December 12 - 16, 2022 MARKET SUMMARY

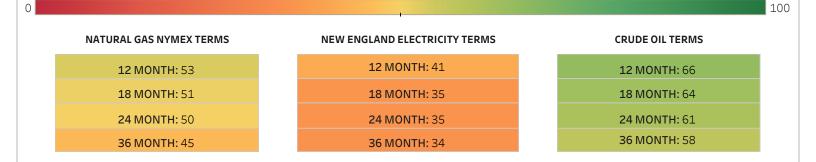
SPOTLIGHT | Underwater Transmission Line Proposed to Connect Puerto Rico and U.S.

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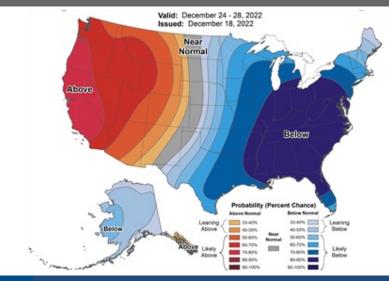
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CES SCORE | Is it Time for Action?

The CES SCORE shows how current <u>wholesale commodity</u> prices compare to their 52-week range. A score close to 0 indicates that current prices are close to their 52-week **HIGH**; a score close to 100 indicates that current prices are close to their 52-week **LOW**. Many factors influence how wholesale prices are translated into retail prices paid by consumers and when it is time to consider a price lock. Please contact your CES Energy Services Advisor for customized strategic procurement advice.



WEATHER | 6-10 Day Forecast



Below average temperatures expected for much of the East Coast and above average temperatures expected for the West Coast.

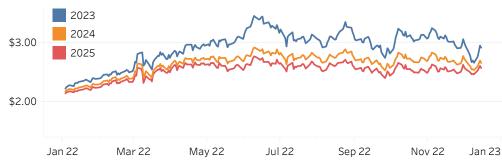
This map depicts forecasted temperatures for next week compared to the long-term average. The **blue/purple** areas are forecast to be colder than normal, gray areas are normal, and **yellow/orange/red** areas are warmer than normal. Abnormally hot weather in the summer and cold weather in the winter can increase the price for natural gas, oil, and electricity.

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OIL & DISTILLATES OVERVIEW





CRUDE OIL WTI FUTURE CALENDAR STRIPS - \$/BARREL

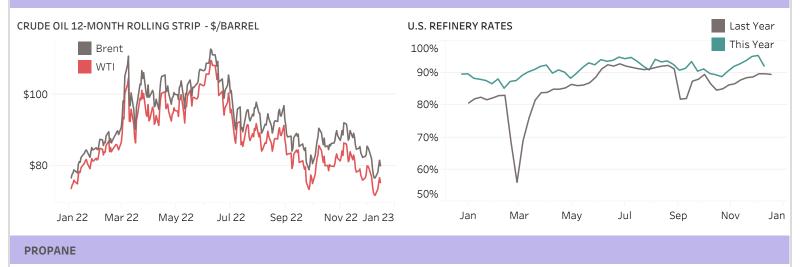


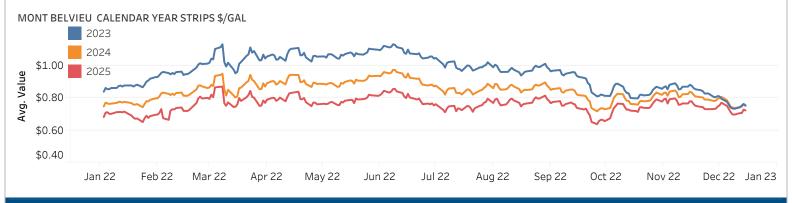
Prompt Month Price For Jan 23

This Week:	\$74.29/Bbl
Prior Week:	\$71.02/Bbl
CHANGE:	\$3.29/Bbl

WTI closed at \$74.29/Barrel on Friday, up 4.6% from the week prior. Both WTI and Brent contracts have returned to a backward dated market structure after switching to a contango market last Friday. Contango markets occur when the futures market trades higher than the current spot market. Crude pricing fell slightly at week's end when TC Energy announced that the Keystone Pipeline had restarted following an oil spill in Washington County, Kansas during the week prior. Additionally, US crude stockpiles reached 424 million barrels last week, which is the largest increase since March 2021. This gain was supported by releases from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, reduced refinery activity, and less exports on the US Gulf Coast than expected.

