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Abbreviations

AD	associated-dissolved natural gas production
AIMMS	Advanced Integrated Multidimensional Modeling Software
AEO	Annual Energy Outlook
Bcf	billion cubic feet
Bcf/d	billion cubic feet per day
Btu	British thermal unit
CDM	Commercial Demand Module
CNG	compressed natural gas
EIA	Energy Information Administration
EMM	Electricity Market Module
IDM	Industrial Demand Module
IEM	International Energy Module
IEO	International Energy Outlook
LDC	local distribution company
LFMM	Liquid Fuels Market Module
LNG	liquefied natural gas
MAM	Macroeconomic Activity Module
Mcf	thousand cubic feet
MMBtu	million British thermal units
MMcf	million cubic feet
MMcf/d	million cubic feet per day
NA	nonassociated natural gas production
NEB	National Energy Board (Canada)
NEMS	National Energy Modeling System
NG	natural gas (regions)
NGEMM	Natural Gas-Electricity Market Module (regions)
NGMM	Natural Gas Market Module
NGTDM	Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Module
HSM	Hydrocarbon Supply Module
QP	quadratic program
RDM	Residential Demand Module
SENER	Secretaría de Energía de México
SNG	synthetic natural gas
STEO	Short-Term Energy Outlook
Tcf	trillion cubic feet
TDM	Transportation Demand Module

1. Introduction

The Natural Gas Market Module (NGMM) is the component of the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) that represents the North American natural gas transmission and distribution system. We developed the NEMS as the third in a series of computer-based energy-economy modeling systems. EIA and its predecessor, the Federal Energy Administration, have used NEMS to analyze and project U.S. domestic markets to provide 25–30 year projections and to analyze a broad range of energy issues at both national and regional levels. Although the NEMS was first used in 1992, the model is updated each year; updates in individual modules range from simple historical data updates to completely replacing submodules. The NGMM was an entirely new model we incorporated into the NEMS for the *Annual Energy Outlook 2018*, replacing the Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Module (NGTDM).

Documentation purpose and scope

This report provides a reference document for model analysts, users, and the public that defines the objectives of the Natural Gas Market Module (NGMM) in the NEMS. This report also fulfills EIA’s legal obligation to provide adequate documentation in support of our models under Public Law 93-275, Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Section 57(B)(1) (as amended by Public Law 94-385, Energy Conservation and Production Act).

In this report, we:

- Describe NGMM’s basic design
- Provide details on the methodology employed
- Detail the model inputs, outputs, and key assumptions

Because we first incorporated the NGMM into the NEMS for the *Annual Energy Outlook 2018*, the documentation also describes our decision to build a new model in the NEMS to represent natural gas markets and the differences between the NGMM and its predecessor.

This report is also a reference document for how the NGMM uses Advanced Integrated Multidimensional Modeling Software (AIMMS)¹ and AIMMS best practices for the NEMS. The NGMM is the second module (after the Coal Market Module) we developed and implemented in the NEMS using the AIMMS modeling language and user interface, and we expect to develop all future optimization models in AIMMS.² Therefore, this documentation report uses AIMMS terminology to describe in detail the most efficient, flexible, and transparent techniques and methods employed in the NGMM. This aspect of the report is particularly important to ensure the reproducibility of results, given the

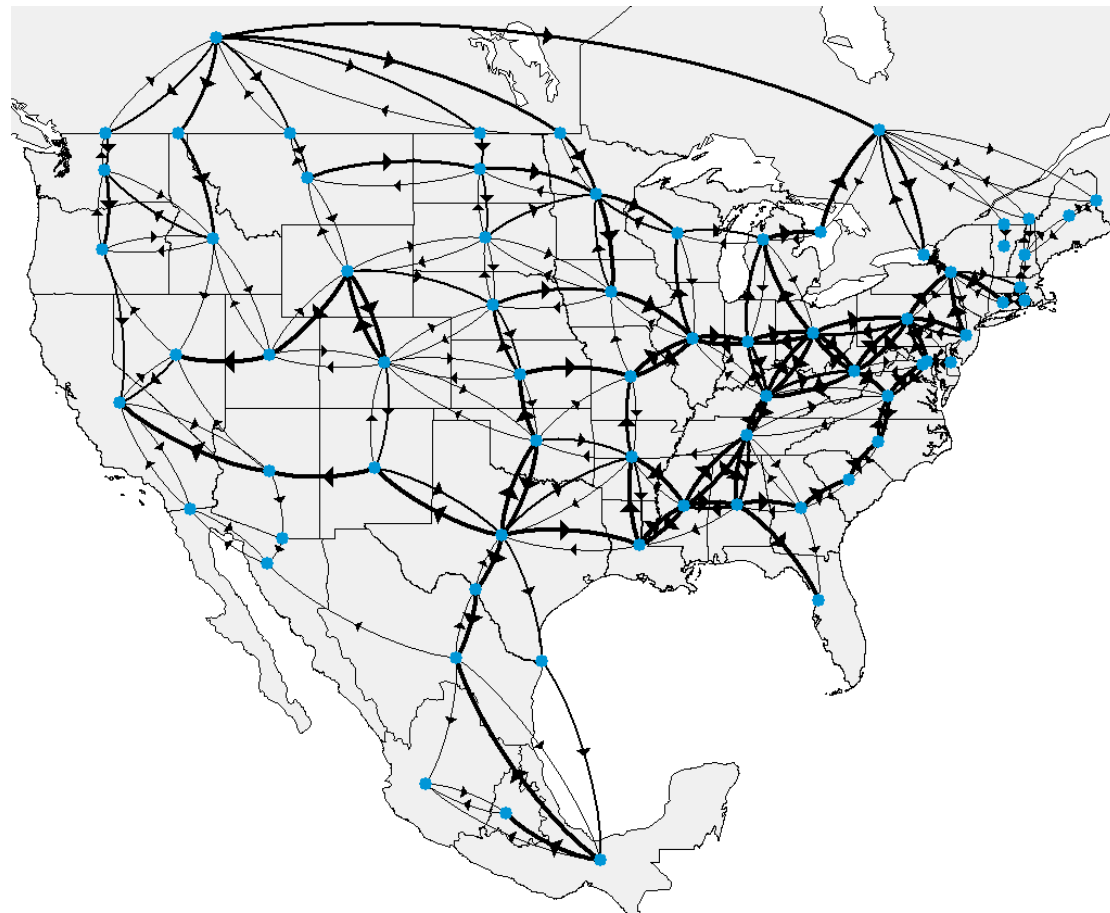
¹ [AIMMS Development Environment](#) is software that integrates the AIMMS mathematical modeling language, a graphical user interface, and numerical solvers. It is used to design and build optimization models and includes diagnostic tools as well as the ability to construct graphical reports of model results. Available AIMMS documentation includes [AIMMS—The Language Reference](#) and [AIMMS—The User’s Guide](#).

² AIMMS, [The U.S. Department of Energy expands its use of AIMMS for its NEMS Electricity Market Module](#)

complexity of NEMS runs and the exchange of data between the NEMS Fortran code, the NGMM AIMMS code, and various external files.

Model Summary

The NGMM models the transmission, distribution, and pricing of natural gas in the NEMS. The model code is written in AIMMS and is a quadratic program that maximizes consumer plus producer surplus, minus transportation costs, subject to linear mass balance and capacity constraints. For all months in a year, the NGMM determines the production, flows, and prices of natural gas in a state-level representation of the U.S. pipeline network³ and a regional-level representation of the Canada's and Mexico's pipeline network, connecting domestic and foreign supply regions with demand regions (Figure 1.1. NGMM natural gas pipeline network representation



⁴). End-use natural gas consumption by sector, storage, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminals are all integrated into the network by demand region. The NGMM projects:

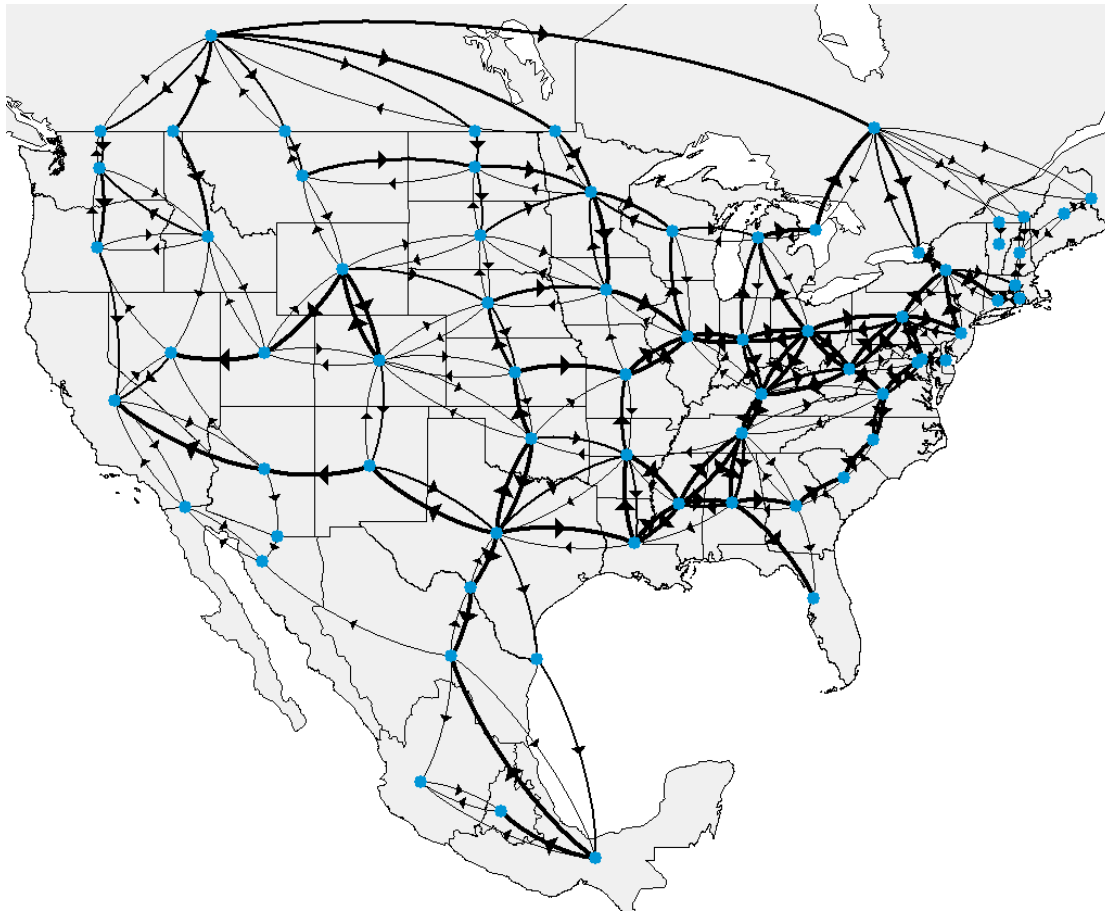
- Lease fuel
- Plant fuel
- Pipeline fuel
- Fuel used for liquefaction

³ Alaska's natural gas market is modeled in the NGMM independent of the integrated network.

