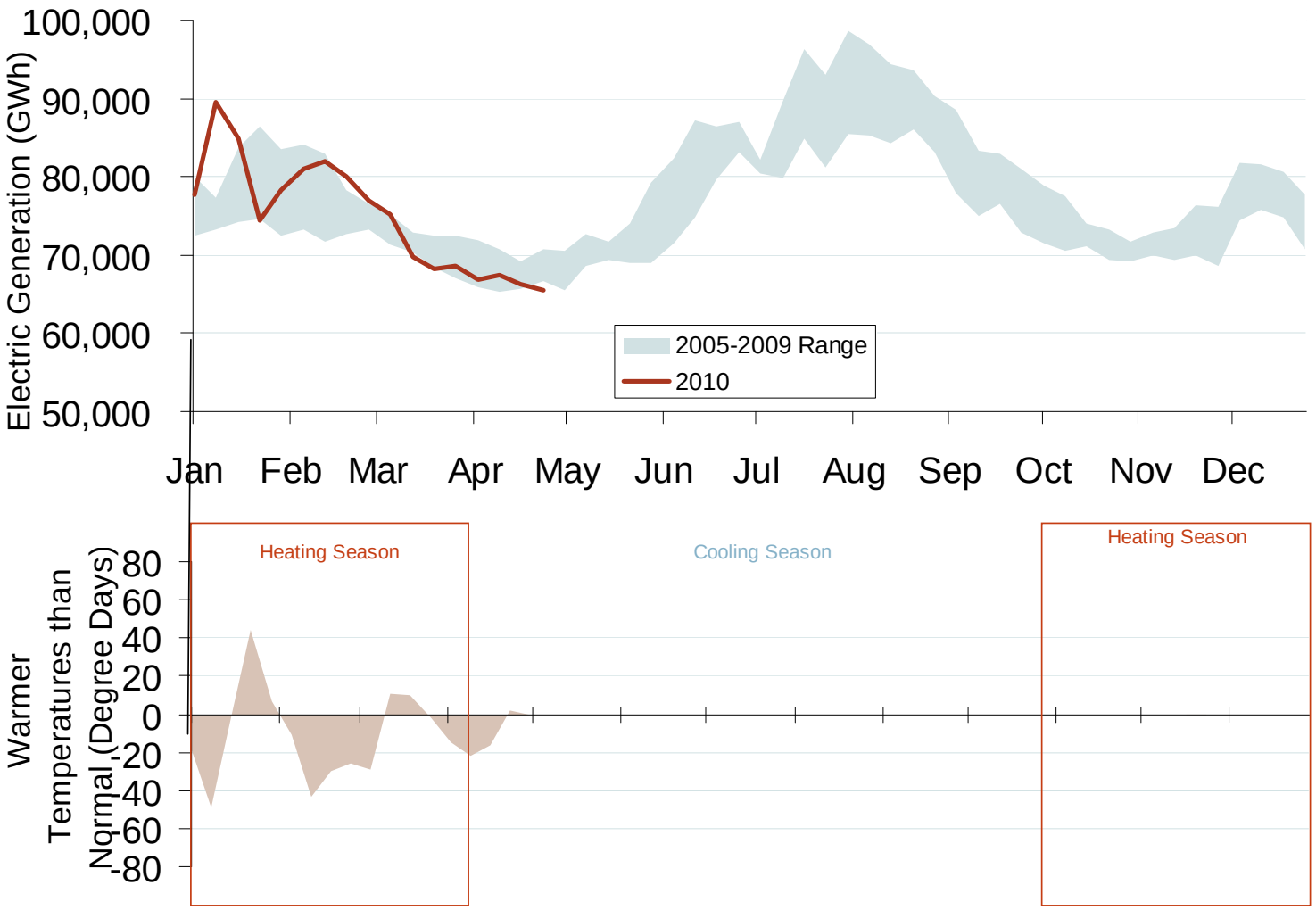
# Electricity Markets

# Weekly U.S. Electric Generation Output and Temperatures

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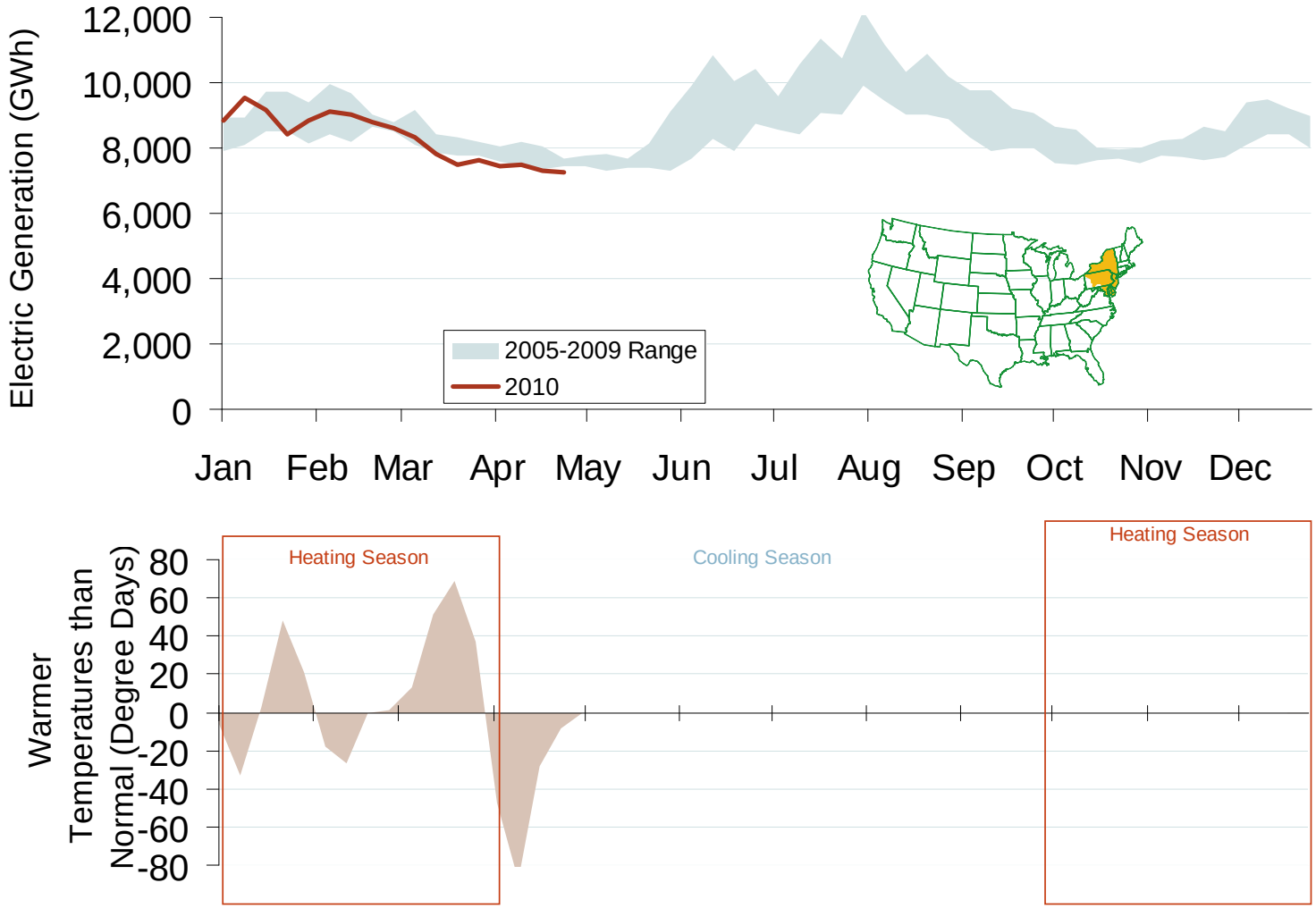
# Weekly Electric Generation Output and Temperatures Mid Atlantic Region

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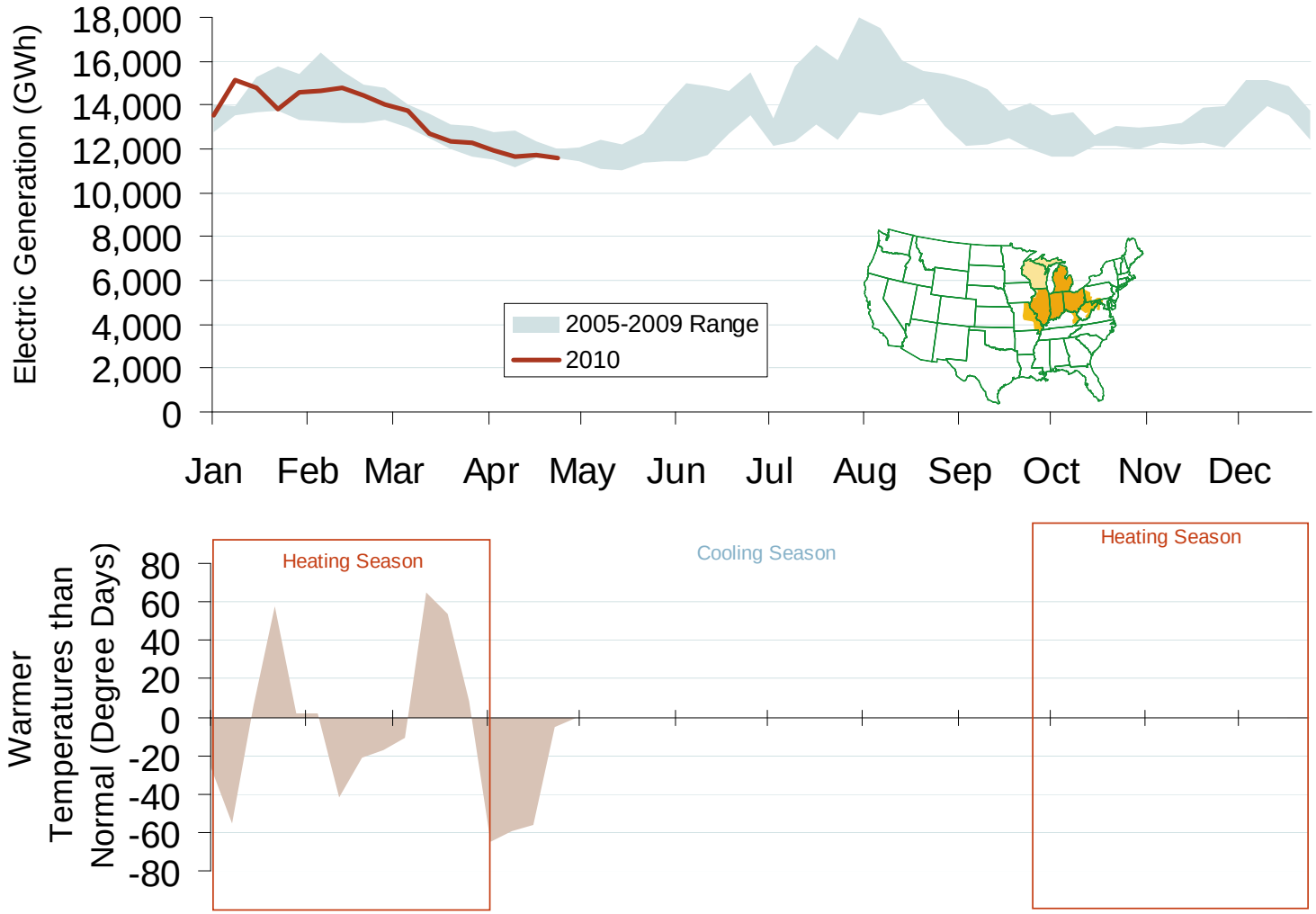


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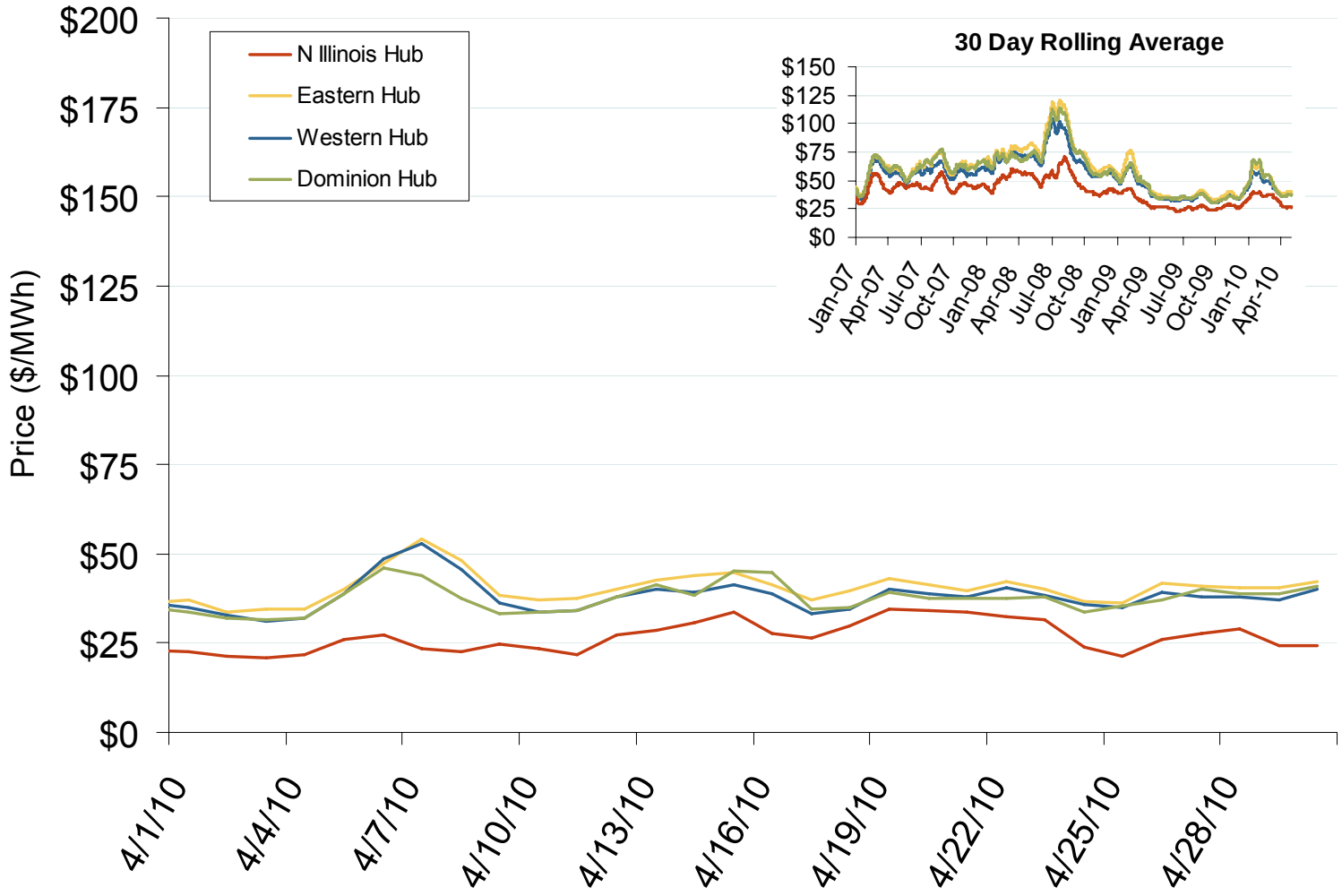