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NATURAL GAS OVERVIEW

WINTER NATURAL GAS NYMEX STRIPS - \$/MMBTU



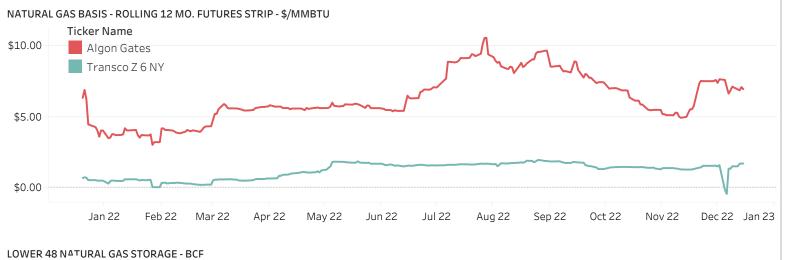
Winter natural gas NYMEX strips are an average of commodity prices for the months of December - March of each winter. Prices are presented in this format to highlight what consumers will pay during the typical heating season in the U.S.

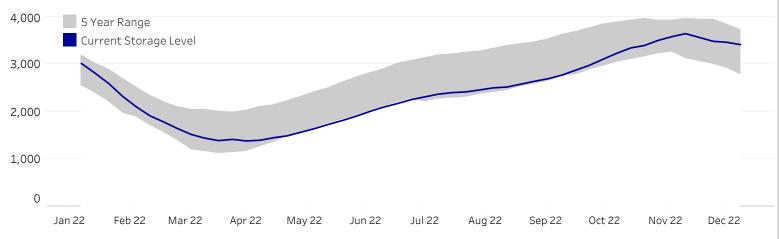
Prompt Month Price For Jan 23

This Week:	\$6.60/MMBTU
Prior Week:	\$6.25/MMBTU
CHANGE:	\$0.35/MMBtu

Natural gas front-month futures settled at \$6.60 on Friday, up 5.6% from the week prior. Cold weather forecasts from early last week had changed to predict more moderate temperatures across the U.S., causing prices to fluctuate across the week. Last week the EIA reported a 50 Bcf withdrawal, putting domestic storage levels just below the 5-year average for this time of year. The IEA published a report last week addressing potential European supply shortages in 2023, noting few LNG projects coming online and increased competition with Asia for shipments. Specifically in China, predicted increases in economic activity could tighten up global supply of LNG and further escalate the EU's supply gap, limiting the possibility of increasing imports to the EU.

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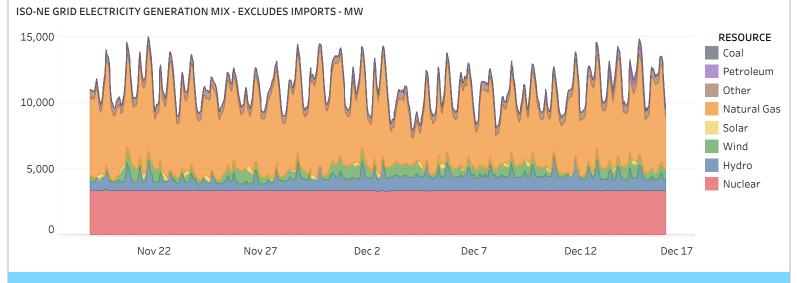


NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY OVERVIEW

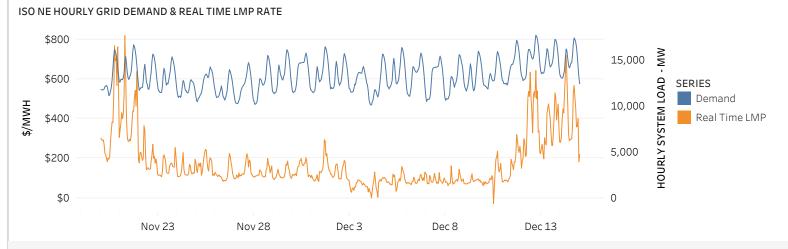


The NEPOOL 12-month strip rose 2.12% week-over-week, to land just slightly higher than a week ago, at \$112.86/MWh. The 2023 strip settled at \$112.86/MWh, representing a week-over-week increase of 2.12%. The 2024 strip rose 2.33%, settling at \$90.59/MWh, and the 2025 strip rose 0.66% to \$70.74/MWh. This relief and general stability of prices is mostly the result of mild temperatures. This is, however, projected to change with temperatures projected to fall below seasonal averages as December ends. Other factors putting upward pressure on prices include a high LNG baseline and a natural gas storage withdrawal.





NEW ENGLAND GRID FUNDAMENTALS



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