⁴ Blue circles represent transshipment nodes. Arcs represent pipeline capacity existing between nodes in 2020.

- LNG export capacity builds
- Pipeline capacity expansions
- Distributor tariffs at the delivered price of natural gas to domestic consumers

Because most other NEMS modules operate on an annual basis, NGMM results are generally passed to other NEMS modules as annual totals or quantity-weighted annual average prices.

Figure 1.1. NGMM natural gas pipeline network representation

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Documentation organization

The document provides a framework for understanding how the natural gas market is represented in our long-term U.S. energy market projections. Subsequent chapters of this report provide:

- Overview of natural gas market representation in the NEMS (Chapter 2)
- NGMM model structure, design, and mathematical formulation (Chapter 3)
- NGMM input data preprocessing routines, including model initialization in the first year (Chapter 4)
- NGMM output data post-processing routines and reporting to other NEMS modules (Chapter 5)
- NGMM assumptions, inputs, and outputs (Chapter 6)

A number of appendices support the main body of the report:

- Appendix A: Model abstract
- Appendix B: References
- Appendix C: Table relating the variable names used in the documentation to the specific variable, or identifier, used in the model code

- Appendix D: Table relating the equations presented in the documentation to the relevant procedure in the code
- Appendix E: Table relating the input data parameters in the model code and the data input files from which they are read and where detailed descriptions of the input data (including variable names, definitions, sources, units and derivations) can be found⁵
- Appendix F: Table that Identifies all global data passed between other NEMS modules and the NGMM, as well as a brief description of the variable and the related module, where applicable
- Appendix G: The derivation of all empirical estimations used in the NGMM

⁵ The NGMM data files are available on request from the model contact. Alternatively, you can [download](#) an archived version of the NEMS model (source code and data files).

2. Model purpose

The Natural Gas Market Module (NGMM) represents the U.S. natural gas market in the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS), both as it operates today and how it may evolve in the future. The NGMM balances natural gas supply and demand estimates in North America, projecting the volume and price of natural gas supply, its transmission through the pipeline network, and its distribution to end-use consumers. This chapter

- Provides a brief overview of the U.S. natural gas market from wellhead to end user
- Discusses how the recent evolution of the natural gas market motivated our decision to build the NGMM
- Explains how the NGMM interacts with other NEMS modules

Model objectives

Reflect current and future natural gas market

Natural gas market overview

The natural gas market refers to the transportation of natural gas from the source of supply (for example, natural gas processing plants) and its distribution to the end-use consumer. As of 2018, natural gas accounted for 31% of the primary energy consumed in the United States.⁶ Unlike other energy sources such as petroleum (which is primarily consumed in the transportation sector) or coal and renewables (which are primarily used to generate electricity) natural gas is widely consumed across many demand sectors. Natural gas has become an important fuel in electric power generation and is used across several other sectors:

- In the residential and commercial sectors for heating
- In the industrial sector for heating and power
- In the petrochemical industry as feedstock

The entire natural gas market can be classified by three industries (

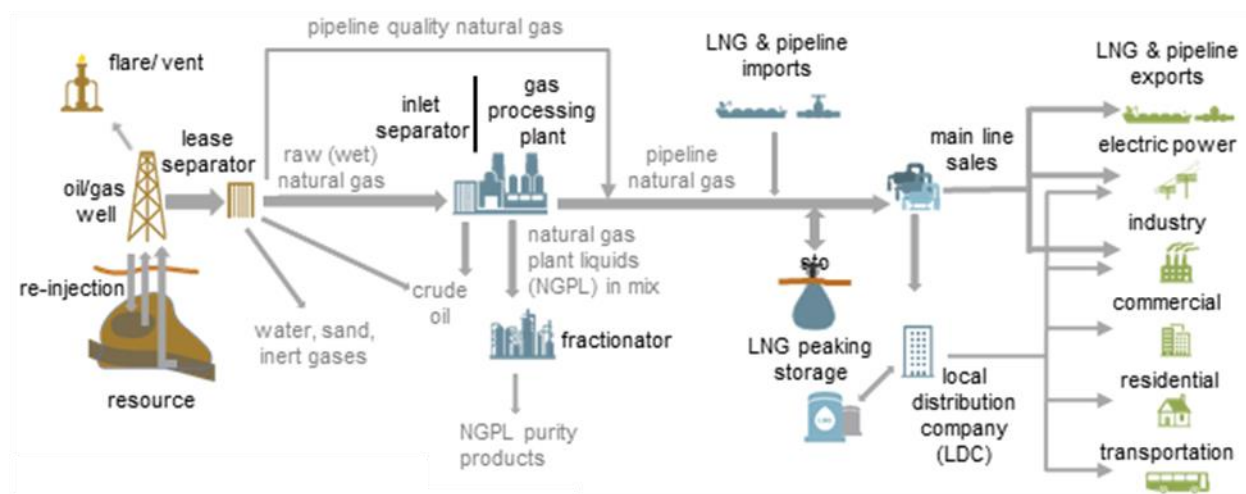
⁶ U.S. Energy Information Administration, [U.S. primary energy consumption by source and sector, 2018](#), Monthly Energy Review (April 2019)

Figure 2.1):

- The upstream industry: exploring and producing natural gas
- The midstream industry: transmitting and distributing natural gas
- The downstream industry: delivering natural gas to consumers or transforming it into other energy products

Generally speaking, the natural gas market, as it is represented in the NGMM, refers to the midstream portion of the natural gas industry as a whole; however, components of the upstream and downstream sectors are also represented in the model.

Figure 2.1. Schematic of upstream, midstream, and downstream industries in the natural gas market



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

The upstream natural gas industry

The upstream natural gas industry identifies, characterizes, and produces natural gas resources. This sector:

- Investigates the potential of a resource using geological and geophysical (for example, seismic) surveys
- Develops a formation or basin
- Drills wells
- Operates producing wells

From the wellhead, the production stream will usually enter a lease separator, where it is separated into three parts: liquids (either crude oil or lease condensate), wet natural gas,⁷ and water.

In oil-directed wells, natural gas may be flared or reinjected if there is no natural gas pipeline infrastructure in place (or available pipeline capacity). In the United States, however, the vast majority of natural gas is commercialized. Once it leaves the lease separator, the marketed natural gas⁸ is sent to the processing plant. In some cases, the natural gas will be of sufficient quality to bypass the processing plant and directly enter the pipeline network.

⁷ EIA defines *wet natural gas* as a mixture of hydrocarbon compounds and small quantities of various nonhydrocarbons existing in the gaseous phase or in solution with crude oil in porous rock formations at reservoir conditions. The principal hydrocarbons normally contained in the mixture are methane, ethane, propane, butane, and pentane. Typical nonhydrocarbon gases that may be present in reservoir natural gas are water vapor, carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, nitrogen, and trace amounts of helium.

⁸ EIA defines *marketed natural gas production* as gross withdrawals of natural gas from production reservoirs, less gas used for reservoir repressuring, nonhydrocarbon gases removed in treating and processing operations, and quantities vented and flared.

The midstream natural gas industry

The midstream natural gas industry encompasses the wide range of infrastructure required to:

- Process natural gas produced from wells
- Transport natural gas through the pipeline network
- Distribute natural gas to end users

The processing plant is the nexus of the upstream and midstream industries, where marketed natural gas production is separated into natural gas plant liquids (NGPL) and dry natural gas.⁹ The quality, or heat content, of this natural gas can vary considerably, depending on the processes used, which can include condensation, absorption, adsorption, or refrigeration. Most of the heat content variability is the result of how much ethane is removed from the natural gas stream because ethane is the most similar in chemical properties to natural gas. From the processing plant, the NGPLs are sent to a fractionator to be separated into their individual compounds, and the natural gas enters the pipeline network.

The vast majority of natural gas pipeline capacity in the United States is on interstate transmission pipelines: a network of large-diameter pipes, often operating at high pressures, that can transport natural gas hundreds of miles from supply basins to demand markets. The NGMM represents this pipeline network in the NEMS. All interstate pipelines are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), including both the construction and tariff structure. Intrastate pipelines—most commonly in Texas, Oklahoma, and California—are regulated by individual states and, despite not crossing state lines, serve an important role in regional natural gas transmission.