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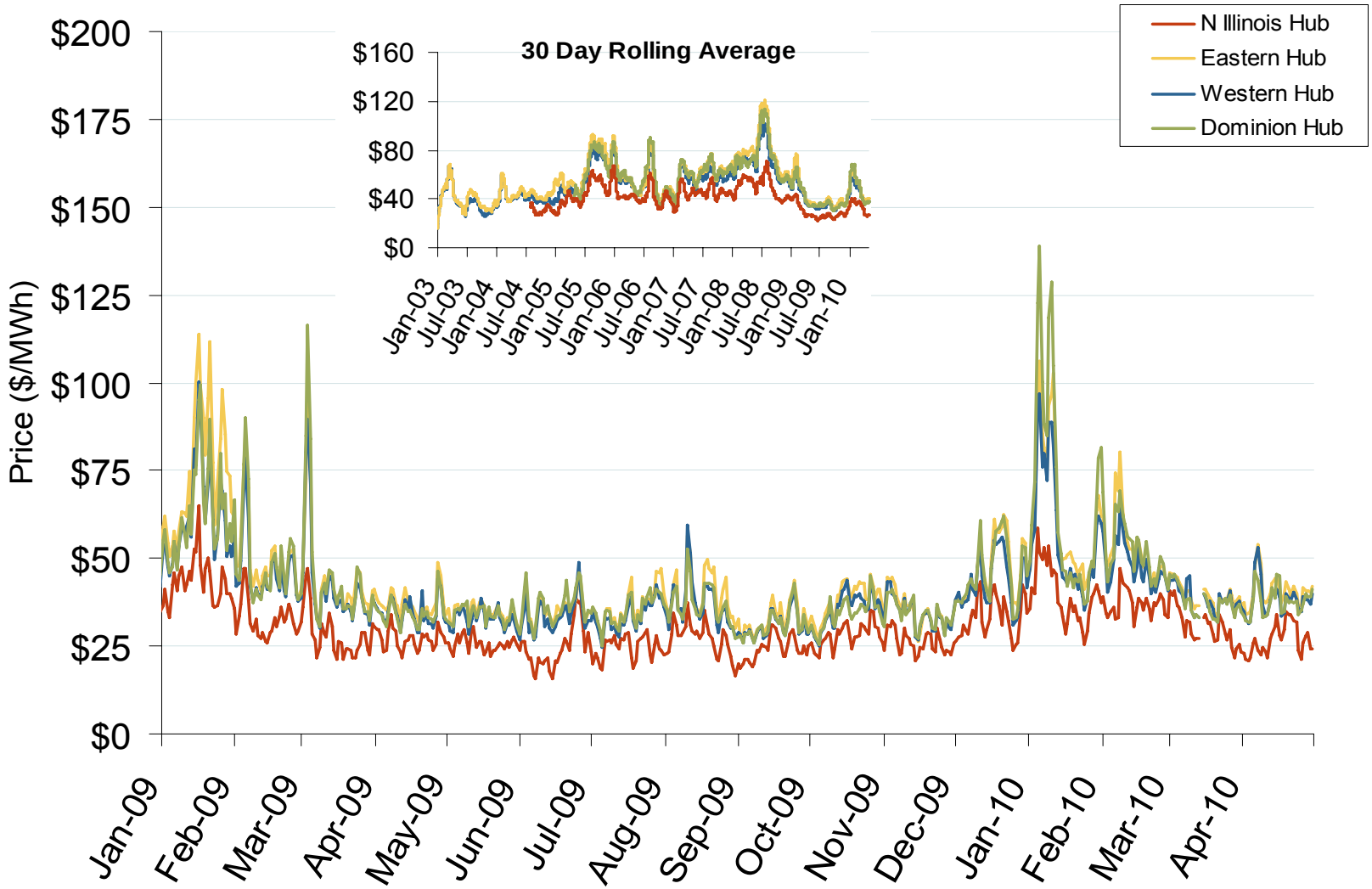


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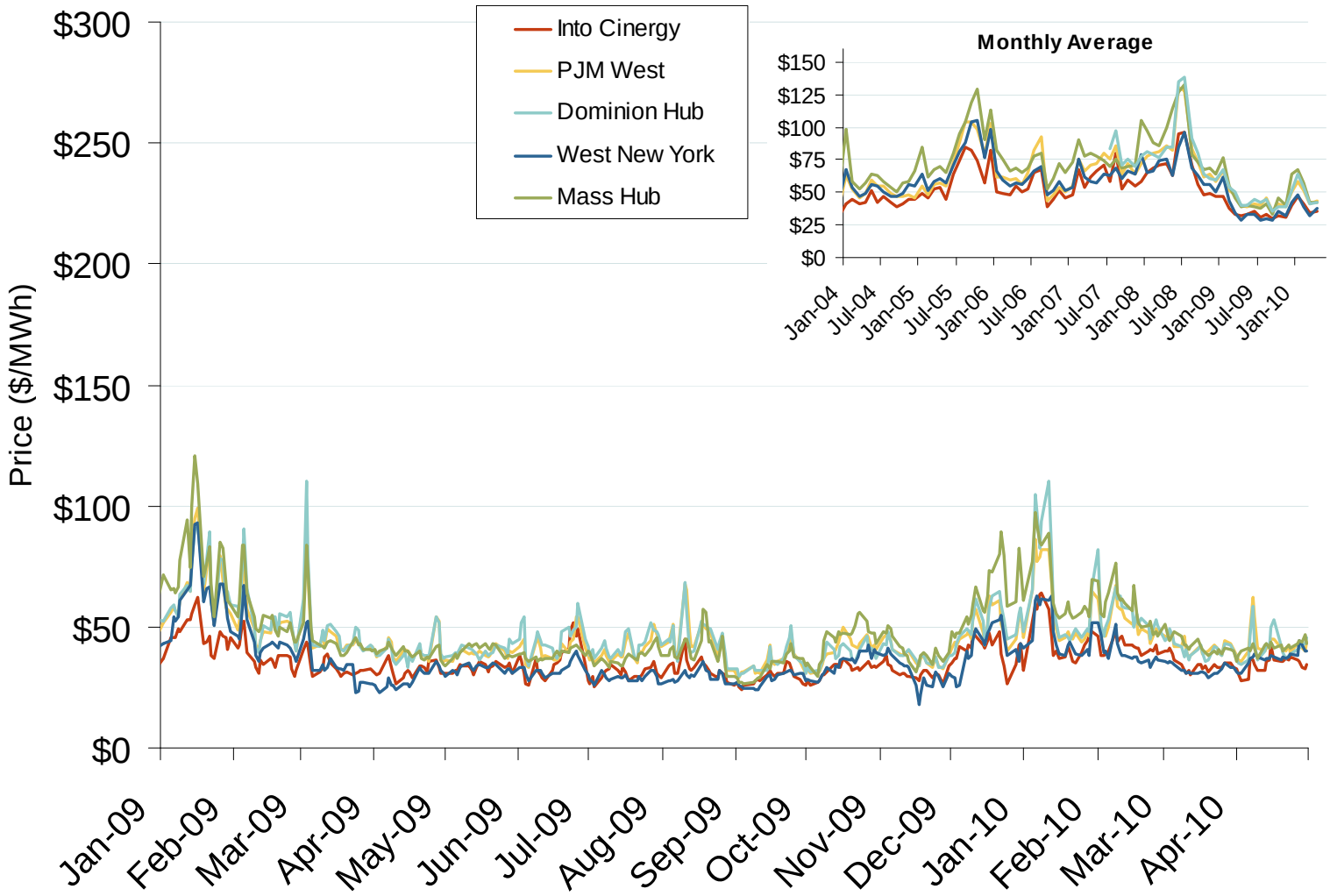
# Eastern Daily Bilateral Day-Ahead On-Peak Prices

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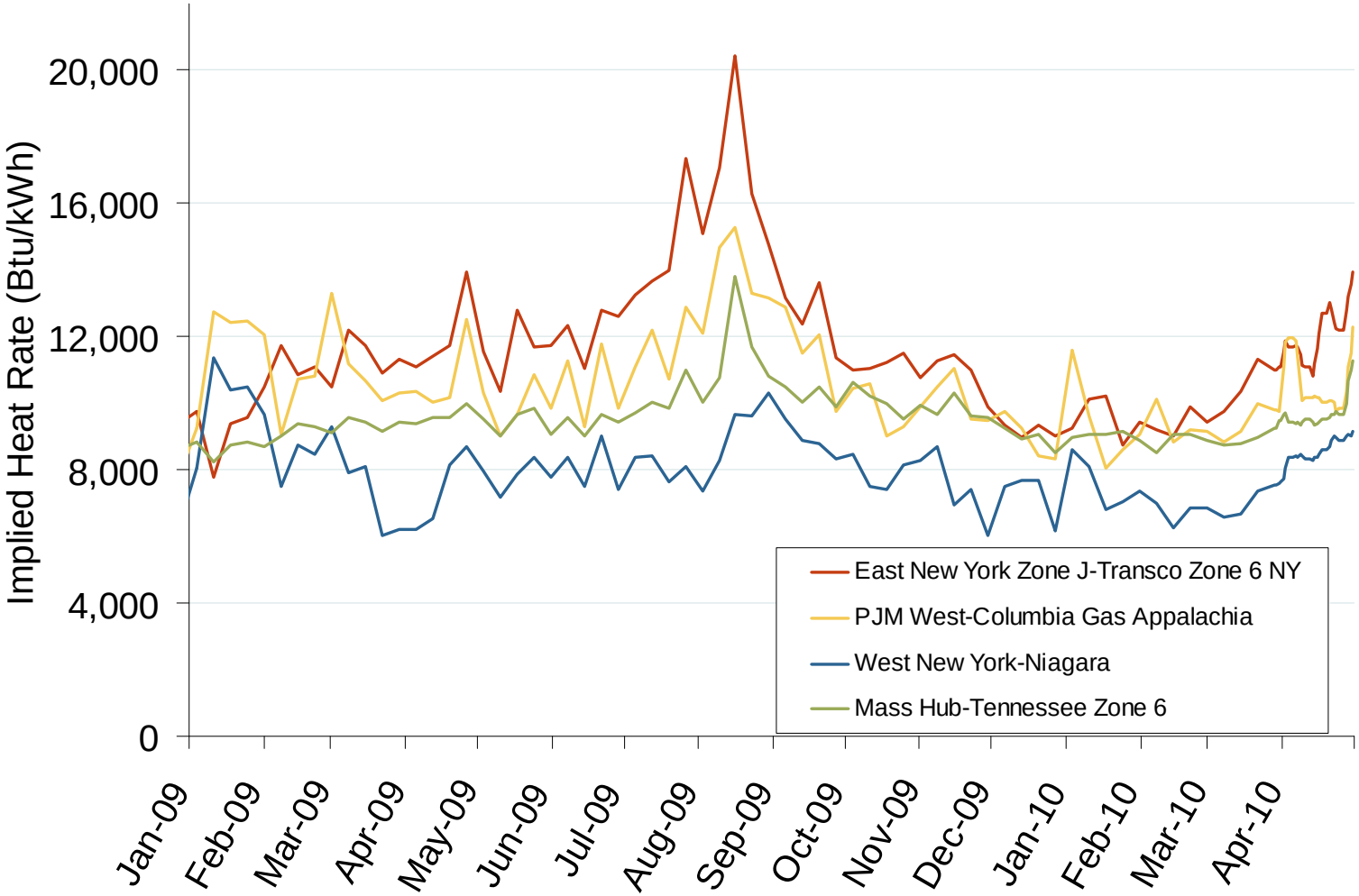
# Implied Heat Rates at Eastern Trading Points
# Weekly Averages

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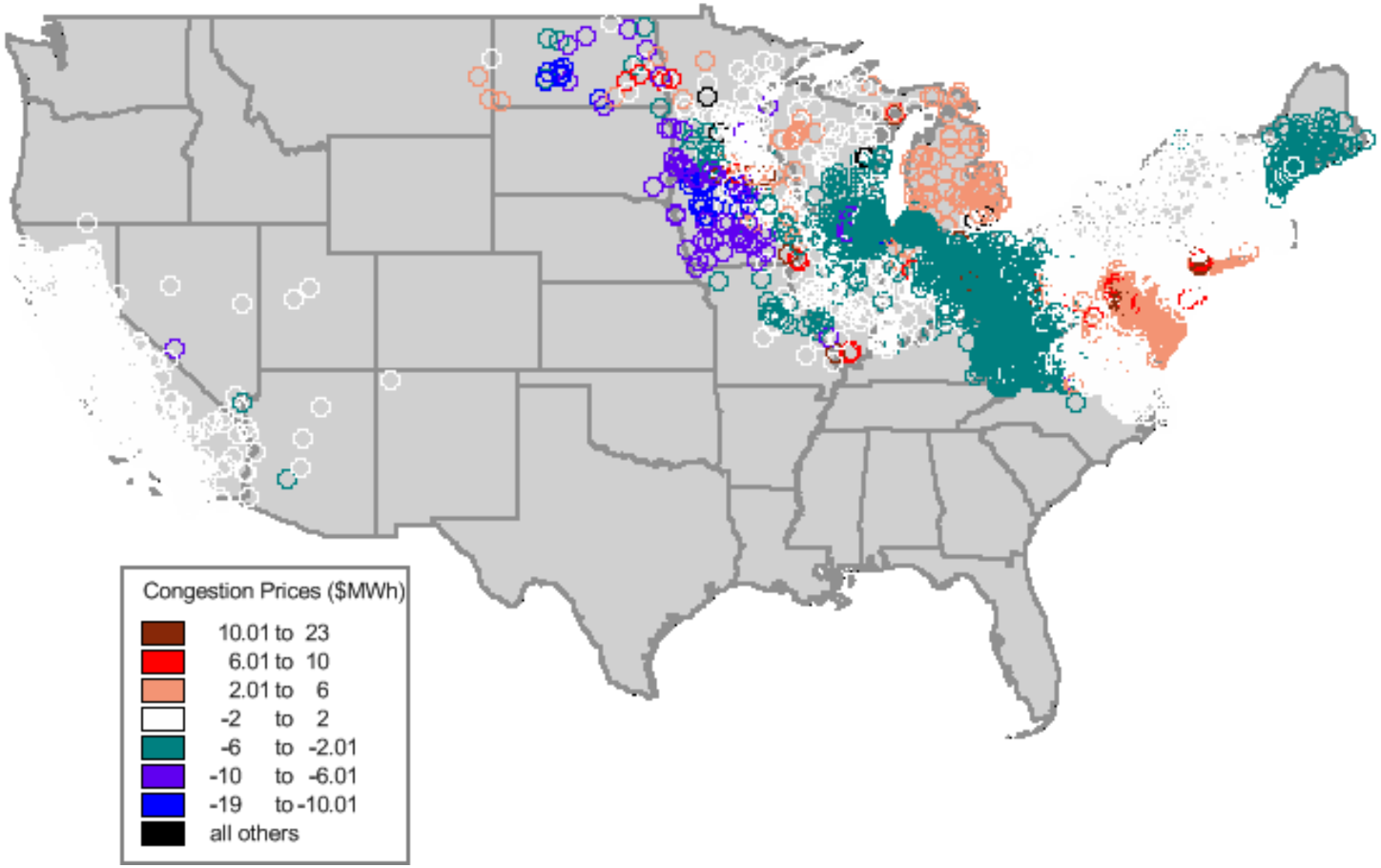
# Day Ahead On-Peak Congestion Average Monthly Prices April 2010




Source: Velocity Suite

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# Collaborative Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Programs

**Collaborative Regional GHG Programs:**

- Three North American groups with goals to lower regional GHG emissions were initiated by state Governors.
- 32 U.S. states, D.C., eight Canadian provinces, and six Mexican states are Participants or Observers.
- Observer jurisdictions do not commit to group GHG reduction goals, but participate in proceedings should they opt to join later. RGGI Observers are not on its Board.

