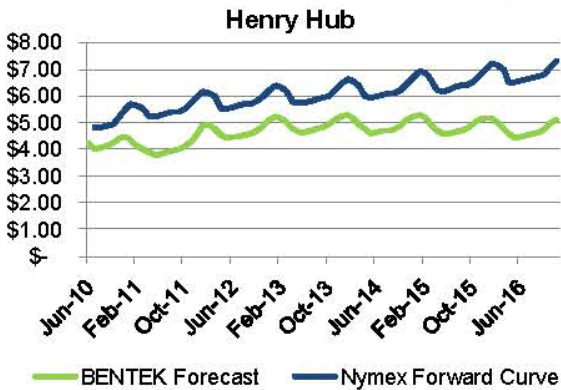


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### New Natural Gas Market Study Predicts 18% Decline in the Five-Year CME/NYMEX Strip

- Continuing innovations and productivity improvements in the producing sector will put substantial downward pressure on natural gas prices for many years to come
- The demand response from the power sector will be substantial, but not enough to offset the U.S. supply surplus
- U.S. supply growth will increasingly impact global markets

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<b>Part 1: Growth in Power Generation Demand through 2015</b> – Includes Outlook for Coal-to-Gas Switching	<b>Report available week of July 26</b>
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Part 1 of the series, *Growth in the Power Generation Demand*, examines the U.S. power sector, with a focus on increasing demand for natural-gas-fueled capacity and the prospects for increased coal-to-gas switching. Gas-fired power generation became increasingly competitive with coal-fired generation across the U.S. last year, displacing historical levels of coal-fired generation. This development continues to influence the market in 2010.

This power market alert details the analysis used to quantify coal-to-gas switching levels on a regional basis in the 2009-15 period. The limitations and drivers of switching are identified to provide a deeper understanding of what may happen with coal-to-gas switching in the future. The report includes BENTEK’s base-case, five-year power burn forecast, along with several scenarios of how “power burn” (natural gas consumption for power generation) may react to major market, regulatory and legislative events.

<b>Part 2: Outlook for U.S. LNG Imports through 2015</b> – Includes Global Supply/Demand Balances	<b>Report available week of August 30</b>
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*U.S. LNG Imports* explores global gas supply and demand changes that will shape the LNG industry. The massive buildup of world gas liquefaction capacity that began in 2008 and is expected to continue through 2015 will result in a near doubling of total worldwide LNG supply capacity. At the same time, U.S. unconventional production has dramatically reduced the need for imported LNG, crushing expectations of a robust import market. The result has been a massive reshuffling of the global LNG supply/demand.

In order to understand the role the U.S. will play over the next five years in the global LNG market, this Market Alert takes a country-by-country look at gas supply and demand fundamentals, as well as an examination of capacity utilization at liquefaction plants and regasification plant development worldwide. This bottoms-up approach to examining developments on both the supply and demand side of the global LNG market incorporates a monthly world balance and U.S. import forecast that takes into account the dynamics of both global and U.S. domestic markets.

<b>Part 3: Canadian Imports Outlook through 2015</b> – Includes the Impact of Ruby Pipeline	<b>Report available week of October 18</b>
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The *Canadian Imports Outlook* will closely examine Canadian supply and demand trends as well as Canadian supply displacement from U.S. shale gas growth. In this report, BENTEK looks at both production and consumption patterns in Canada to determine the relative level of gas available for export to the U.S. Will unconventional production growth in British Columbia offset Alberta’s production declines, while also serving demand from Alberta’s oil sands extraction process and exports to the U.S. market?

The report assesses U.S. regional import trends to see where and when Canadian gas will be needed, and details the impact of Ruby Pipeline on both Canadian and Pacific Northwest supply/demand balances. In addition, the Market Alert provides a forecast of Alberta gas prices and basis based on expected production, demand and net Western Canada exports.

<b>Part 4: U.S Production Forecast and Production Efficiencies through 2015</b> – Includes regulatory and legislative issues	<b>Report available week of November 15</b>
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*U.S Production Forecast and Production Efficiencies* explores the explosion of production growth over the last few years out of U.S. unconventional basins and how new applications of technologies such as hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling lowered costs and boosted productivity. These trends continue to accelerate and will be examined in detail in this section. Producers appear to be on the cusp of new development methods that could drive up operational efficiencies and drive down prices once again.

However, this is a complex issue. Currently, a number of producers are completing wells and bringing on production just to hold leases (hold-by-production, or HBP drilling). This trend will taper off in 2011-12 in the major shale plays. Elasticity of supply can be expected to increase as producers are better able to respond to price.

This report will also focus on other market issues that are shifting market fundamentals. Producers are reallocating drilling budgets to crude oil and high-BTU gas plays, pressing natural gas into the position of a byproduct. Another important issue influencing production is pipeline capacity commitments. Given that large, new pipelines were financed with producers' volume commitments, these producers should be obligated to use their capacity even in a low-price environment.

<b>Part 5: The Big Picture and Webinar – Long-Term Outlook</b> – Includes an update and recap of the series in an interactive environment with BENTEK analysts	<b>Report and Webinar available week of January 17, 2011</b>
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The final component to this extensive Market Alert series, *The Big Picture*, concludes with the Long-Term Outlook recap of the entire the *Forward Curve Suite™*. This report will highlight the key market events and factors that could impact the natural gas outlook for the next five years. Package subscribers will receive a personal Webinar or video conference with BENTEK analysts for an interactive discussion and explanation of the report findings, including an update of any new important market developments.

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