The midstream industry also includes assets that help maintain adequate line pressures on the pipeline network and supplement natural gas production during periods of high demand. These functions are primarily accomplished by storage operators. During the injection season (April 1 to October 31), natural gas is typically injected into underground storage facilities from the interstate pipeline system; these facilities are generally old natural gas wells or reservoirs no longer producing, salt caverns, or aquifers. Natural gas is withdrawn from storage and delivered back into the pipeline network during the withdrawal season (November 1 to March 31) as needed to meet customer demand during the winter.

Regions that lack underground storage facilities or have insufficient pipeline capacity to meet peak demand periods may have small-scale liquefied natural gas (LNG) peak-shaving facilities. Liquefying natural gas efficiently stores and transports large quantities because the volume of natural gas in its liquid state is about 600 times smaller than its volume in a gaseous state. These facilities, many of which produce LNG during periods of low demand, will store LNG until it is needed, regasify it, and send natural gas out into the market during periods of peak demand. In addition, the Lower 48 states also have 11 LNG import terminals that can receive, store, and regasify large cargoes from overseas via

⁹ EIA's definition of dry natural gas is natural gas which remains after: 1) the liquefiable hydrocarbon portion has been removed from the gas stream (i.e., gas after lease, field, and/or plant separation); and 2) any volumes of nonhydrocarbon gases have been removed where they occur in sufficient quantity to render the gas unmarketable. Note: dry natural gas is also known as consumer-grade natural gas. The parameters for measurement are cubic feet at 60 degrees Fahrenheit and 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute.

marine vessels.¹⁰ At this time, only one LNG terminal— Everett, Massachusetts—still regularly receives LNG cargos.

The downstream natural gas market

At the end of the supply chain, the downstream natural gas industry includes the end-use sectors that receive natural gas deliveries from the pipeline network and distribute it to customers. For some consumers and end-use sectors, such as LNG export facilities, industrial facilities, and electric generators, individual facilities have direct access to the interstate pipeline network. All residential and commercial consumers, the transportation sector, and a portion of the industrial sector receive natural gas from a local distribution company (LDC). An LDC is a retailer that procures natural gas from the transmission system and distributes, or sells, it to end users through its own distribution pipeline system. In general, energy-intensive industries and facilities that regularly consume large volumes of natural gas (for example, LNG export facilities or electric generators) will purchase natural gas directly from the interstate pipeline system because it is cheaper for them to directly purchase natural gas. Obtaining natural gas from an LDC, although more expensive, ensures the natural gas is delivered with the regulatory requirements in place and guarantees that it will be available during periods of peak demand.

Shale gas production and the transformation of the U.S. natural gas market

In the United States, the natural gas market underwent a fundamental shift from 2005 to 2015 as horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing of shale formations transformed how oil and natural gas are produced. Prior to this timeframe, U.S. natural gas production peaked in 1973 at 60 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d).¹¹ Although natural gas production averaged 51 Bcf/d from 1990 to 2005, it had begun to decline, and the South Central region of the country—Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas—and the Gulf of Mexico accounted for 60% of natural gas production in the United States. The interstate pipeline network transported natural gas from the Gulf Coast, western Canada, and the Rocky Mountains to demand centers in the Northeast and Midwest. Although Canada's pipeline network was integrated with U.S. pipeline system, only 3.6 Bcf/d of capacity existed between the United States and Mexico.¹² The market expectation was that domestic production would not be able to meet demand in the future, and as a result, LNG import terminals were proposed and constructed.

Today, the U.S. natural gas market regularly produces over 100 Bcf/d of natural gas, with a significant portion of production coming from the Appalachia region. The interstate pipeline system has been transformed as a result of pipeline reversals and bi-directional capabilities that transport natural gas out of the Northeast toward demand centers on the Gulf Coast and there is a significant amount of pipeline capacity connecting the U.S. to Mexico, supporting U.S. natural gas pipeline exports. In February 2016, Sabine Pass became the first LNG export facility in the Lower 48 states to export LNG to global markets, and several more LNG facilities have been built since then, allowing the U.S. to be a major exporter of LNG.¹³

¹⁰ Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, [North American LNG Import/Export Terminals: Existing](#).

¹¹ U.S. Energy Information Administration, [U.S. Dry Natural Gas Production](#) data from the *Natural Gas Annual*

¹² U.S. Energy Information Administration, [U.S. State-to-State Capacity](#) (Excel file, updated quarterly).

¹³ See [EIA Liquefaction Capacity Tracker](#)

Decision to replace the Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Module (NGTDM) with the NGMM

The NGMM, which was first implemented in the *Annual Energy Outlook 2018*, replaced the Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Module (NGTDM). The NGTDM was initially developed in 1991 as a linear program (LP), but was revised significantly in 1994, becoming a model that used a heuristic algorithm to balance flows in the natural gas market based on historical trends. Although numerous modifications have been made since then, fundamental changes have occurred in the U.S. natural gas market that were unanticipated when the NGTDM was incorporated into the NEMS in 1994. The unprecedented growth in natural gas production in the Northeast, enabled by hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling of shale gas and tight oil formations, has resulted in rapid changes to natural gas pipeline flows, regional price differentials, and trade patterns. As a result, we decided to redesign the natural gas representation in the NEMS, allowing it to better capture dramatic changes to the market.

We published our requirements for a new model in the August 2014 document, [Requirements for a Redesigned Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Model in the National Energy Modeling System](#). The primary requirements of the redesigned NGTDM were to:

- Project delivered end-use prices, wellhead prices, and import and export prices, given delivered volumes and a set of regional supply curves
- Project volumes of production, imports, and exports; lease, plant, and pipeline fuel; and supplemental supplies that resulted in a balanced natural gas market
- Project interregional flows and pipeline capacity
- Align the model well with history to capture likely future market behavior
- Make the model relatively easy to maintain, update, and modify

Several potential modeling approaches to represent the natural gas market in the NEMS were reviewed in the September 2014 Leidos report, [Review of Natural Gas Models In Support of U.S. Energy Information Administration Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution \(NGTDM\) Redesign Effort](#):

- A linear (or nonlinear) program that maximized social welfare
- A mixed-complementarity formulation
- An agent-based approach

Although we concluded that mixed-complementarity and agent-based models are useful when modeling markets without perfect competition, in the case of perfect competition, these formulations yield the same solution as linear (or nonlinear) program. Given that the U.S. natural gas market is a competitive market,¹⁴ we concluded that a nonlinear program could effectively model these dynamics; furthermore, a nonlinear program would be easier to develop and maintain.

¹⁴ In some cases, the existence of long-term contracts could result in markets operating in a less-than-optimal manner, which could require some special handling (for example, minimum flows) to properly reflect market dynamics in the first years of the projection period. Most notably long-term contracts are resulting in natural gas flows into the Northeast when market prices seem to indicate that natural gas should be flowing in the opposite direction.

Although the methodology proposed for the redesigned NGTDM is the same as that we used in 1991, we adopted several different approaches to address the issues that arose. These modifications included:

- Represent pricing at a more disaggregate level where the marginal price for the region/period is more likely to align closely with the historical average price for the region/period
- Set pipeline rates based on historical price differentials (that is, state-to-state differences in spot and citygate prices) rather than on regulated rates
- Set flows based on variable charges, accounting for reservation fees separately
- Allow pipeline capacity to increase in the current solution year if volumes and prices warrant, rather than in a planning model for a future year (like in the 1991 version)

A complete discussion of the natural gas model redesign is available in our report, [Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Module Component Design Report](#), which was published in August 2015.

Representation of the natural gas market in the NEMS

NEMS Overview

The NEMS is a modular system, including the Integrating Module and a series of relatively independent modules that represent the domestic energy system, the international energy market, and the economy.