**Western Climate Initiative (WCI):**

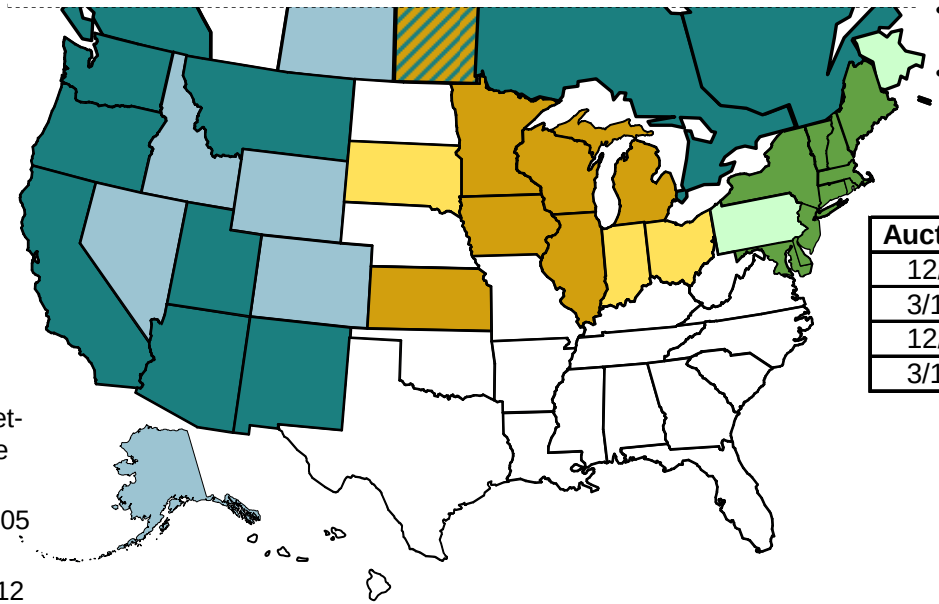
- Created February 2007
- Partners: 7 states, 4 provinces; Observers: 5 states, 1 province
- Announced its design for a market-based, *multi-sector* cap-and-trade program, Sept 2008:
  - 15% $CO_2$ reduction below 2005 levels by 2020
  - Phase I to take effect Jan 2012

**Midwest Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord:**

- Established November 2007
- Participants: 6 states, 1 province; Observers: 3 states, 1 province
- Preliminary design recommendations issued Dec 2008: 15 - 25% reductions by 2020, 60 - 80% by 2050

**Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI):**

- Compliance period began Jan 1, 2009
- Participants: 10 states Observers: 1 state, D.C., 3 provinces
- Market-based cap-and-trade effort to reduce *power-sector* $CO_2$ emissions.
- 10% $CO_2$ reduction by 2018 covers over 200 plants
- One allowance is the right to emit 1 ton of $CO_2$
- Annual RGGI cap is 188 million tons



**RGGI Auction Data**

| Auction Date | Vintage Year | Clearing Price |
|---|---|---|
| 12/2/2009 | 2009 | $2.05 |
| 3/10/2010 | 2010 | $2.07 |
| 12/2/2009 | 2012 | $1.86 |
| 3/10/2010 | 2013 | $1.86 |

- Participant in WCI
- Observer to WCI
- Participant in MGGRA
- Observer to MGGRA
- Participant in RGGI
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- Participant in MGGRA & WCI

Updates at: http://www.ferc.gov/market-oversight/mkt-electric/overview/elec-ovr-ghg.pdf

Notes: Kansas is a MGGRA participant and WCI observer. Ontario and Quebec are Partners to WCI and Observers to RGGI; Ontario is also an observer to RGGI.
Sources: regional initiatives - www.rggi.org, www.midwesternaccord.org, www.westernclimateinitiative.org, Point Carbon, analyst reports, trade press

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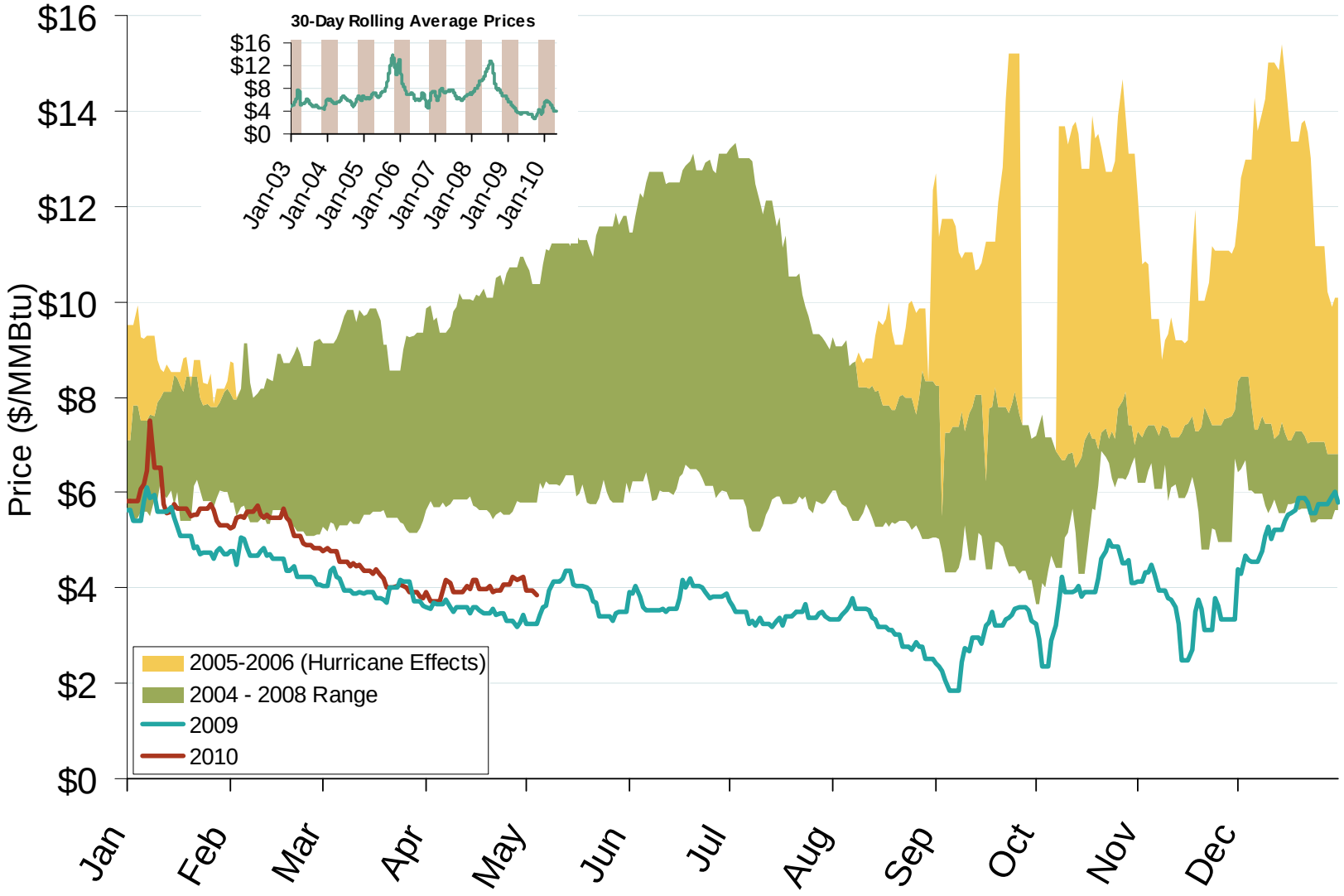
# Henry Hub Natural Gas Daily Spot Prices

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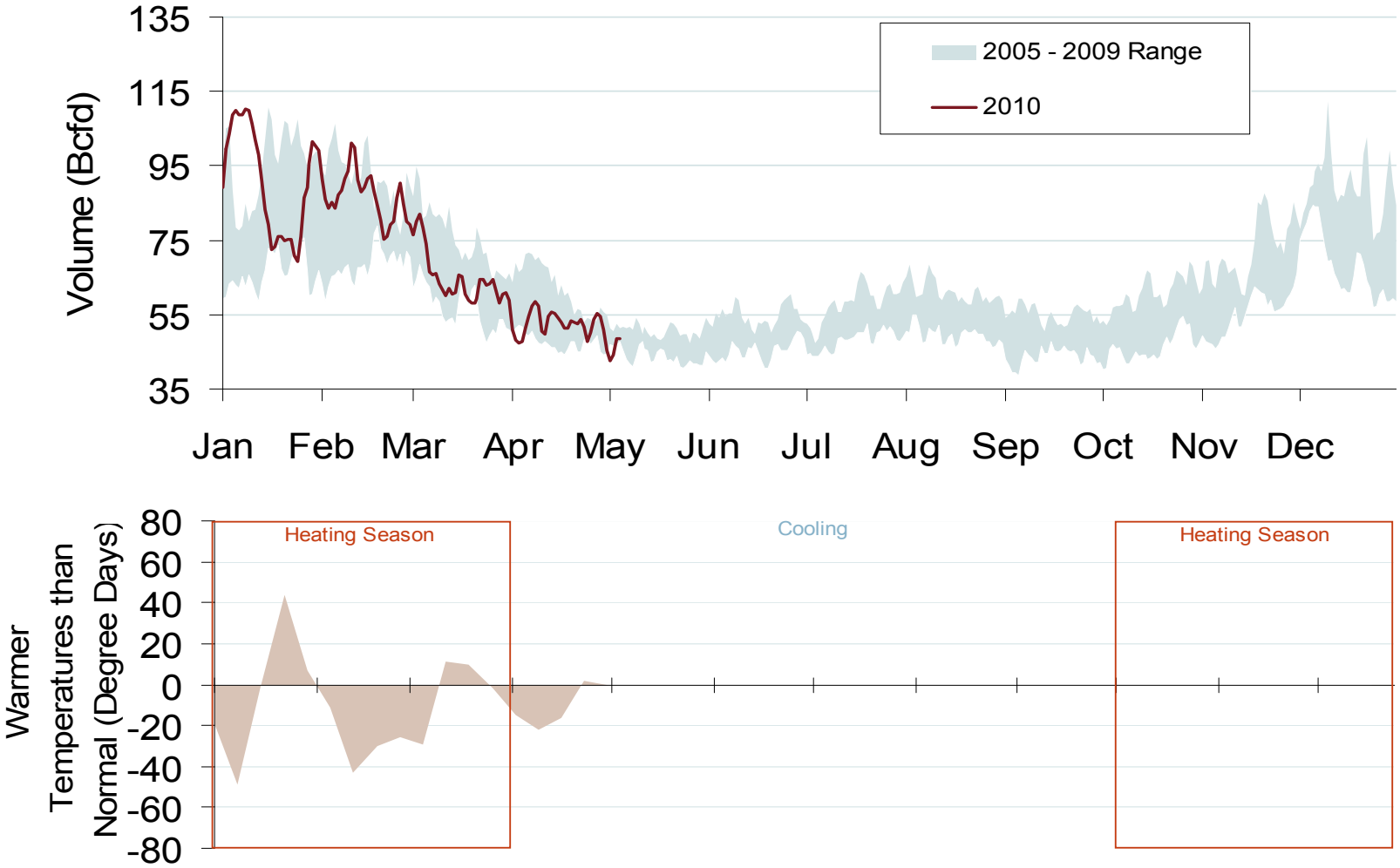
# Total U.S. Natural Gas Demand (All Sectors) and Temperatures

