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Figure 9. U.S. Natural Gas Spot Prices (Base Case and 95% Confidence Interval*)



*The confidence intervals show +/- 2 standard errors based on the properties of the model. The ranges do not include the effects of major supply disruptions.

Source: EIA, Short-Term Energy Outlook 2005



Natural Gas Prices

Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA) July 2004 Study

- Industry in crisis until LNG import terminals come online – earliest 2007
- Forecasts, assuming normal weather patterns:
 - **2003: \$5.47**
 - 2004: \$5.83
 - 2005: \$6.02 \$7.00? \$8.00? \$9.00? \$10.00?
 - **2006: \$6.40**
 - 2007: \$6.62

- Severe weather could further spike prices



Solution for Meeting Energy Demand





Natural Gas – Just Use It



Policies that promote use of natural gas

Policies that limit use of other fuels, such as coal, nuclear, hydropower

Policies that inhibit domestic exploration and development of natural gas resources



Fuel Substitution Capability

- Public information presents optimistic view on fuel switching capability
- Fuel switching inhibited by local siting restrictions and State/Federal air standards, *multiple examples cited by range of industries*



26%*

Source: National Petroleum Council

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Resource Restrictions



Source: National Petroleum Council

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Camel's Nose Under the



Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL), one of the more outspoken opponents of the OCS inventory provision, said "[w]hat [this inventory provision] is is the first step to drilling. It is the proverbial camel's nose under the tent. Once he gets his nose under the tent, the tent, is going to collapse, and there is going to be drilling all off the coast of Florida, all off the eastern seaboard and all off the western Pacific coastline."



Production by Resource Category



Running Faster to Stay Even

- Proved reserves from existing wells declining at 25-30% per year
- New wells required to develop non-proved resource
- All segments critical to outlook

Source: National Petroleum Council



Supply Elements of the Solution for Meeting Natural Gas Demand





U.S. Natural Gas Consumption Outpacing Production

Natural Gas Production, Consumption and Imports 1970-2025 (trillion cubic feet)



Source: Energy Information Administration









"Today's tight natural gas markets have been a long time in coming, and distant futures prices suggest we are not apt to return to earlier periods of relative abundance and low prices anytime soon."

"As the technology of LNG liquefaction and shipping has improved, and as safety considerations have lessened, a major expansion of U.S. import capability appears to be under way. These movements bode well for widespread natural gas availability in North America in the years ahead."

- Alan Greenspan



The LNG Industry is Ho

"This is an exciting time for the LNG industry. We are in the midst of a monumental economic transition from isolated markets scattered around the globe to a worldwide natural gas market.... That worldwide market, giving American consumers access to natural gas reserves all over the globe, will go a long way toward helping to secure our nation's energy position."



- Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman World Energy, Vol. 8 No. 2 (2005).



LNG: Poised To Fill The G

Average Cost Per Unit of Gas for Each Element of LNG Supply Chain

| Exploration & Production | \$0.50 to \$1.25/MMBtu |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Liquefaction | \$0.80 to \$1.20/MMBtu |
| Shipping | \$0.40 to \$1.00/MMBtu |
| Storage & Regasification | \$0.30 to \$0.50/MMBtu |
| Total | \$2.00 to \$3.95/MMBtu |

Source: Institute for Energy, Law and Enterprise, University of Houston, 2005

- Spending on LNG infrastructure through 2010 expected to grow annually by 11.3% to 12.1 Tcf/year valued at \$73.6 billion
- Current U.S. LNG imports are approximately 2 Bcf/d
- Energy Ventures Analysis estimates that by 2010, there may be enough regasification capacity in the U.S. for 19.5 Bcf/d, although actual operation around 13.8 Bcf/d



LNG Expected to Capture Substantial Market Share







LNG Imports Total U.S. Consumption



2025, slow technology

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^{39.} Offshore Boston, MA: 0.8 Bcfd (Northeast Gateway - Excelerate Energy)

Source: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Energy Projects, http://www.ferc.gov/industries/Ing/indus-act/exist-prop-Ing.pdf







Domenici-Barton Energy Policy Act of 2005



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FERC Chairman Joseph Kelliher

Significant LNG provisions

- Affirm FERC's exclusive siting authority over LNG import terminals
- Streamline regulatory review process
 - Clarify appeals process for decisions by state and local cooperating agencies
 - Impose reasonable timelines for cooperating state and local agencies to act on terminal applications
- Ensure lighter-handed regulation
 - More privacy for commercial elements of terminal development
- Provide states with role in annually reviewing operational safety of import terminal
- Authorizes 3 DOE-sponsored regional forums on LNG development to educate public







Exploration and Production





Transportation



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Discharge at Import Termina



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Vaporization and Sendor









Traditional Regulation of ING

- Until 2002, FERC regulated LNG facilities as if they were natural gas pipelines, including:
 - Siting
 - Construction
 - Environmental
 - Access
 - Rates
 - Terms of Service





- In December 2002, FERC approved the proposed Hackberry (now Cameron) LNG terminal, stating that it may approve, on case-by-case basis, privately negotiated LNG terminal deals, including:
 - Access to capacity
 - Use
 - Rates
 - Certain terms and conditions
- Applies only to terminal and terminalling service adjacent onshore pipelines still subject to NGA Section 7 approach and requirements
- Approach designed to be a "less intrusive degree of regulation" over LNG import facilities – not requiring:
 - Open access for terminalling service
 - Publicly filed tariff and rate schedule
 - Cost-based rates



Hackberry

Hackberry does not mean "deregulated"

–FERC still approves terminal siting, construction and operation

–FERC emphasized that it keeps jurisdiction and will issue supplemental orders if necessary to deal with complaints of undue discrimination or other anti-competitive behavior

–Domenici-Barton codifies Hackberry – removes regulatory uncertainty.



The Future of LNG?



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The Shifting Sands of U.S. Legislative and Regulatory Policy: Implications for Natural Gas Supplies from Foreign Sources

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