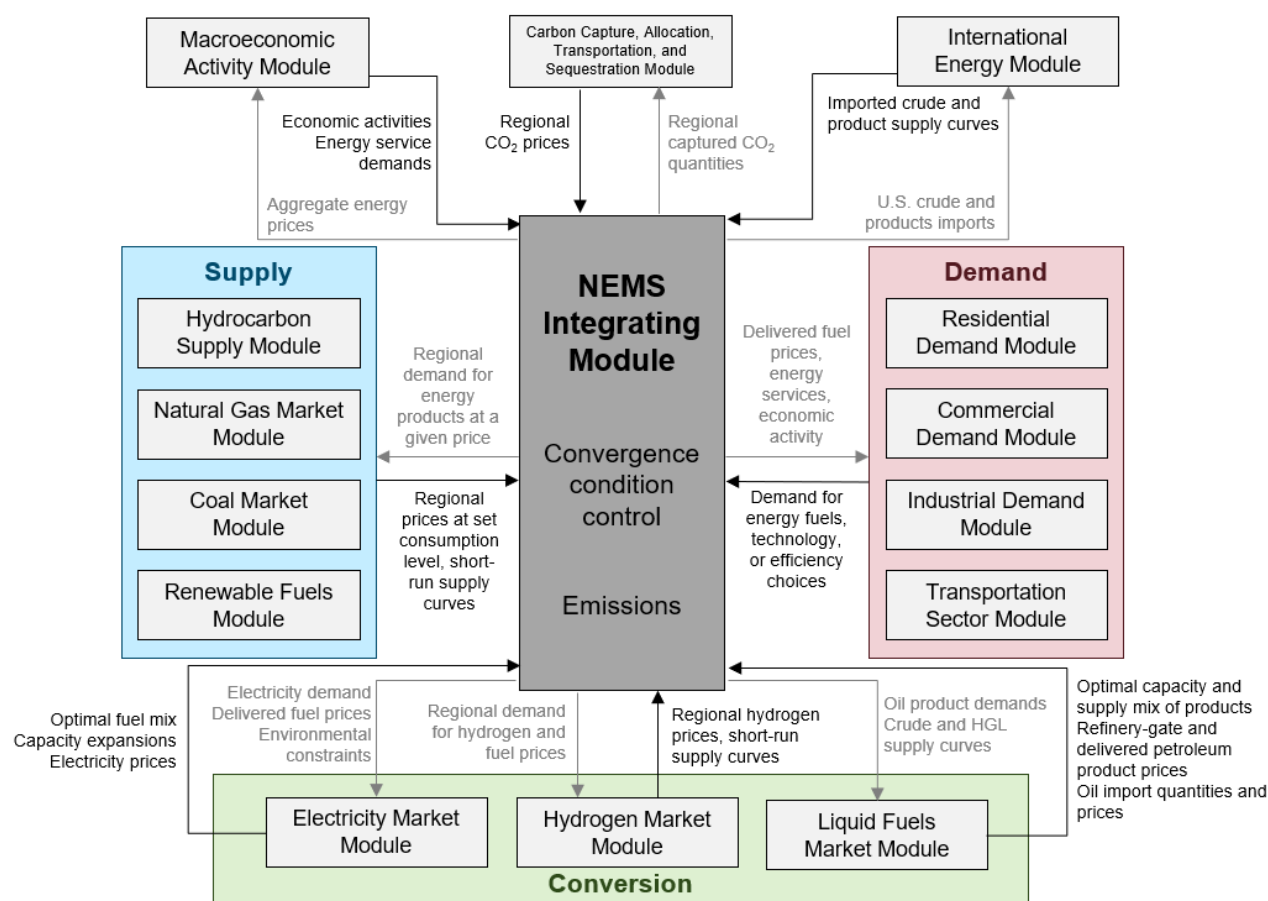
The domestic energy system is decomposed into fuel supply markets, conversion activities (that is, refineries and power generation), and end-use consumption sectors.¹⁵ The projections in the NEMS assume that energy markets are in equilibrium,¹⁶ using a recursive price adjustment mechanism.¹⁷ For each fuel and consuming sector, the NEMS balances energy supply and demand, accounting for the economic competition between the various fuels and sources. The system includes a routine that can simulate a carbon emissions cap-and-trade system with annual fees to limit carbon emissions from energy-related fuel combustion. The primary flows of information between each of these modules are the delivered prices of energy to the end user and the quantities consumed by product, census division, and end-use sector. Other data in the module include economic activity, domestic production activity, and international petroleum supply availability (Figure 2.2).

¹⁵ U.S. Energy Information Administration, [Integrating Module of the National Energy Modeling System: Model Documentation 2022](#).

¹⁶ Markets are said to be in equilibrium when the quantities demanded equal the quantities supplied at the same price; that is, at a price that sellers are willing to provide the commodity and consumers are willing to purchase the commodity.

¹⁷ The central theme of the approach used is that supply and demand imbalances will eventually be rectified through a price adjustment that eliminates excess supply or demand.

Figure 2.2. Schematic of the NEMS and flow of information between modules



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

For each projection year, the NEMS solves by iteratively calling each module in sequence (once in each NEMS iteration) until the delivered prices and quantities of each fuel in each region have converged within tolerance between the various modules, achieving an economic equilibrium of supply and demand in the consuming sectors. For some applications, the model is also run in a number of cycles, generally to converge on a solution that involves a look ahead at other projected values for future years when solving the current projection year. Module solutions are reported for each projection year through the midterm horizon. Although each module can operate at the level of detail— both regionally and temporally—most appropriate for its particular sector, they all aggregate (or disaggregate) their solutions to the census-division structure on an annual basis to transfer information within the NEMS.

Natural Gas Market Module (NGMM) overview

Within the NEMS, the NGMM represents the transmission, distribution, and pricing of natural gas. Based on information received from other NEMS modules, the NGMM also includes end-use demand for natural gas, domestic natural gas production, and the availability of natural gas traded on the international market. The NGMM links natural gas suppliers (including importers) and consumers (including LNG export terminals) in the Lower 48 states and across the Mexico and Canada borders

through transmission between market hubs. For all months in a year, the NGMM determines the production, flows, and market clearing prices of natural gas at the state level on the U.S. pipeline network and the regional level for Canada's and Mexico's pipeline networks.

Natural gas pricing and flow patterns are derived by obtaining a market equilibrium across the three main elements of the natural gas market: the supply element, the demand element, and the transmission and distribution network that links them. This equilibrium is obtained by optimizing for producer plus consumer surplus, minus transportation costs, and takes the form of a quadratic program (QP). The methodology employed allows us to analyze the impacts of regional capacity constraints in the interstate natural gas pipeline network and identify primary pipeline capacity expansion requirements. Distributor tariffs are also projected in order to arrive at the delivered price of natural gas to domestic consumers.

The Lower 48 states' demand regions are represented at the state level. Canada is represented as an eastern and western region,¹⁸ but Mexico is represented as five regions.¹⁹ For all regions, consumption is represented for five end-use sectors: residential, commercial, industrial, electric power, and transportation (or natural gas vehicles). The U.S. transportation sector is separated into compressed and liquefied natural gas for use in vehicles (retail and fleet), ships, and trains. In addition, the NGMM projects natural gas:

- Consumed in lease and plant operations
- Consumed or lost during interstate transport of natural gas via pipeline
- Used for liquefaction at LNG export facilities

Canada's and Mexico's demand projections are not provided by other NEMS modules but by our [International Energy Outlook](#) (IEO); however, some exceptions apply where either the NGMM uses external sources or the NGMM projects this demand endogenously.²⁰

Each NGMM region has one or more domestic supply regions. Both Canada's and Mexico's supply regions match the demand regions. Although the Hydrocarbon Supply Module (HSM) projects the United States' and Canada's expected production of both associated-dissolved (AD) and nonassociated (NA) natural gas, the NGMM determines the realized, or actual, production required to meet demand at a given price. Mexico's natural gas production is represented within the NGMM and is a function of both world oil price (for associated-dissolved natural gas) and the Henry Hub price (for nonassociated natural gas).

To determine import and export volumes, border crossing hubs are represented for each of the Lower 48 states where pipeline capacity to anywhere one of Canada's or Mexico's regions exists. Imports of LNG into North America are set to historical levels in the United States and set exogenously for Canada

¹⁸ The eastern Canadian region includes the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. The western Canadian region includes the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, as well as the three territories.

¹⁹ The Mexican demand regions are consistent with the regionality used by the Secretaría de Energía de México (SENER) in reporting natural gas market statistics and modeling natural gas markets.

²⁰ Details may vary by AEO. Refer to [Assumptions to the Annual Energy Outlook \(Natural Gas Market Module\)](#) for specifics.

and Mexico, according to IEO results. U.S. LNG exports are modeled within NGMM for each state where we assume future liquefaction facilities will be built. Any LNG facilities in existence or under construction are included in the model.

To summarize, the following volumes and prices are projected by the NGMM:

- Realized nonassociated natural gas production and supply prices by oil and natural gas district (84), annual
- Total dry gas production and supply prices by oil and natural gas region (13), annually
- Realized nonassociated natural gas production and supply prices by Canada region, annually
- Henry Hub spot price, annually
- Delivered end-use prices by sector and census division, annually
- Delivered end-use prices to the transportation sector by transportation mode and census division, annually
- Delivered end-use prices to the electric power sector by Natural Gas-Electricity Market Module (NGEMM) region (17) and season (3)
- Lease, plant, pipeline, and liquefaction fuel use by census division, annually
- Natural gas pipeline import and export volumes for Canada, Mexico, and LNG, annually
- LNG export capacity and volumes by census division (plus western Canada and Alaska), annually
- Natural gas pipeline flows and capacities by natural gas market region (11) or Canada/Mexico region, annually

Relation to other modules

Data transfer

The NGMM both requires and provides input to other NEMS modules. Data in the global data structure that are required by the NGMM to project the natural gas market include:

- Gross domestic product (GDP) inflation adjustment factors and unemployment rates by year from the Macroeconomic Activity Module (MAM)
- Brent crude oil price and non-U.S. crude oil demand by type from the International Energy Module (IEM)
- Expected NA gas production and AD gas production by oil and natural gas district (84) and Canada region (2) from the HSM
- Alaska crude oil production by Alaska region from the HSM
- Annual consumption by census division from the Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Transportation Demand and Electricity Market Modules (RDM, CDM, IDM, TDM, EMM, HMM)
- Seasonal (winter, summer, and spring and fall)²¹ consumption by Natural Gas-EMM (NGEMM) region from the EMM
- Annual consumption by transportation mode (personal, fleet, rail, and marine vehicles) and by census division from the TDM
- Number of residential customers by census division from the RDM

²¹ EIA defines winter months as December through March and summer months June through September. Spring and fall, or shoulder seasons, are defined as April, May, October, and November.