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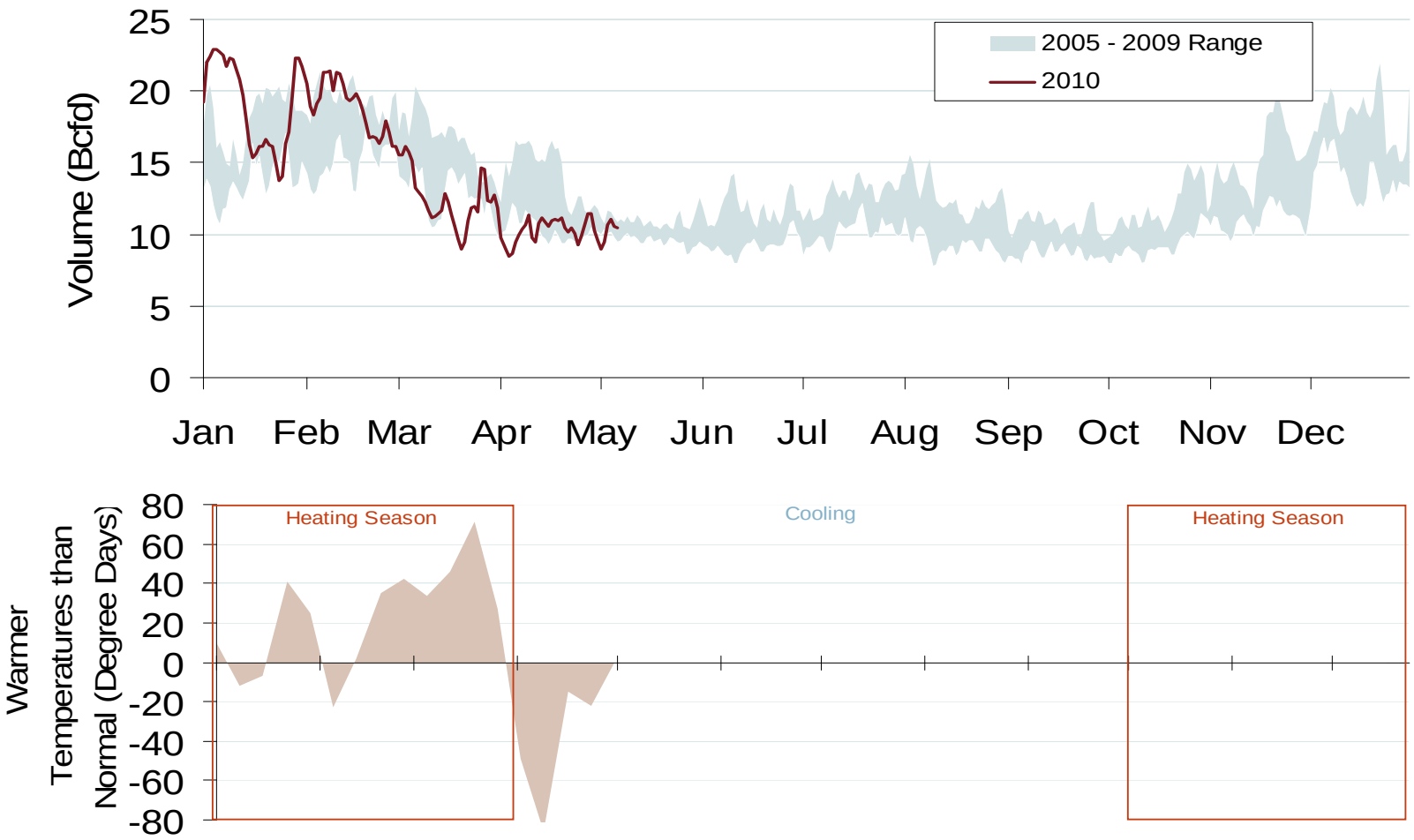
# Daily Northeast Natural Gas Demand
# All Sectors

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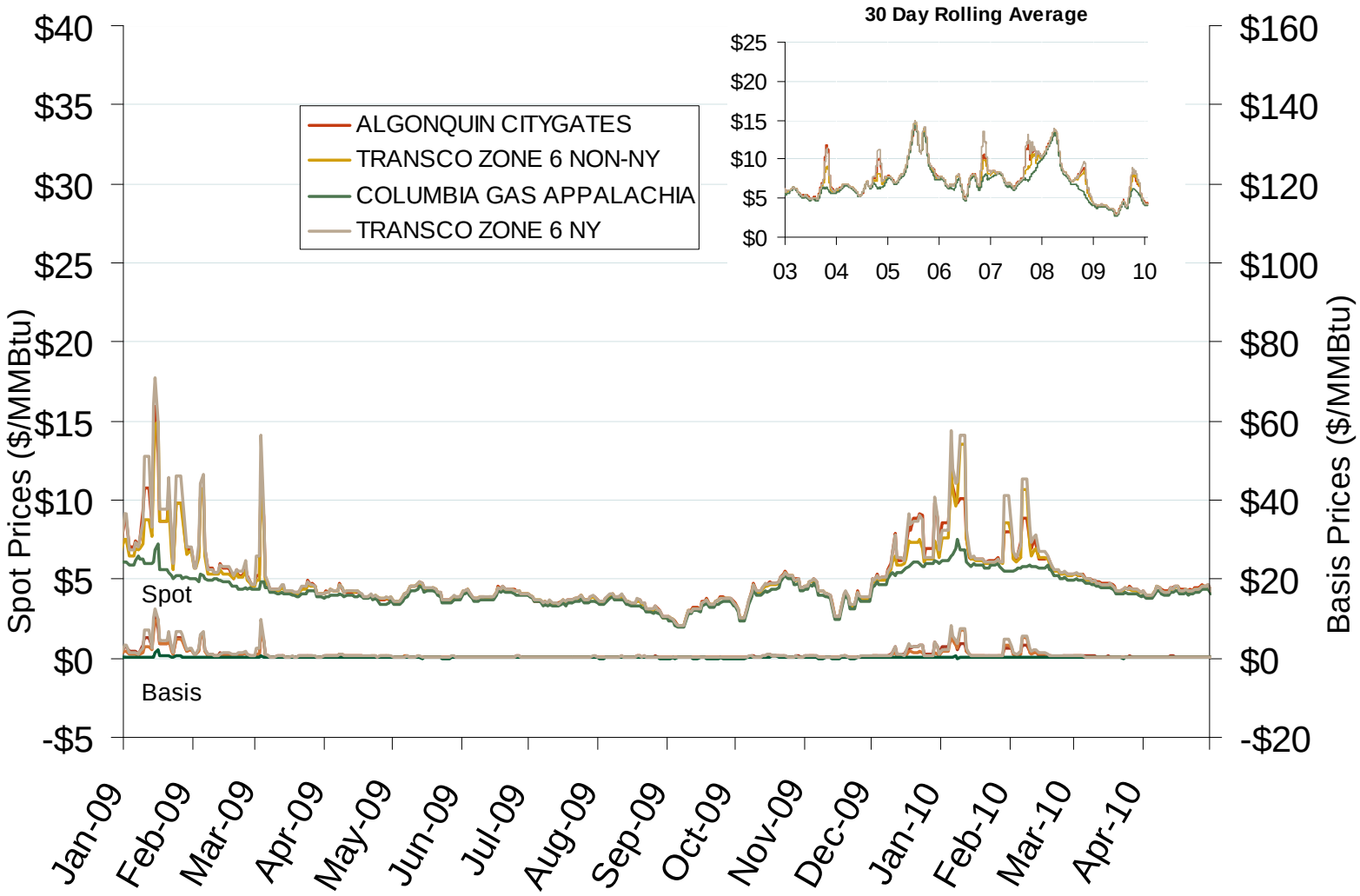
# Northeastern Spot Prices and Basis

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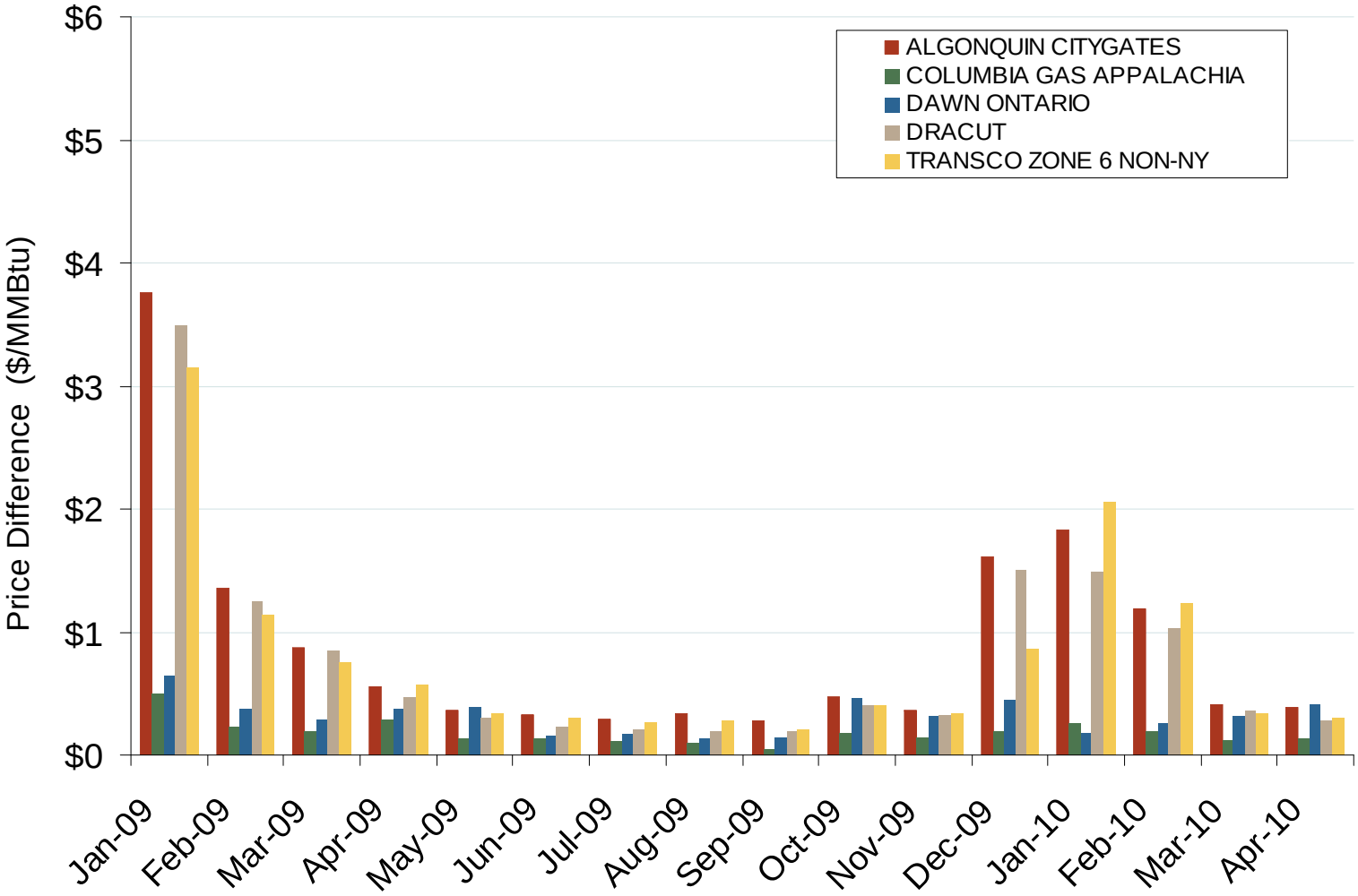
# Northeastern Monthly Average Basis Value to Henry Hub

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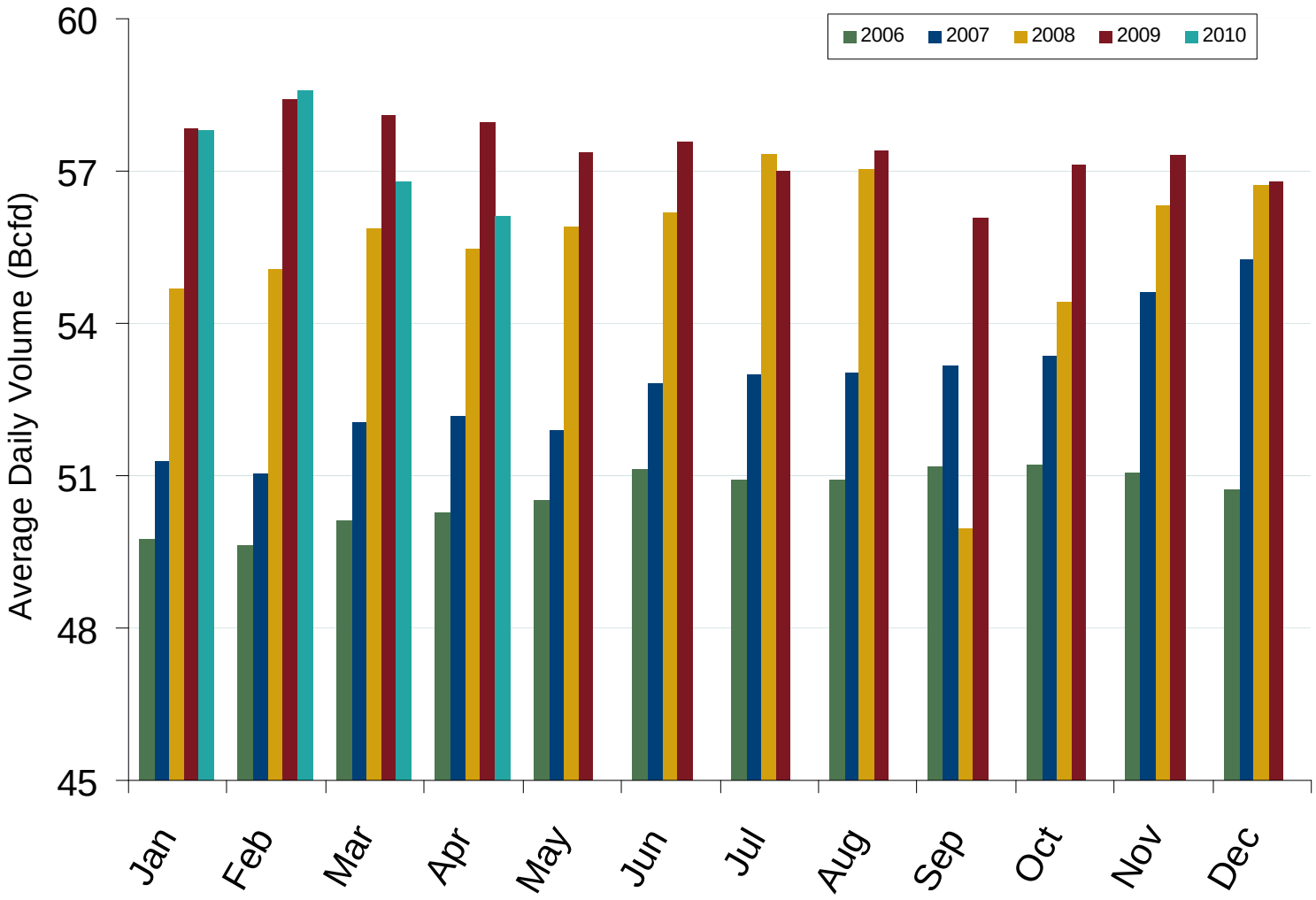
# U.S. Dry Gas Production

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# EIA-914 Production Data Survey Revisions "Much Ado About Nothing"