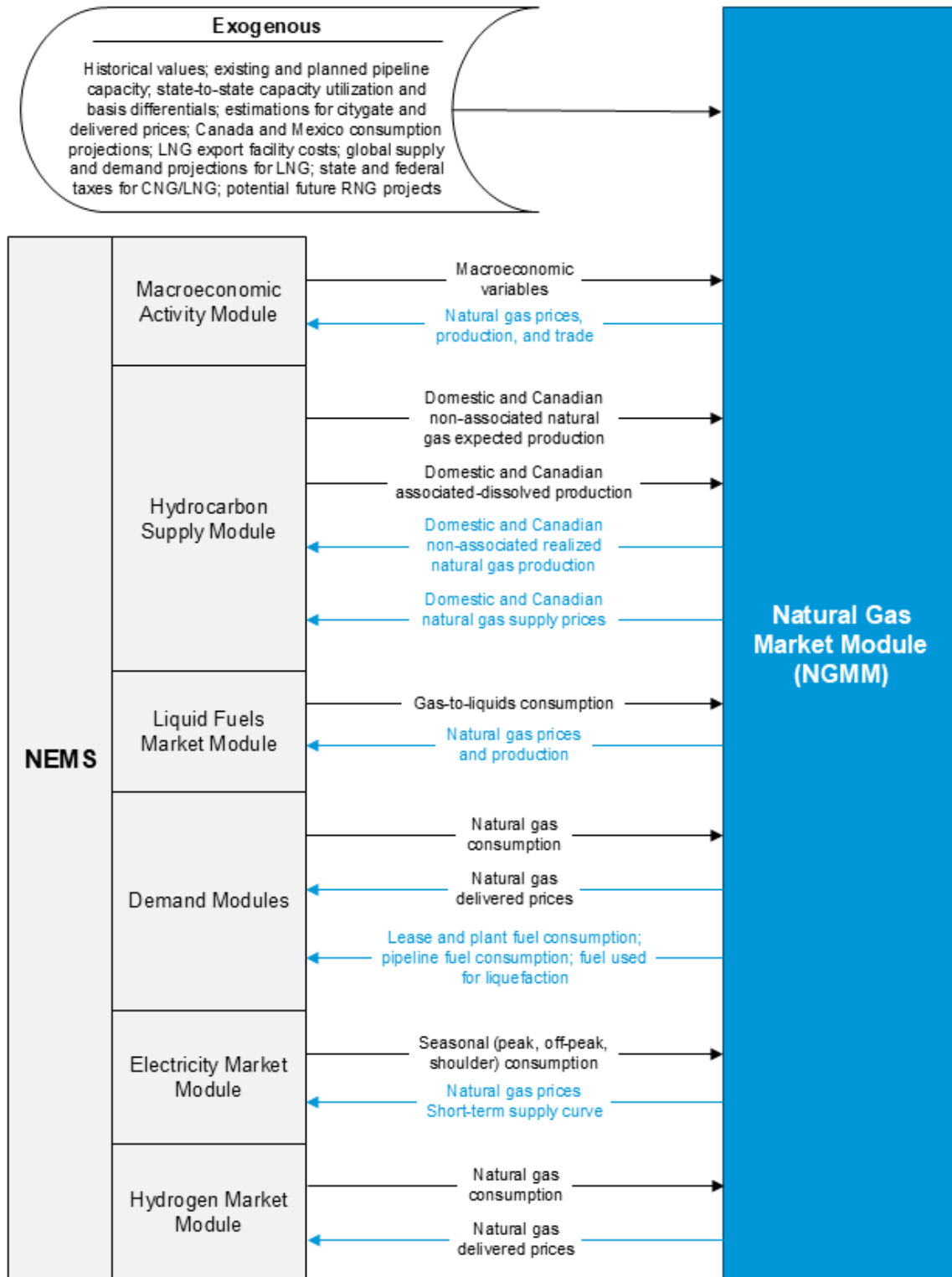
- Commercial floor space by census division from the CDM
- Heating degree days by census division from the CDM

The NGMM also sends data to the NEMS global data structure for other modules to use, including data used by the Integration Module to calculate the total natural gas supply-demand balance and data published in the *Annual Energy Outlook*. NGMM outputs, and the other modules that use them, include (Figure 2.3):

- Realized total annual NA production by oil and natural gas district (84) and Canada region (2) to HSM
- Total annual natural gas supply prices by oil and natural gas district and Canada's regions to the HSM
- Total annual dry gas production and supply prices by oil and natural gas region (13) to the NEMS
- Total annual natural gas supplemental supply volumes by oil and natural gas region (13) to the NEMS
- Total annual natural gas balancing item by census division to the NEMS
- Total annual natural gas consumption used in lease and plant operations (lease and plant fuel) by census division to the IDM
- Total annual natural gas consumed for liquefaction at LNG export facilities by Census division to the TDM
- Total annual natural gas consumed by pipelines (pipeline fuel) by census division to the TDM
- Annual delivered prices for natural gas by census division to the RDM, CDM, IDM, TDM, EMM
- Seasonal delivered prices to the electric power sector by NGEMM region to the EMM
- Seasonal delivered prices to the industrial sector by census division to the HMM
- Natural gas supply curve parameters to the EMM²²
- Annual delivered natural gas prices by transportation mode (personal, fleet, rail, and marine vehicles) and by census division to the TDM
- Annual volumes and prices of U.S. natural gas imports and exports to Canada and Mexico (by pipeline) and as LNG by vessel to the MAM
- Henry Hub spot price to the NEMS

²² The Electricity Capacity Planning Submodule of the EMM uses a reduced form, national natural gas supply curve representation in order to improve NEMS convergence and help determine the future utilization of natural gas generators.

Figure 2.3. Inputs and outputs of the NGMM, including relationships between other NEMS modules

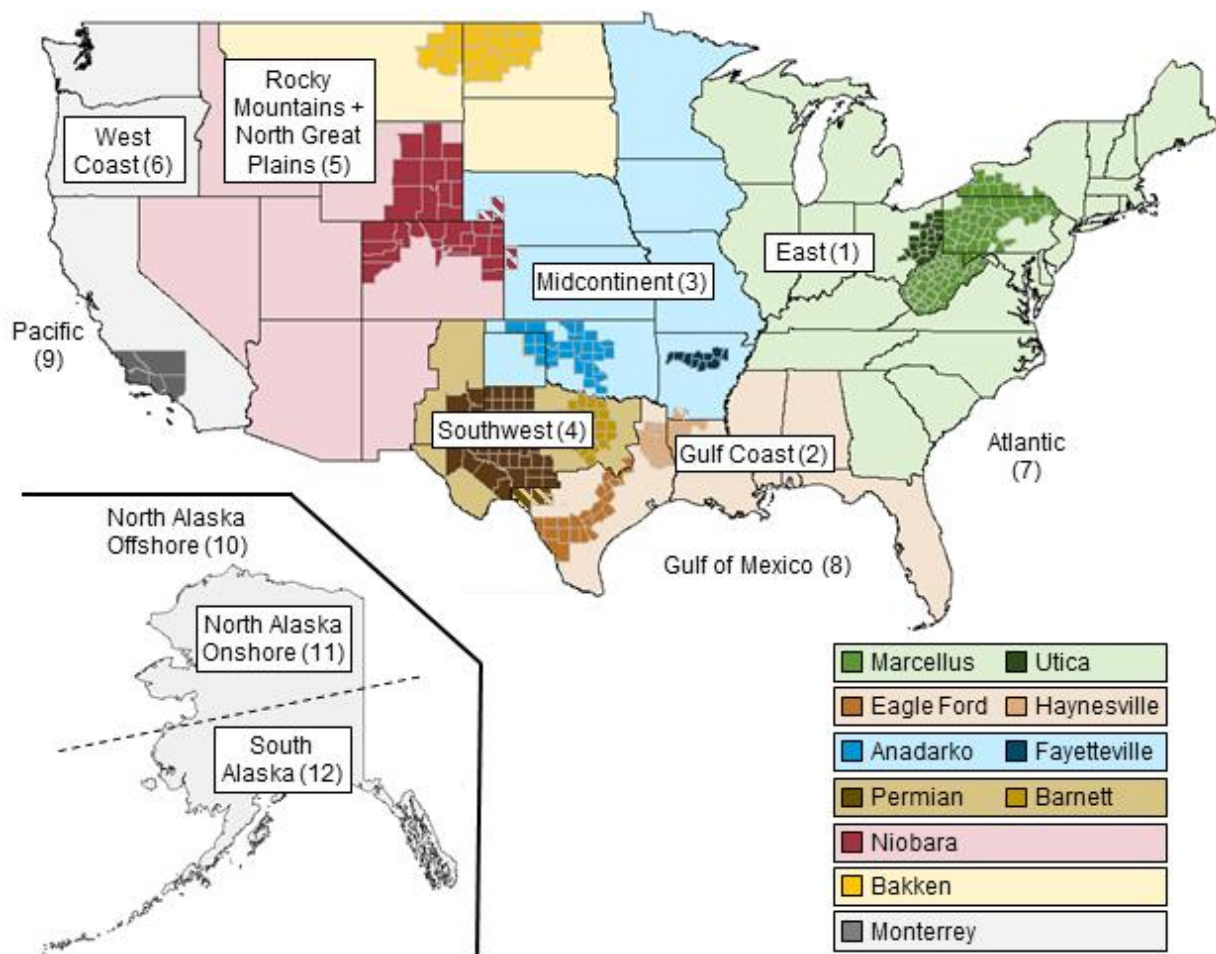


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Regionality

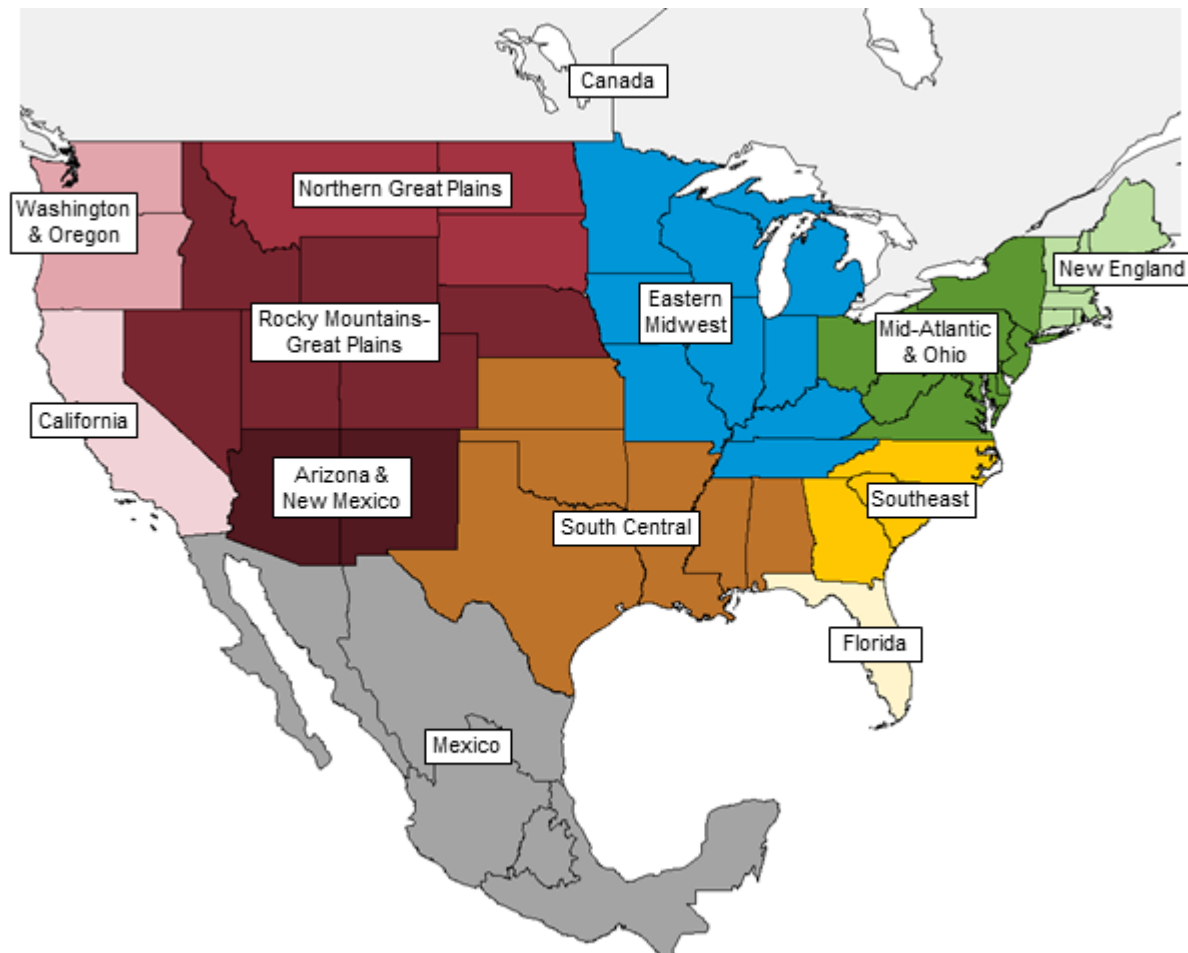
Because the NEMS operates on an annual basis, NGMM results are generally passed to other NEMS modules as annual totals or quantity-weighted annual averages. Although the NGMM and the HSM pass expected/realized NA production, AD production, and supply prices to each other by the 84 HSM districts, these results are ultimately passed to the NEMS by “oil and gas supply region” in the *Annual Energy Outlook*, which includes 14 of these regions: seven onshore regions, three offshore regions, three Alaska regions, and one U.S. total. These regions, as well as their relationships to state boundaries and county-level tight oil and shale gas regions,²³ are shown in (Figure 2.4).

Figure 2.4. NEMS oil and natural gas supply regions and corresponding tight oil and shale gas regions



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Figure 2.5. Natural gas (NG) regions used to report regional flows and capacity

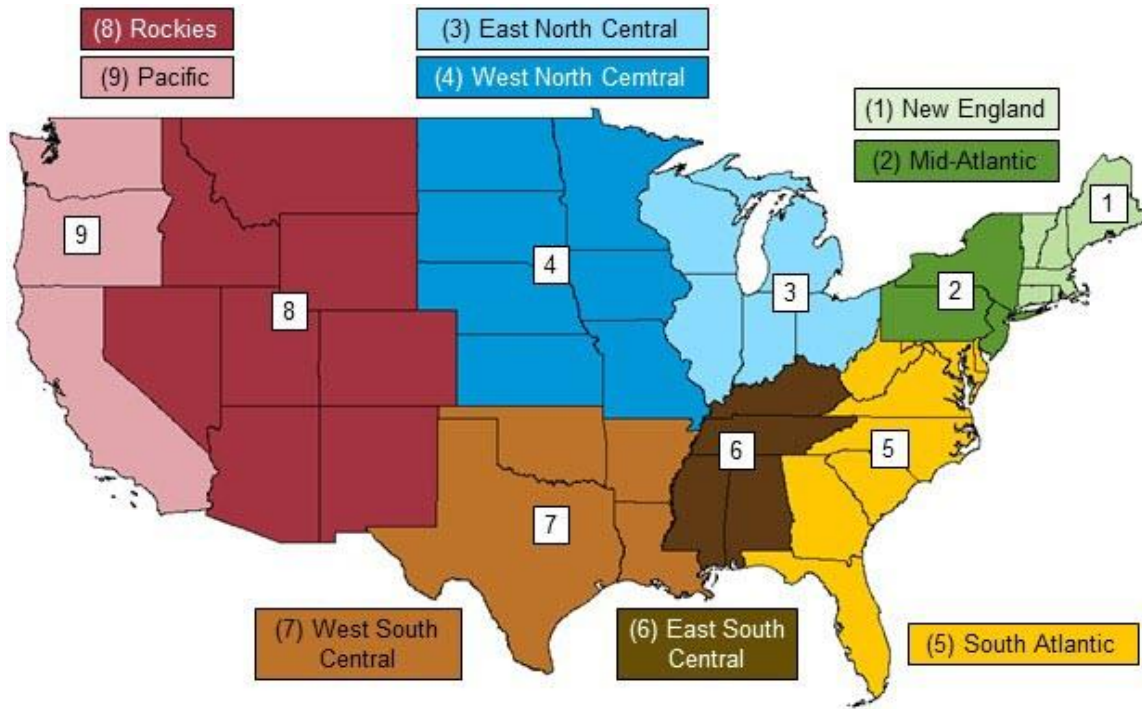


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To report natural gas regional flows and pipeline capacities, the NGMM uses natural gas (NG) regions (Figure 2.5). This regionality is consistent with the [natural gas storage regions](#) we use in our *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report* and other natural gas data publications; however, NG regions are further disaggregated to provide greater insight into projected flows from and to specific supply and demand regions in the United States.

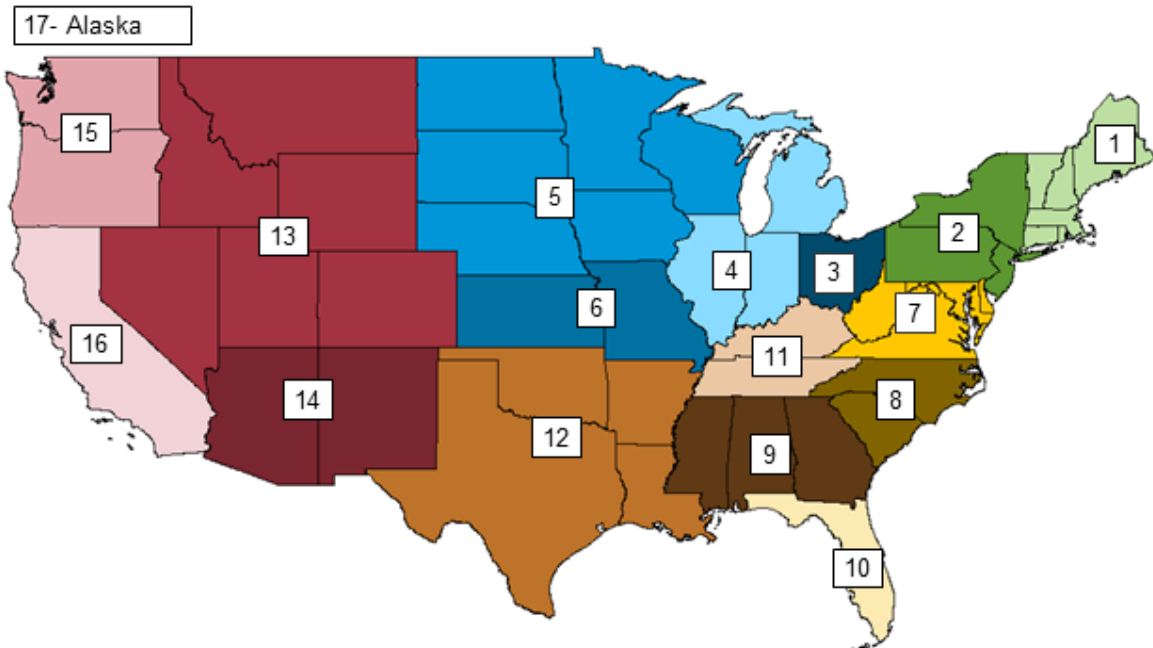
For all end-use demand modules and sectors except electric power generation, consumption volumes and delivered end-use prices are passed within the NEMS at the census division level (Figure 2.6). In the electric power sector, natural gas consumption and prices are transferred by Natural Gas-EMM (NGEMM) regions (Figure 2.7). These regions approximate the relationship between the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) regions at which the EMM operates and the demand regions used in the NGMM.