- EIA released revised production data on April 29
- Old method depended on historical data two to seven years old which did not accurately reflect shale gas production
- New method uses data that is only six to 18 months old
- The market was uncertain as to the magnitude of the revisions – some analysts estimated the new methodology would show production was overestimated by over 1 Bcfd
  - Market fell by over 24 cents in reaction to storage data released earlier, but the release of revised production data prompted only a 7-cent drop
- EIA revised:
  - February 2010 production upward by 1 Bcfd (1.6% above revised January data
  - January 2010 production downward by 0.6 Bcfd (0.9% of 63.43 Bcfd previously reported
  - 2009 monthly revisions ranged from -0.3% to -1.3% (0.34 Bcfd average monthly revision)
- EIA states the new methodology no longer underestimates shale production

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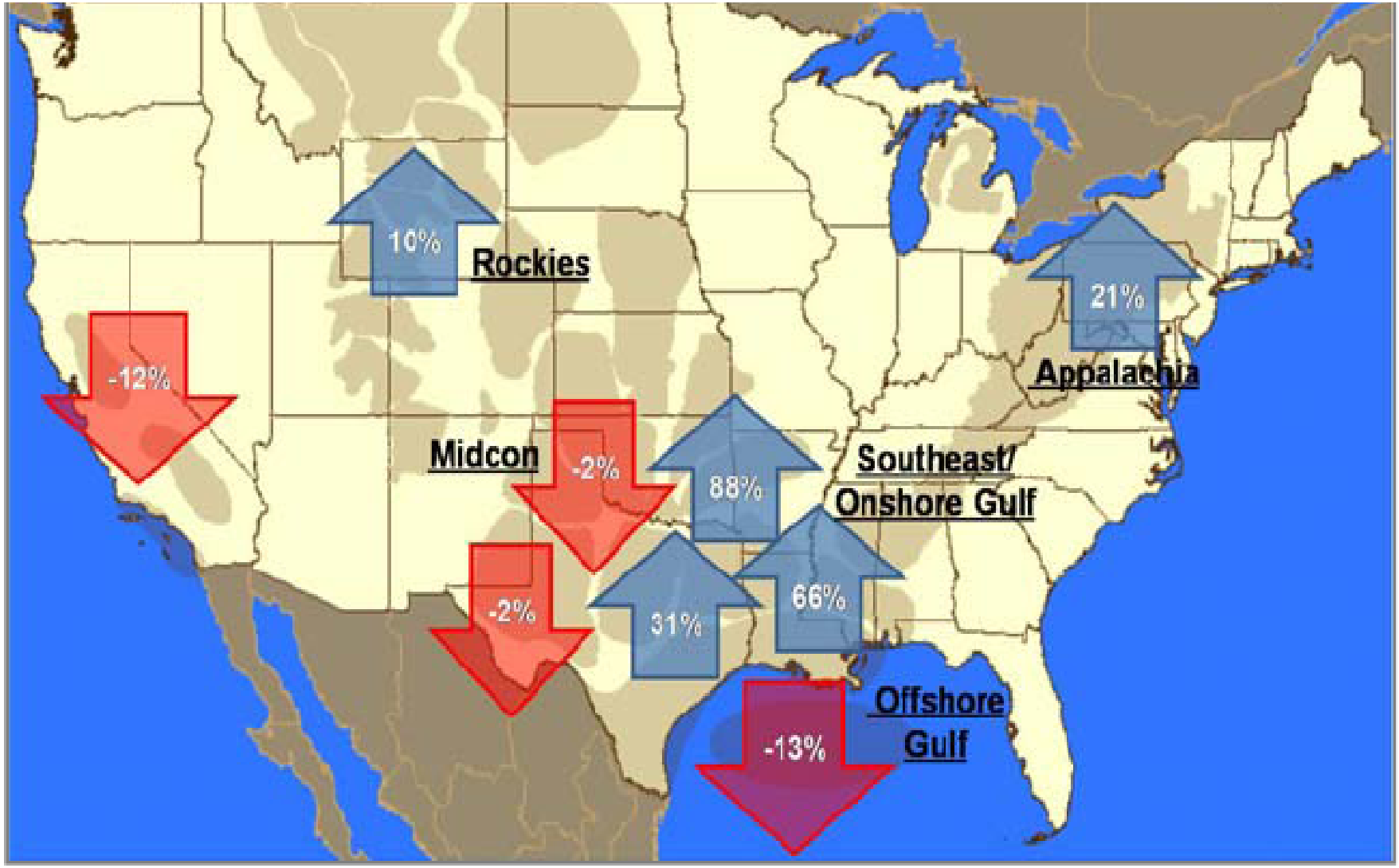
# Changes in U.S. Gas Production 2007-2009

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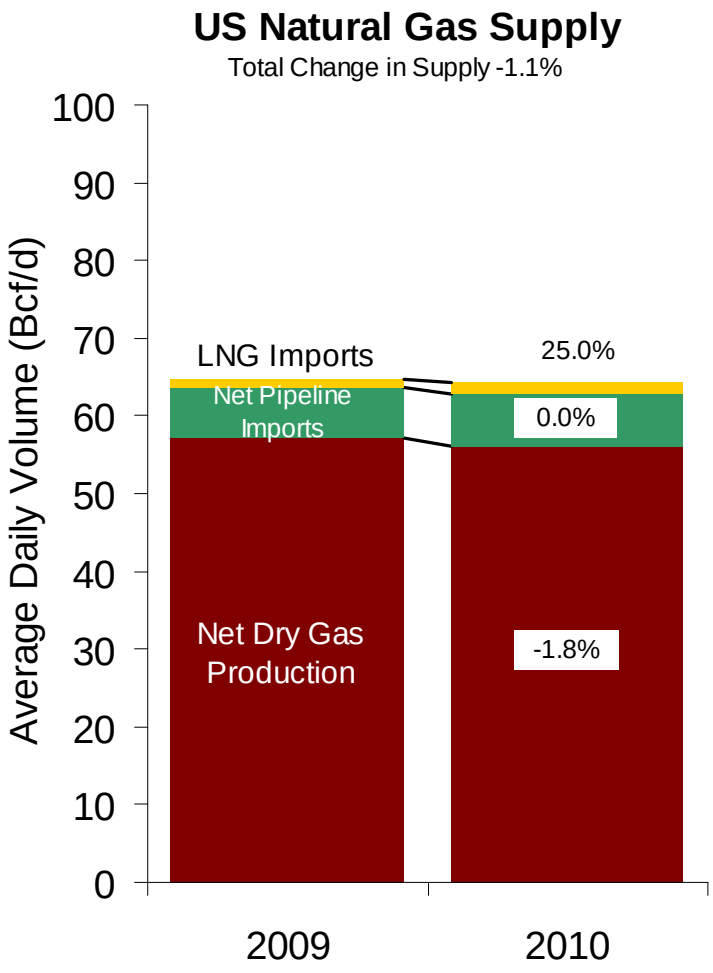
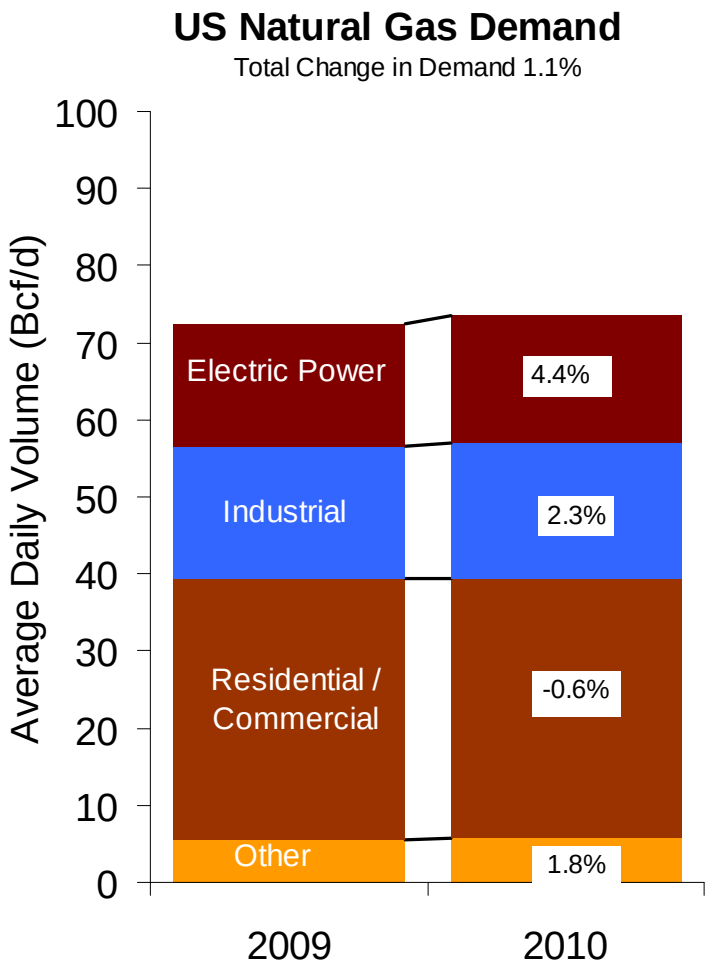
# U.S. Natural Gas Supply and Demand 2009 vs. 2010: January - April

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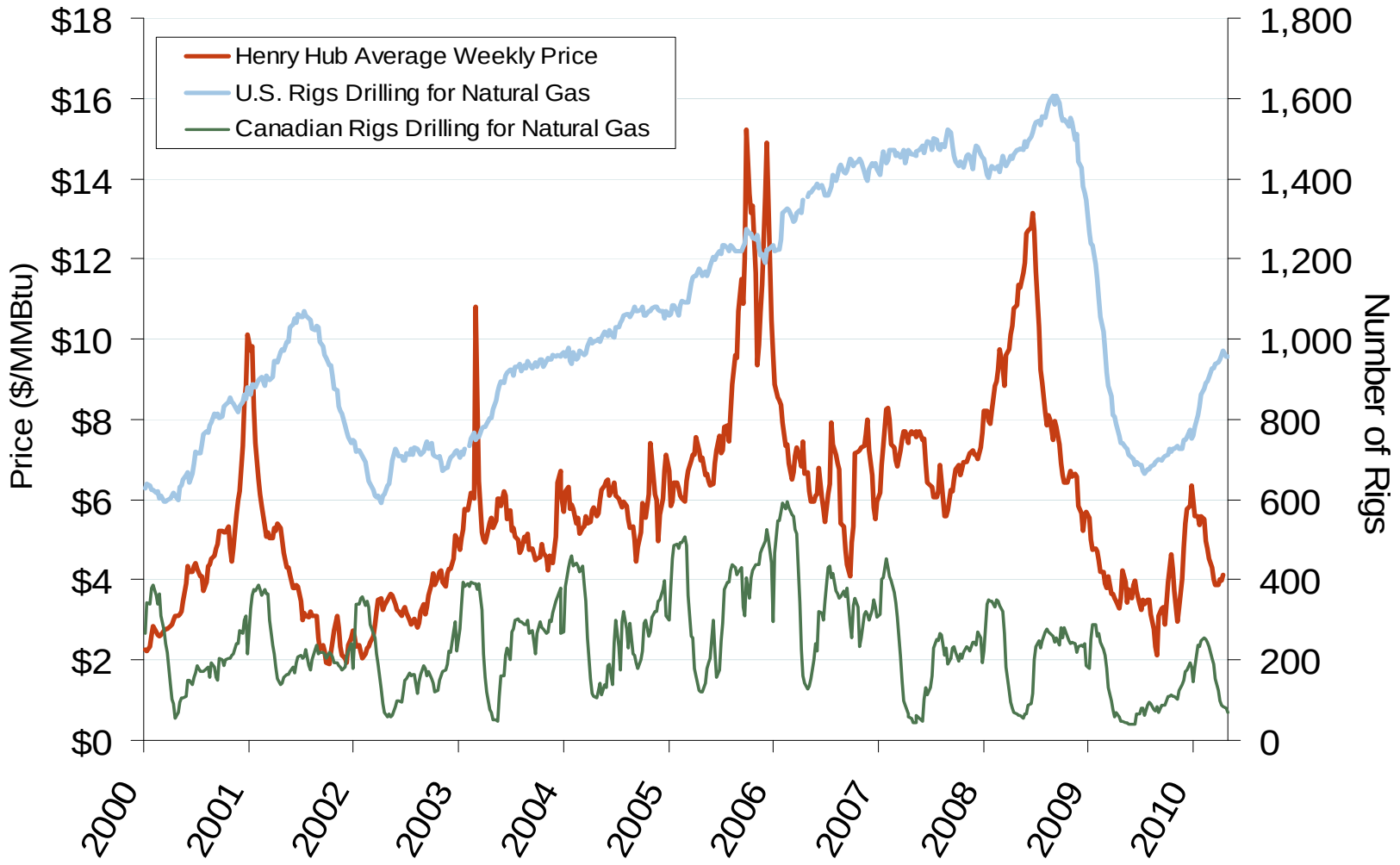
# U.S. and Canadian Natural Gas Drilling Rig Count and Daily Spot Prices

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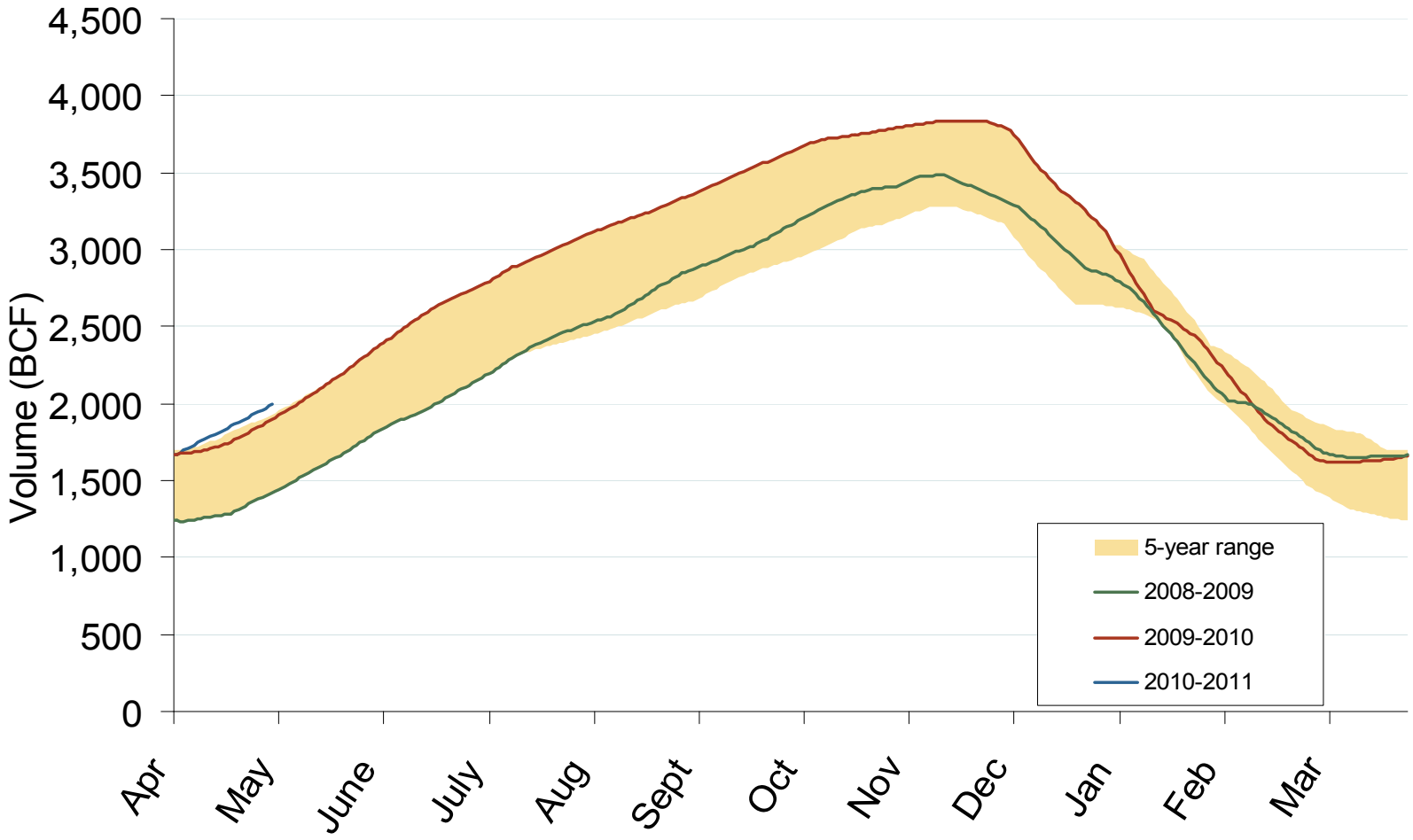
# Total U.S. Working Gas in Storage

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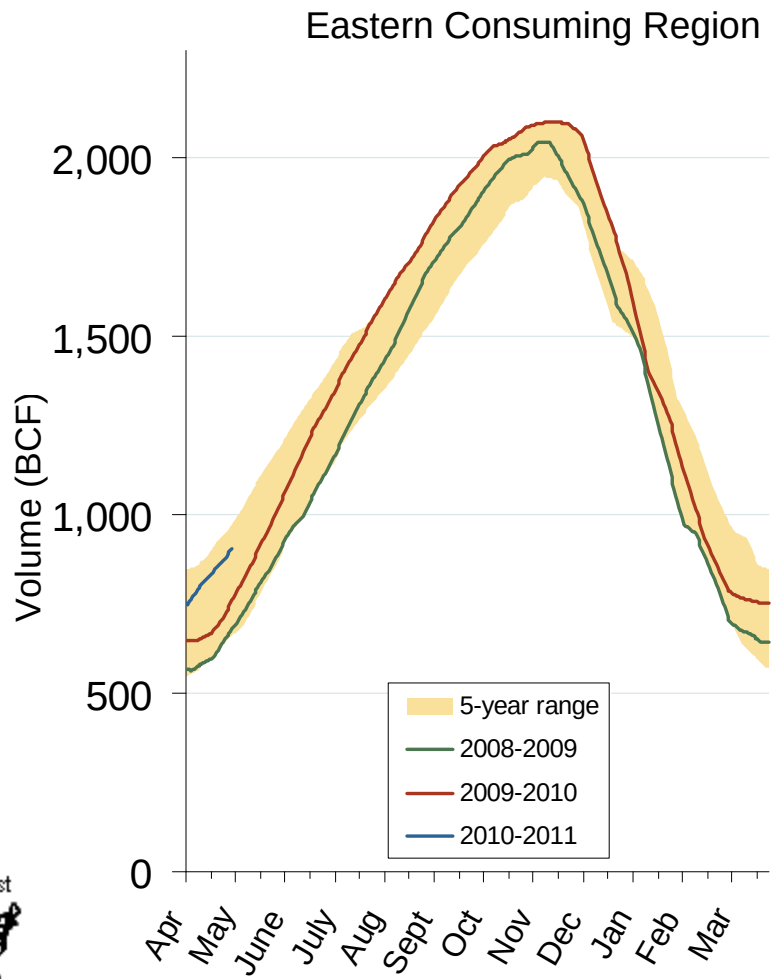
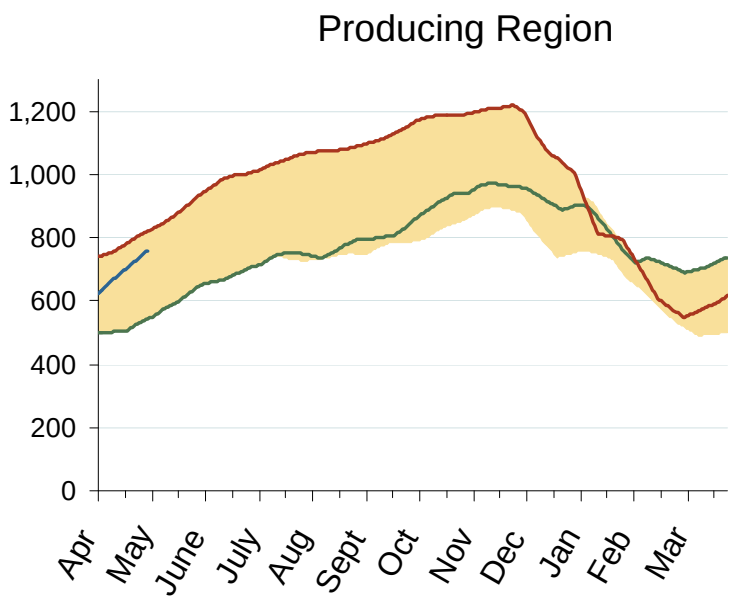
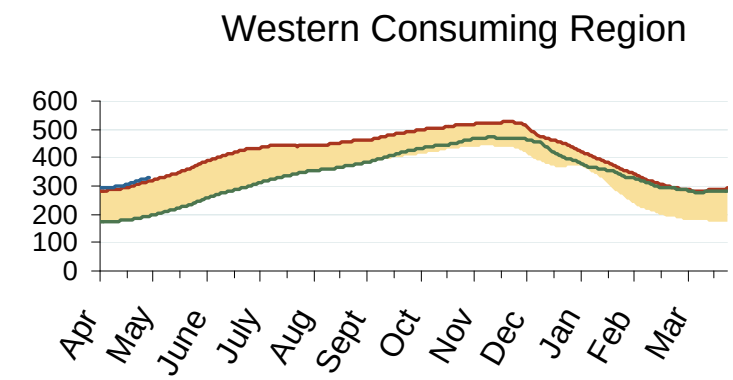
# Regional Totals of Working Gas in Storage



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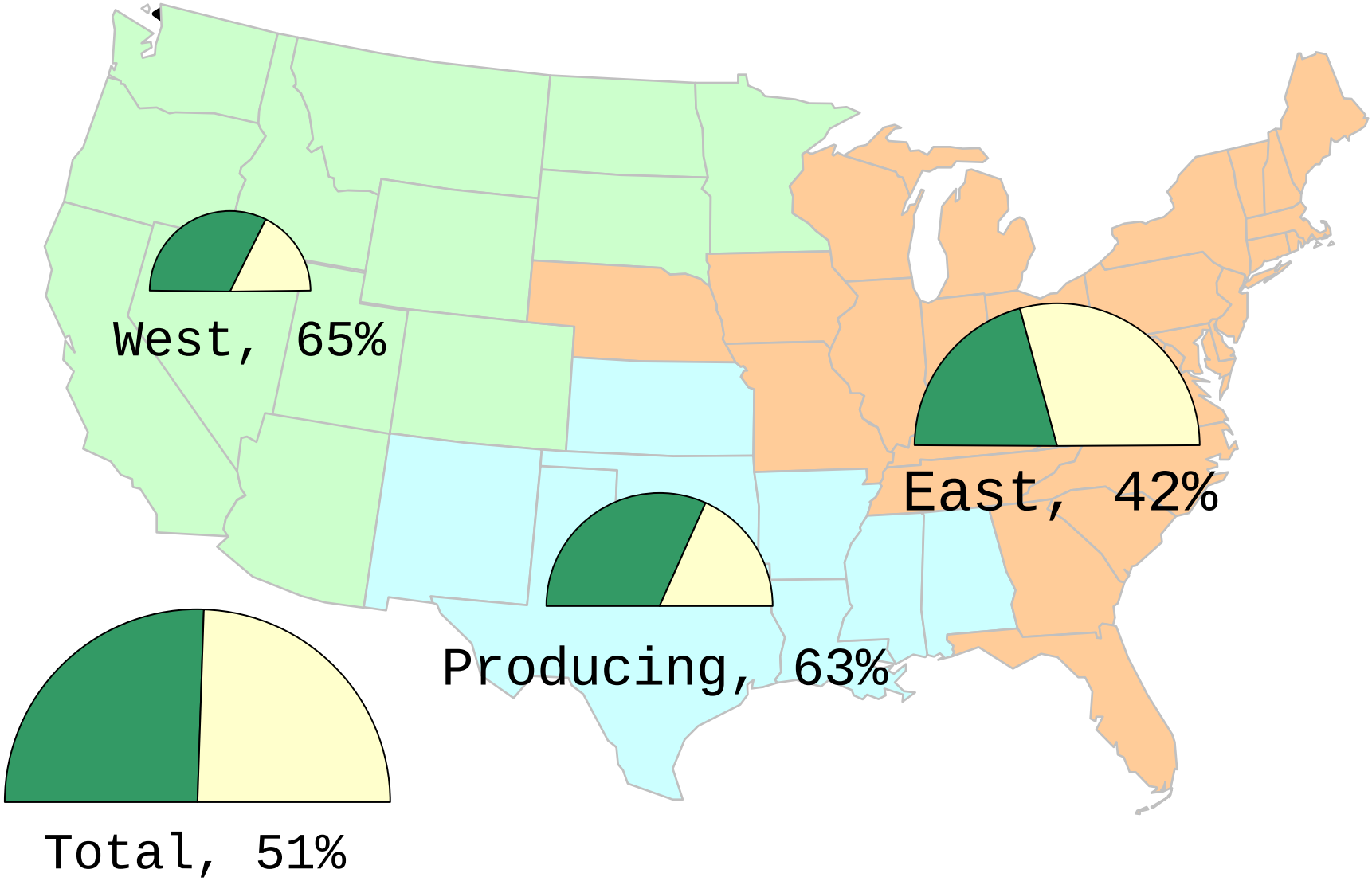
# Natural Gas Storage Inventories – % full on April 30, 2010

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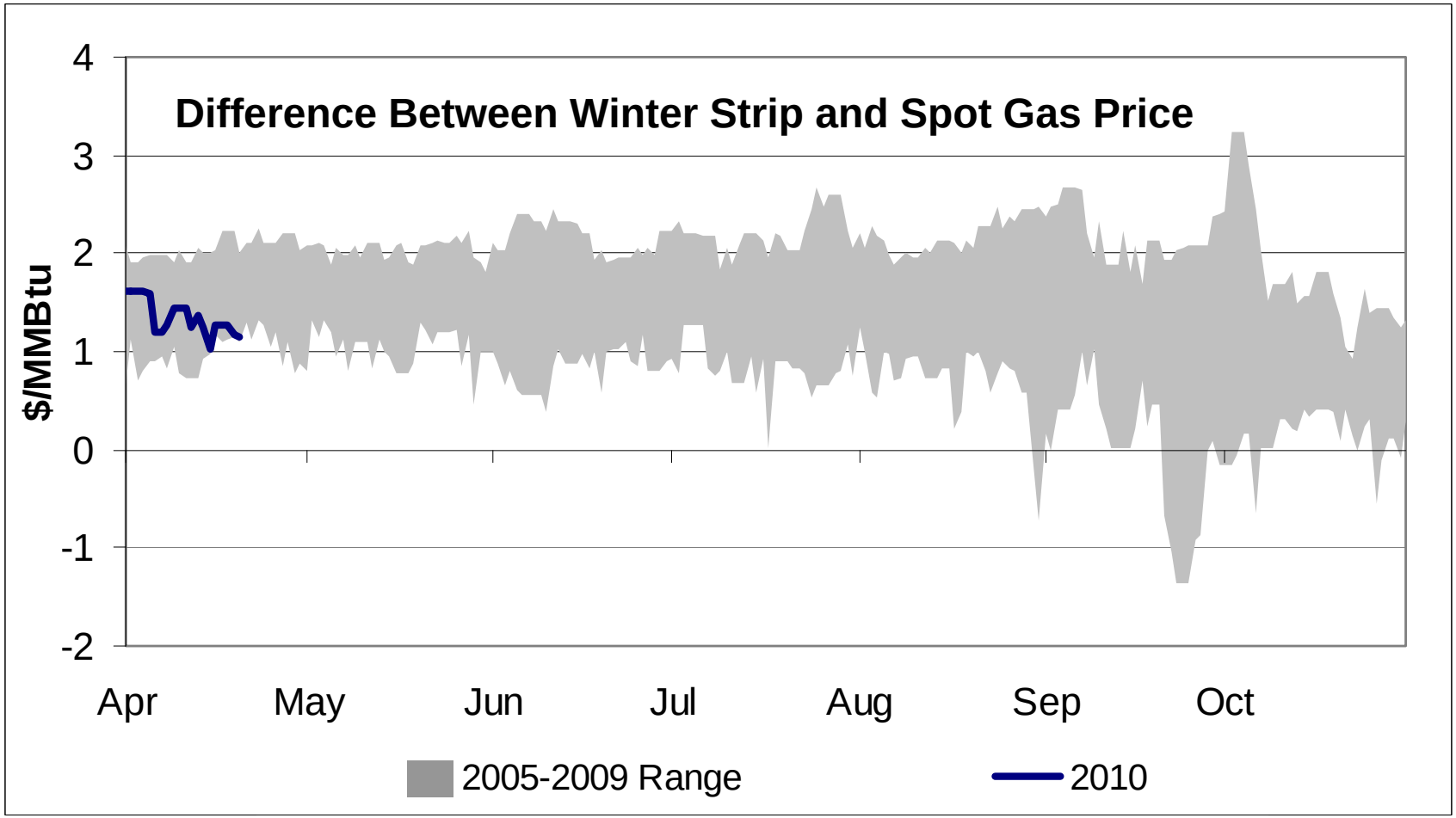
# Low Commodity and Storage Costs Support Robust Storage Injections