Figure 2.6. NGMM demand regions (census)



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

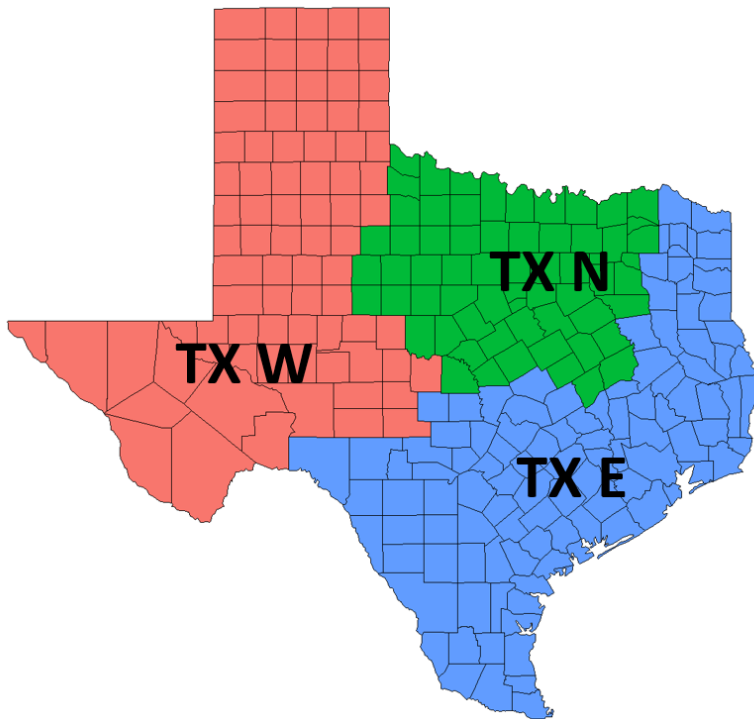
Figure 2.7. Natural Gas-Electricity Market Module (NGEMM) regions



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

In order to represent potential pipeline constraints moving natural gas from western Texas to demand areas in eastern Texas, the state of Texas is represented in model as three distinct hubs based on the [12 Texas Railroad Commission districts](#) (Figure 2.8). Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 represent East Texas, Districts 5, 7B, and 9 represent North Texas, and Districts 7C, 8, 8A, and 10 represent West Texas.

Figure 2.8. Map of the Texas regions



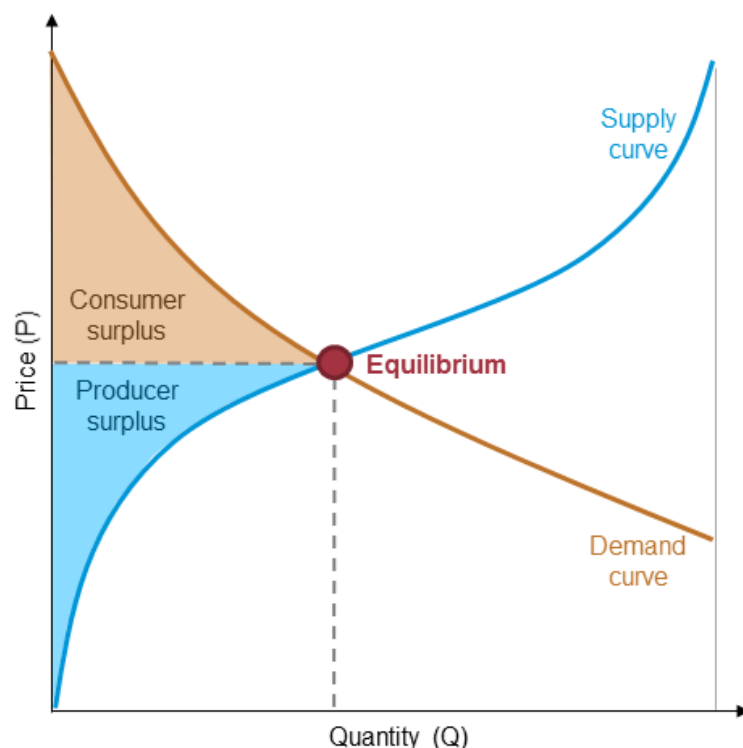
3. Natural Gas Market Module design and structure

Model design

The Natural Gas Market Module, or NGMM, is a quadratic optimization model that balances natural gas supply and demand by maximizing consumer plus producer surplus, minus variable transport costs, ensuring mass balance at each node. Although the model is specified by a quadratic objective function, it is subject to linear constraints. Supply and demand elements are represented by either price-responsive curves or as fixed volumes, and the model code accommodates user selection of one or the other. The representative network contains a market hub in each state (except for Texas, which is represented as three hubs), as well as international and border hubs, and solves each month in a given year independently of all other months.

The objective function in the NGMM is to apply economic surplus, or the maximum economic benefit that an economy can obtain. The consumer surplus represents the amount of money saved by consumers who would buy natural gas at a given price but can obtain it at a lower one. The producer surplus represents the added revenue of suppliers who could sell natural gas at a lower price but can charge a higher one. By maximizing this combined surplus and subtracting transportation costs, the model arrives at an equilibrium price for the market (Figure 3.1).

Figure 3.1. Schematic price-quantity graph illustrating maximized producer-consumer surplus



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration*

After reading in global data from other NEMS modules, which is transferred via text file, a (binary) case file is loaded into AIMMS, a sparse-execution programming language. This case file contains the data

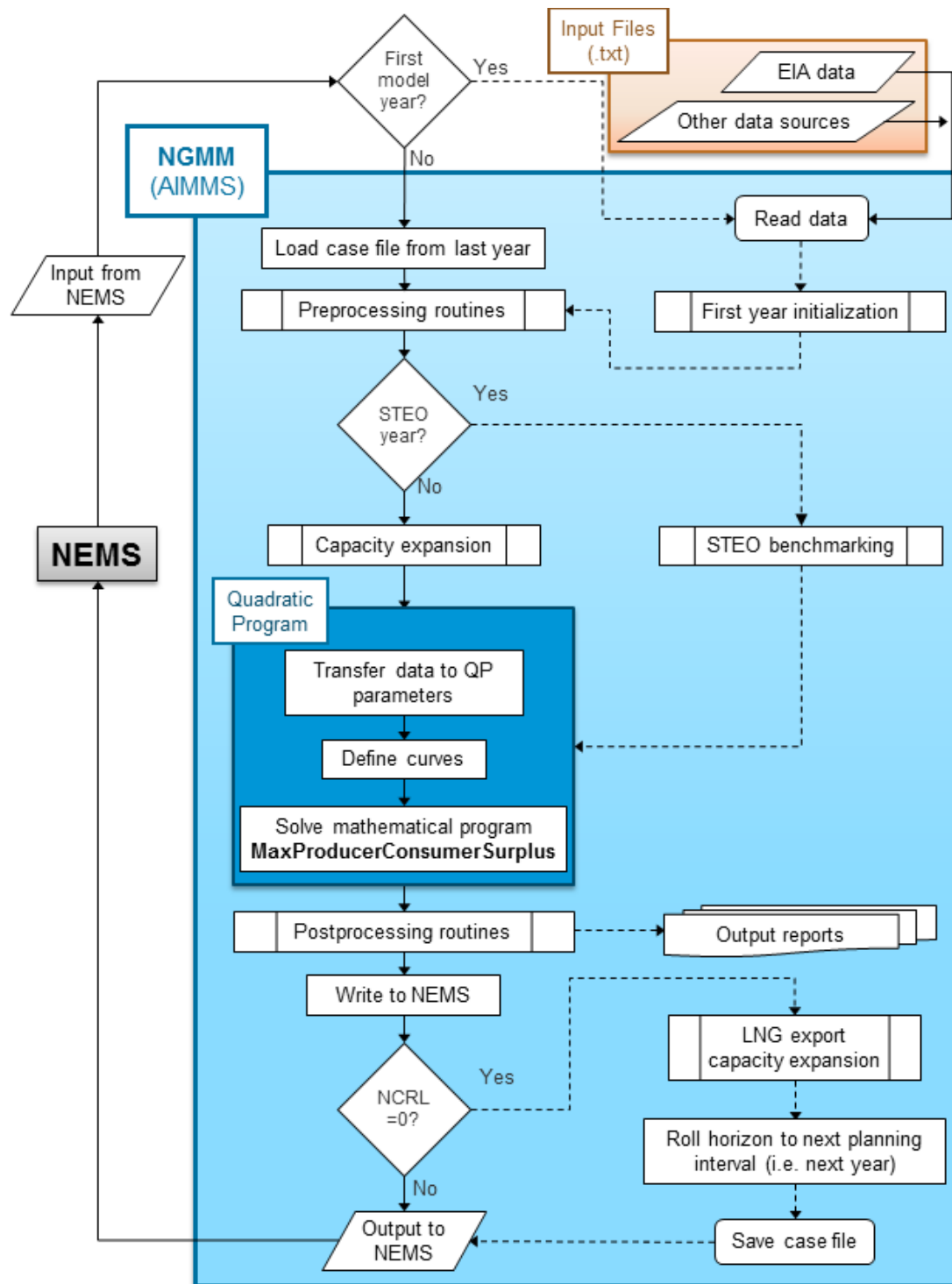
saved during the NEMS report loop from the prior year (except during the first model year, where data are read in from input text files to initialize and process historical data). Data are disaggregated from the NEMS level, which is annual and by census division (or, in the case of electricity demand, by season and Natural Gas-Electric Market Module (NGEMM) region) to the state and monthly level required by the NGMM. Next, if the model is solving over a year designated for benchmarking to the *Short Term Energy Outlook* (STEO), the quadratic program (QP) is first run iteratively to calculate benchmark factors. Otherwise, a second capacity expansion QP (with the same form) is run to determine if any capacity builds are required. After the QP is solved, data are then converted into report variables to return back to the NEMS (Figure 3.2).