Source: Derived from Bloomberg Data

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# Salt Cavern Storage Enhances System Flexibility

- Over 90% of total U.S. salt cavern capacity (>500 Bcf) is in the SE/Gulf region
- Physical advantages over depleted field and aquifer storage
  - Multiple cycles up to 10-12 per year
  - High deliverability
  - Greater field integrity
  - Responds to daily/hourly variations in customer supply needs
- Enhances customer flexibility
  - Pipeline and LDC customers
    - More easily supports no-notice service
    - Better manage imbalances and penalties
    - Helps facilitate daily nomination changes and title transfers
    - Parking and lending
  - High deliverability source for the quickly changing needs of gas fired generation and industrial loads
  - Commercial customers
    - Backstop sales contracts
    - Capture profits from spot price movements
- Allows the operator to offer market based rates and a wider variety of supply management tools to a larger array of customers

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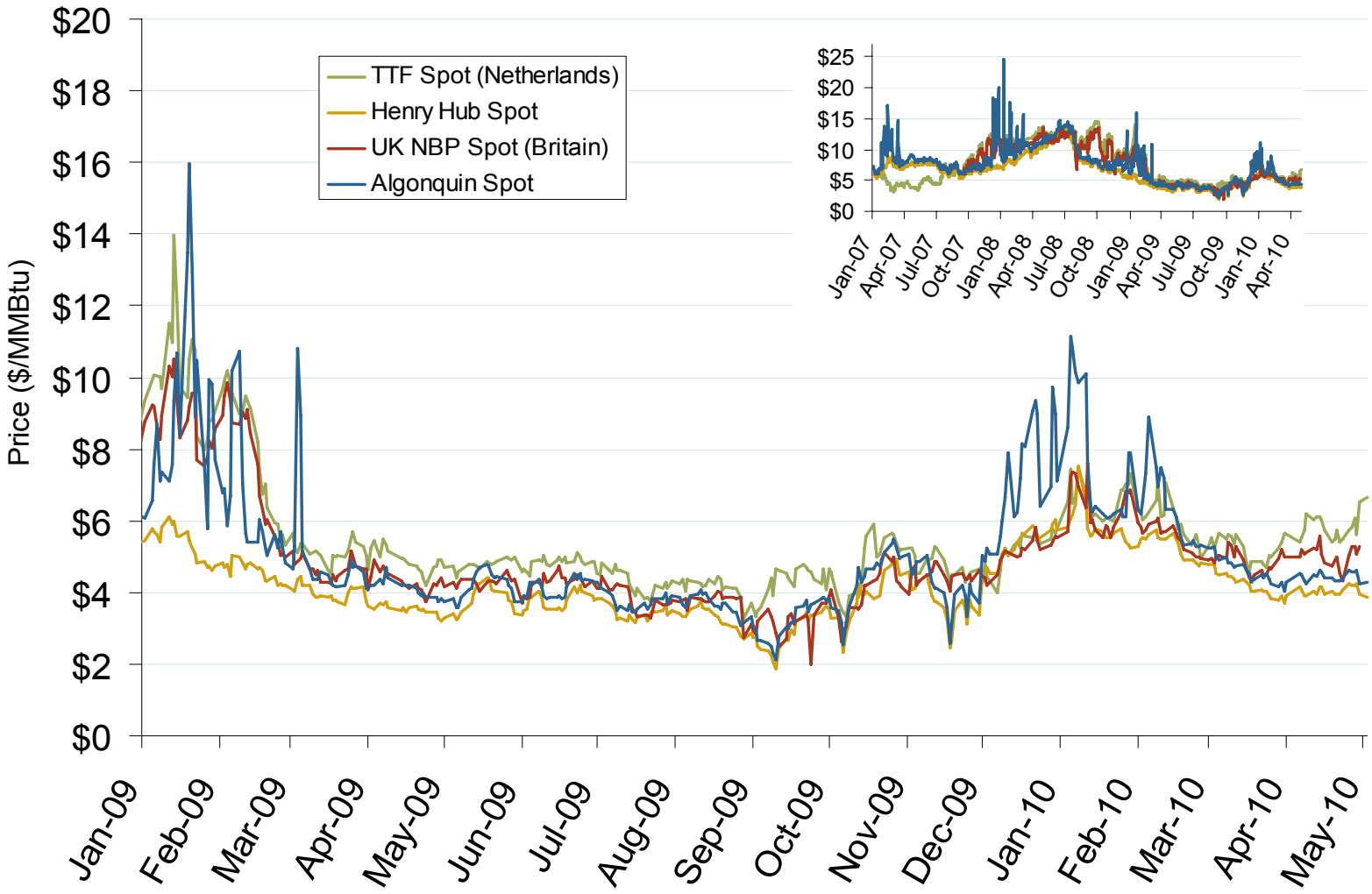
# Atlantic Basin European and US Spot Natural Gas Prices

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# World LNG Estimated May 2010 Landed Prices

Source: *Waterborne Energy, Inc.* Data in $US/MMBtu.

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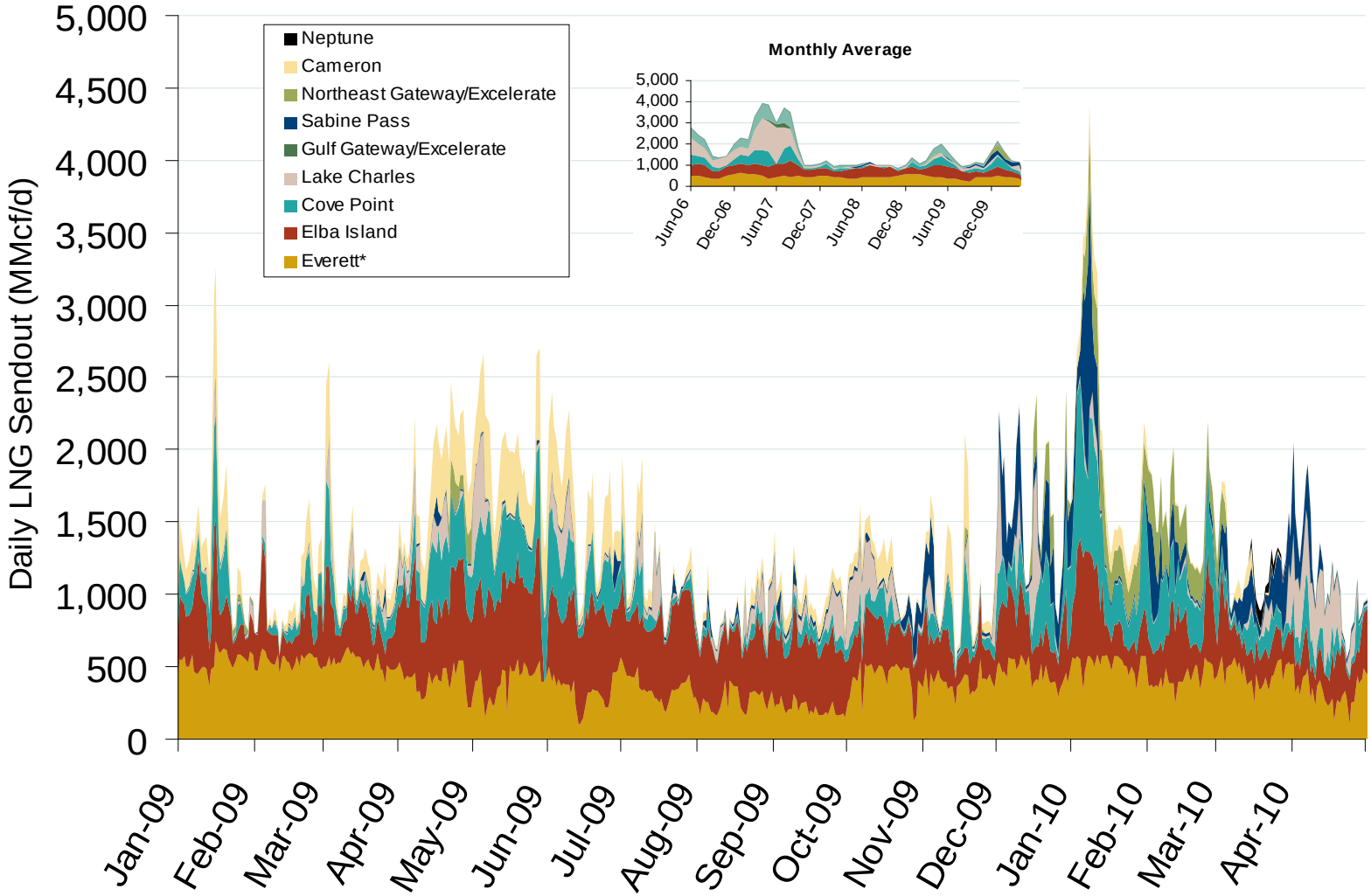
# Daily Gas Sendout from Existing U.S. LNG Facilities




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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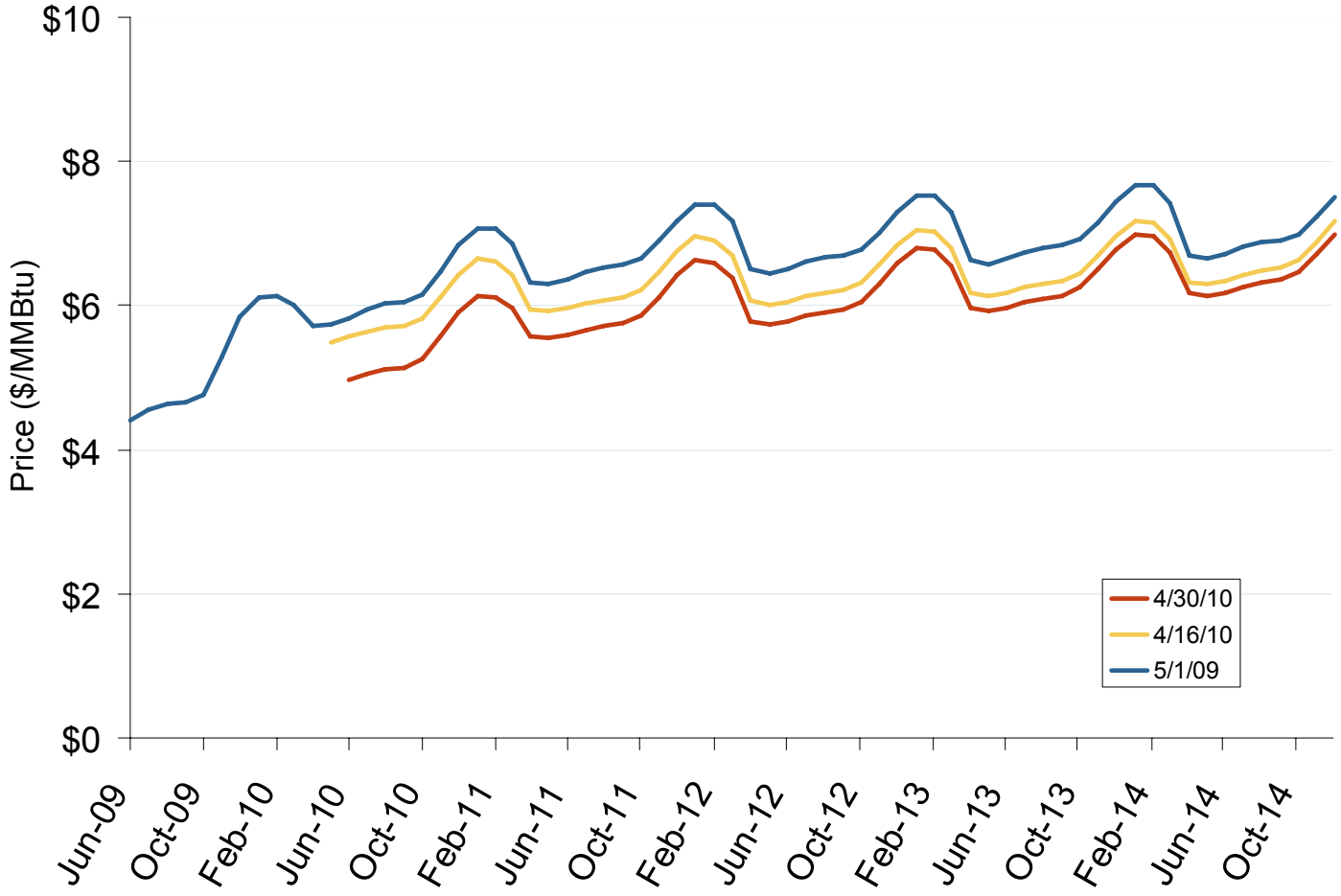
# NYMEX Natural Gas Forward Price Curve




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.

Source: Derived from *NYMEX* data.

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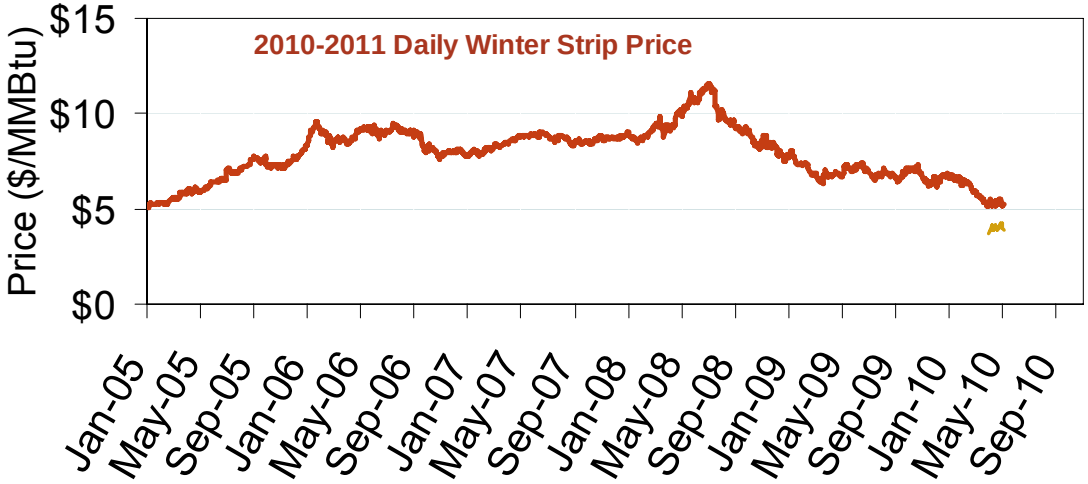
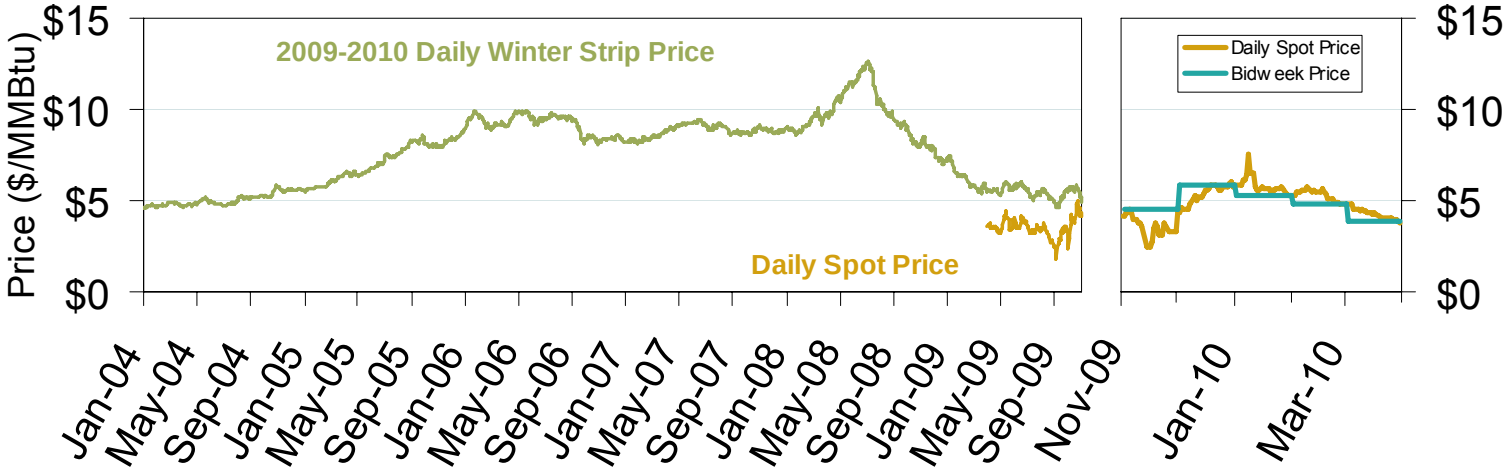
# Natural Gas Winter Futures Strip and Daily Henry Hub Spot and Bidweek Prices

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# Bidweek Gas Prices Rise for May

Bidweek is the last five business days of every month for gas to be delivered every day the following month.

Trading on ICE shows:

- More than half of the points traded during May bidweek are up from the prior month. Last month, only a quarter of the points traded above $4/MMBtu;
- 67 of 98 points traded above $4/MMBtu.
- Northeastern hubs Algonquin citygates, Dawn and Iroquois Zone 2 traded above $4.60/MMBtu, replacing PG&E citygate – $4.52/MMBtu – as the most expensive in the country.
- The lowest prices were located in the Midwest and Rockies, where CIG (Colorado) and AECO (Alberta) traded below $3.71/MMBtu.
- AECO continues to be the most actively traded point during bidweek, with its fixed price and physical basis volumes representing 14% of all May bidweek transactions.

Source: Derived from InterContinental Exchange

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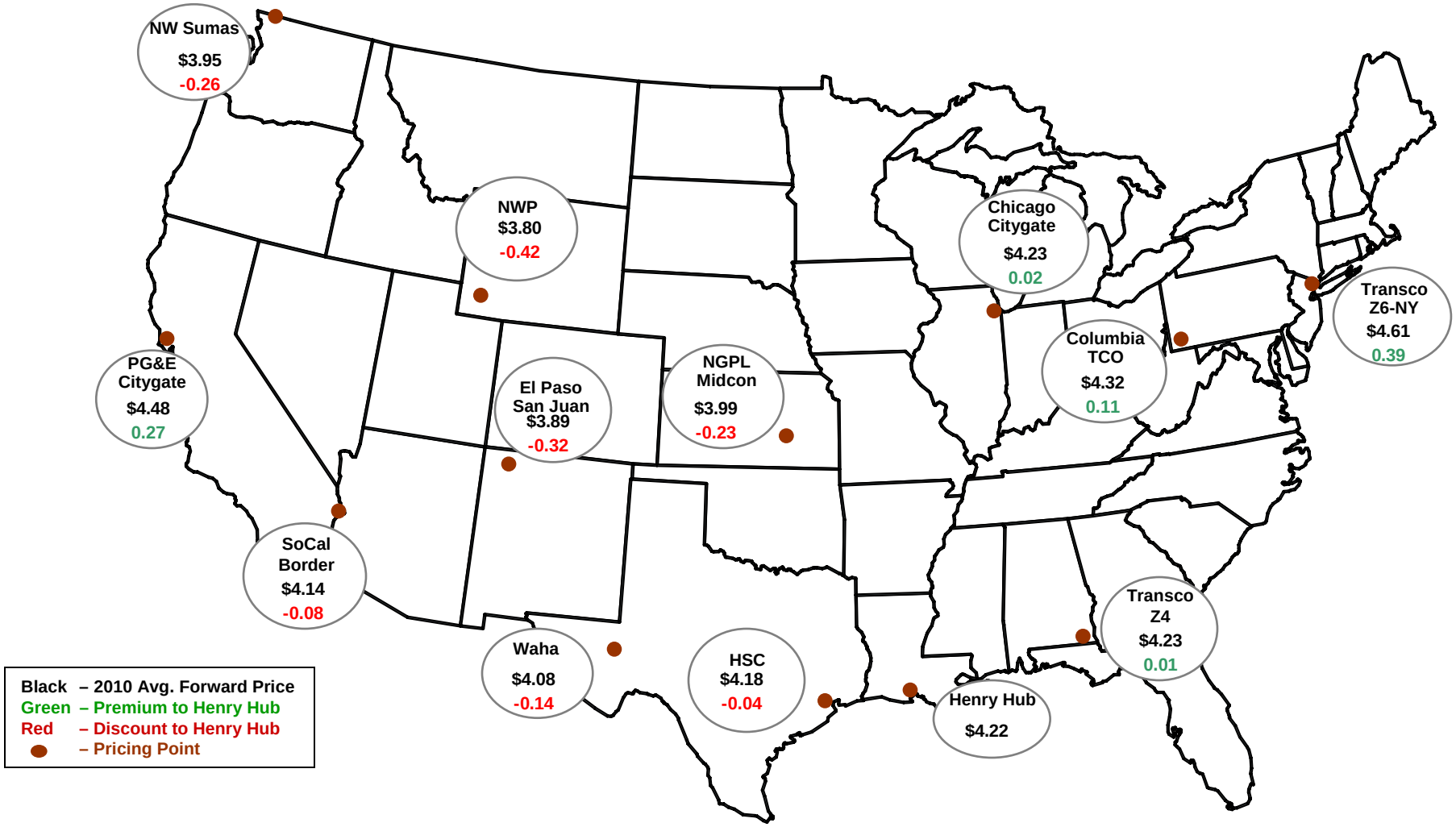
# Average Summer Forward Gas Prices ($MMBtu)
# June – October 2010

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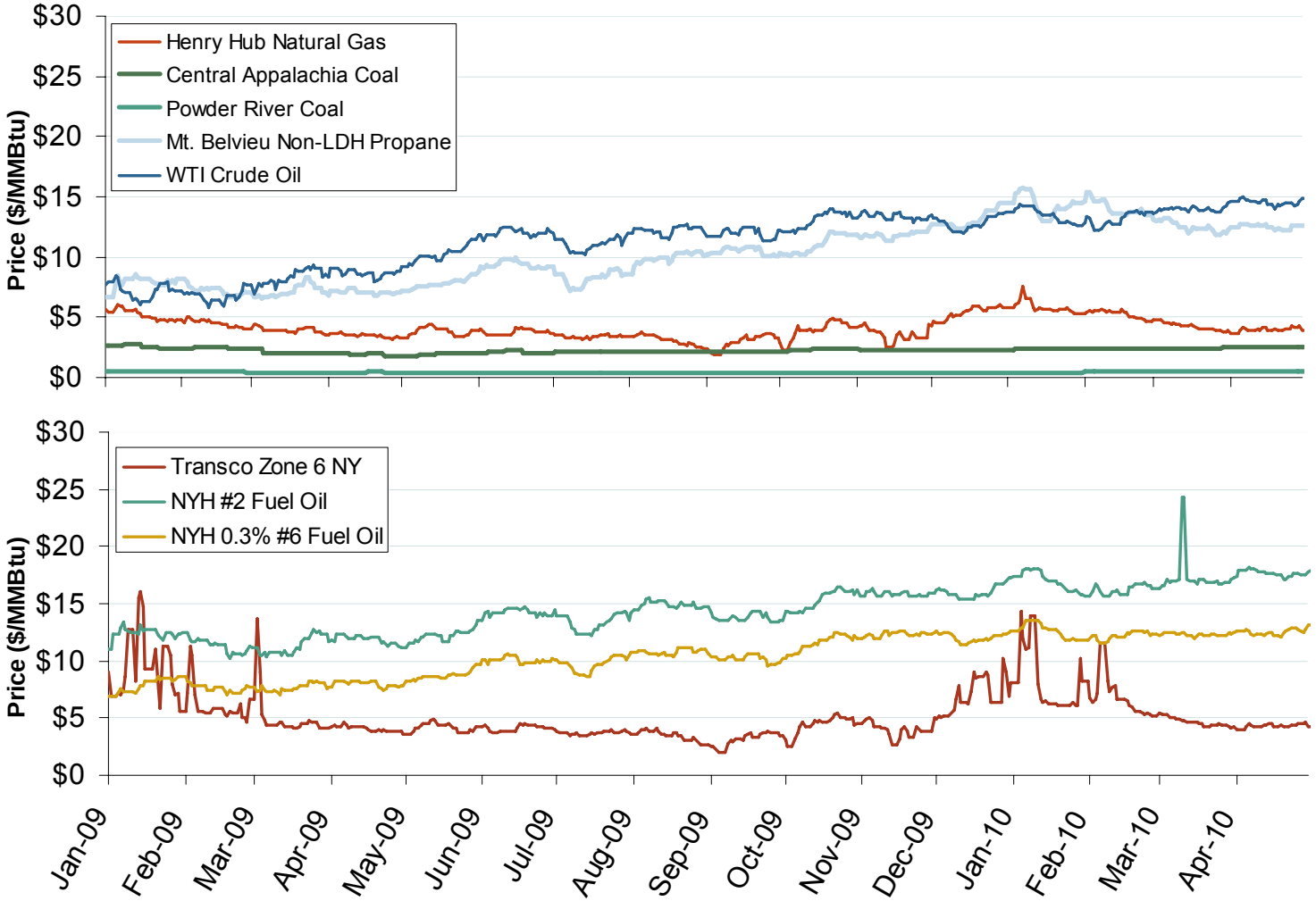
# Oil, Coal, Natural Gas and Propane Daily Spot Prices




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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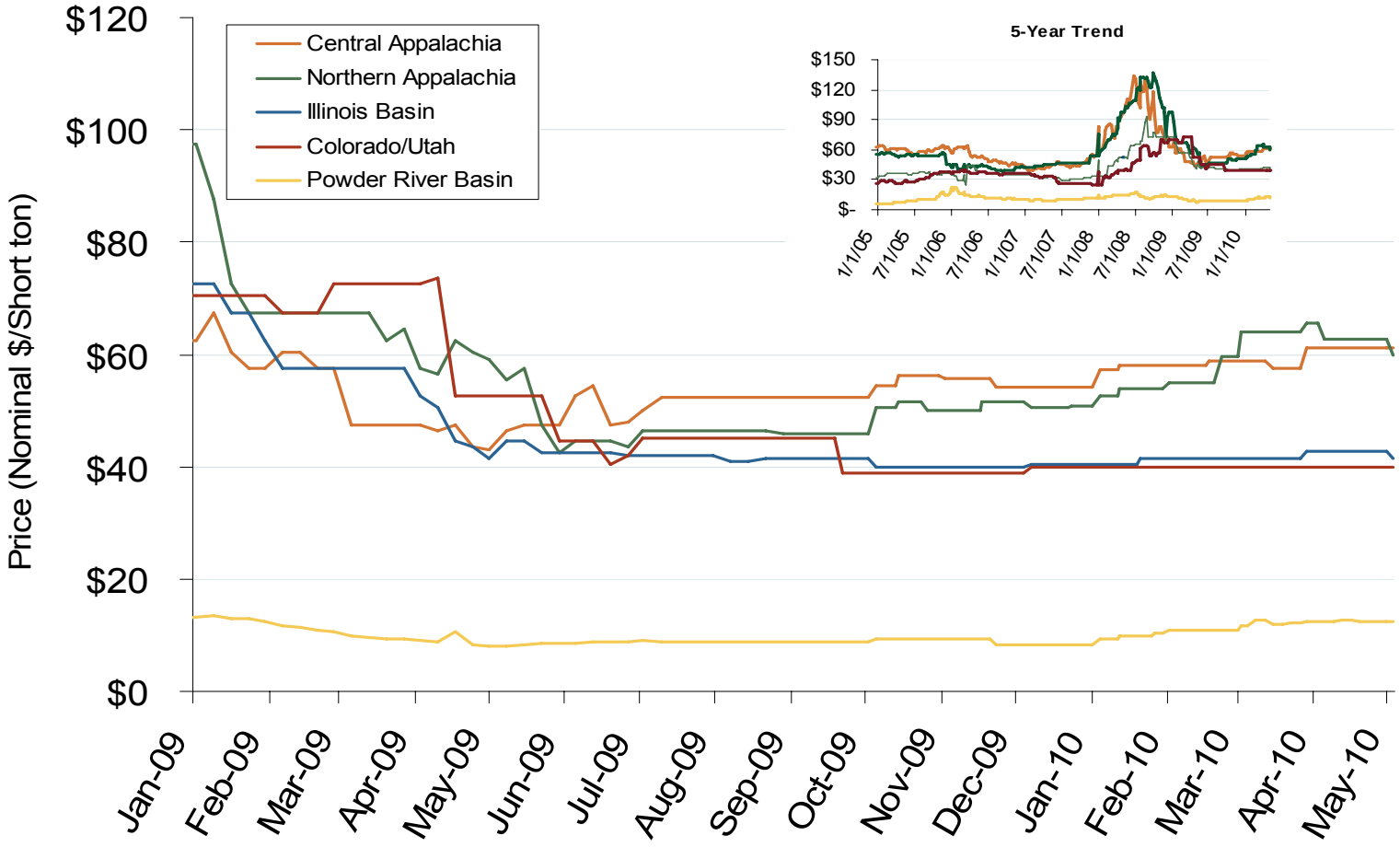
# Regional Coal Spot Prices




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.

Source: Derived from *Bloomberg* data.

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