Because of this design, the NGMM model code can be broadly divided into six submodules:

- **First year initialization:** During the first NGMM model year (FirstModelYear), this section of code is where all input files are read, the time horizon is set and synchronized with the calendar, and all historical data are processed to calculate market shares or averages that are used throughout the projections.
- **Pre-processing routines:** Performed for all projection years (including the first model year), this section is where all data (both historical and input data from other NEMS modules) are disaggregated and assigned to parameters that will be used in the QP. In addition, the parameters for both Mexico's and Canada's production and consumption are calculated. The liquefied natural gas (LNG) export capacity expansion pre-processing routine is run only during the NEMS report loop.
- **Capacity expansion:** Run for all projection years beginning with the first year when new builds are allowed (NoBuildYear),²⁴ the capacity expansion QP is solved to determine if additional pipeline capacity is needed along any arcs in the model where capacity currently exists. Capacities are then assigned according to the prior year's capacity, including any planned capacity expansions and the additions built in the NGMM capacity expansion QP. This QP has the same structure as the main QP described below.
- **STEO benchmarking:** This function is only performed in years when STEO benchmarking needs to be applied. This section is where the STEO factors are either set or determined by iteratively running the QP until all STEO factors are converged (convergence is achieved when all model results that are benchmarked to STEO are less than or equal to 2% of the STEO target value).
- **Quadratic program (QP):** In this section, parameters are transferred from their monthly or yearly assignment to their respective QP parameter (indexed by period in the planning horizon, as described below). The piecewise linear curves are assigned, and the mathematical program (objective function subject to constraints) is solved.
- **Post-processing routines:** In this section, the QP results are converted and aggregated into report variables to be transferred to other NEMS modules. All production and prices, including delivered end-use prices, are assigned here.

²⁴ All years before *NoBuildYear* do not run the capacity expansion QP. This year is typically two to three years after the first model year, a typical amount of time to allow for regulatory approval and construction or to upgrade facilities.

Figure 3.2. Process flow diagram representing the NGMM and its operation within NEMS in a given year



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

The mathematical definition of the QP, as well as sub-modules where the QP is run—capacity expansion and STEO benchmarking—are described in the [model structure](#) section below. [Pre-processing](#) (including first year initialization and LNG capacity expansion) and [post-processing](#) routines are discussed in subsequent chapters.

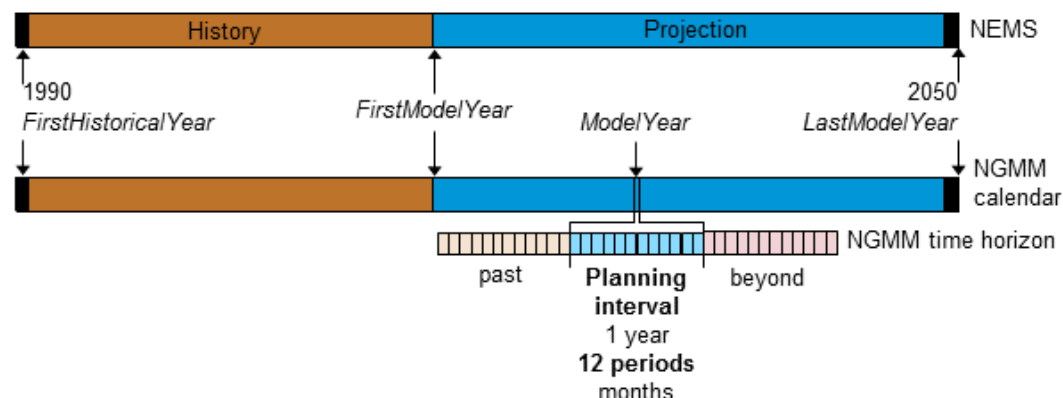
The design of the NGMM also incorporates several features and techniques in AIMMS to minimize computational runtime, debug results, and visualize output.

Relationship between calendar dates and model periods: time horizon

The NGMM handles time within the model code using a horizon—a set of planning periods. These periods are divided into three groups for a given model year ([Figure 3.3](#)):

- Planning interval: the main group of periods
- Past: all periods prior to the planning interval
- Beyond: all periods after the planning interval

Figure 3.3. Relationship between time in the NEMS, time in the NGMM, and the NGMM time horizon



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Note: NEMS=National Energy Modeling System, NGMM=Natural Gas Market Module

The time horizon is initialized in the first model year using a timetable, which maps the horizon to a calendar. The identifiers used to define both the calendar and horizon in the NGMM are in Table 3.1.

Each planning interval represents the current model year and contains 12 periods, representing months. During the NEMS report loop, after the system has converged for a given year, the time horizon is rolled over to the next planning interval. This process ensures that the calendar and horizon stay linked to time in the NEMS system even though any number of iterations may be performed for a given projection year in the NEMS.

By indexing the variables and constraints over a horizon, the model tells AIMMS to restrict the generation of constraints and variables to the periods within the current planning interval. This restriction limits the number of parameters and variables that must be assigned and fixes all variables in these periods, significantly decreasing the size of the mathematical program and the time required to solve it. However, the time horizon dimension also allows for past data to be stored within all parameters and variables, making debugging easier and allowing more intuitive data visualization.

Furthermore, as the NGMM evolves, including the lagged parameters and variables in the QP is possible (for example, to calibrate to historical data or reflect the influence of prior years on the solution without requiring the model to resolve for all years).

Table 3.1 Time and horizon parameters set in the NGMM

Parameter	Value	Notes
Calendar		
BeginDateOfCalendar	Jan, 1990	
EndDateOfCalendar	Dec, 2050	
FirstModelYear	2019	
LastModelYear	2050	
FirstHistoricalYear	1990	
LastFutureYear	2080	
Horizon		
NumberOfPeriodsInPlanningInterval	12	
NumberOfPeriods	396	(LastModelYear – LastHistoricalYear) * 12
CapExpNumberOfPeriodsInPlanningInterval	2	January + August
CapExpNumberOfPeriods	68	(LastModelYear – LastHistoricalYear) * 2

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Note: The parameters *FirstModelYear* and *NumberOfPeriods* will change each year, depending on the last complete year of historical data available. The parameter *LastModelYear* will only change when NEMS extends its projection (every 5–10 years).

Mapping parameters

The NGMM has many examples of mapping input and output data from one set to another. The most common example is assigning values to different regionalities. Although the NGMM operates at the U.S. state level, including two regions in Canada and five regions in Mexico, most NEMS parameters are defined by U.S. census division. Electric power sector demand and prices are defined by the [17 NGEMM regions](#), and expected dry production volumes from the Hydrocarbon Supply Module (HSM) are defined by the 84 oil and natural gas districts. Input and output data mapped from one set to another also occurs when converting between calendars and from a calendar to a horizon, assigning monthly and seasonal parameters, and defining hub-to-hub arcs where pipeline capacity exists (thereby allowing flow).

Binary mapping parameters are used to easily aggregate and disaggregate data as well as to apply domain conditions to the assignment of identifiers. In AIMMS, a binary parameter is the most computationally efficient means to perform these calculations or restrict allowable indexes. A full list of these mapping parameters is in [Appendix E](#).

Solver

The NGMM uses the CPLEX solver to optimize the quadratic objective function. The NGMM uses the barrier method, the AIMMS default for QPs; however, the dual crossover option must be selected for

the NGMM to provide useful results.²⁵ Because the barrier method is an interior point method, its solutions are not basic, resulting in meaningless reduced costs and dual values (that is, shadow prices). A non-basic solution would make the shadow prices of the constraints, which are used to assign the spot price at a given hub, erroneous. Furthermore, the barrier method avoids placing the decision variables at upper or lower bounds; however, the curves in the NGMM are piecewise linear, which means that a decision variable indexed by step should reach its upper bound before the next step's value is non-zero. As a result, the dual crossover step is used to produce a basis and provide the nearest basic feasible solution to the QP.

Model structure

This section covers both the mathematical formulation of the NGMM and the process by which the QP is set up in a given model year, including:

- Identifiers in the QP
- Sets, or dimensions, by which the parameters and variables in the QP are indexed
- Parameters that are included in either the objective function or the constraints
- Decision variables
- Transferring data into the QP parameters
- The process by which parameters indexed by month and year in the pre-processing routines are transferred into the parameters, dimensioned by planning period, listed above
- Piecewise linear curve definitions
- Supply curve
- Tariff curve
- LNG export demand curve
- Objective function
- Constraints

Identifiers in QP

Sets

Table 3.2 Set names and indexes representing the dimensions of the NGMM quadratic program

NGMM	Index(es)	Notes
SupplyType_	suptype	
NA_AD_	naadgas	only associated-dissolved and nonassociated supply types
Regions_	reg,reg1	root set
QPSupplyNode_	qps	
DemandNode_	d,storage	demand nodes include consumption and storage
Hubs_	h,h1	
BorderCrossings_	bx	
InternationalRegions_	r_int	
L_48_	l48	lower 48 states (+ DC)
LNGTerminals_QP_	lngexp_qp	

²⁵ IBM CPLEX Optimizer for z/OS 12.7.0 : [Solving problems with a Quadratic Objective](#).

NGMM	Index(es)	Notes
Supply_Curve_Step_	step	also used to set tariff and LNG export curves
Years_	year	
Months_	mon	
MonthlyHorizon_	tmon	this index is suppressed in tables and equations below

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

QP parameters

Table 3.3 Parameter names, abbreviations used in NGMM documentation, dimensionality, and descriptions

NGMM	Abbrev.	Index	Definition
QP_Consumption	CONS	d	Consumption in region <i>d</i>
QP_Storage_Withdrawals	WTH	(storage,h)	Net storage withdrawals from storage at hub <i>h</i>
QP_Storage_Injections	INJ	(h,storage)	Net storage injections at hub <i>h</i>
QP_PlantFuel	PLT	d	Consumption of fuel during lease and plant operations in region <i>d</i>
QP_StorageLoss	Q ^{store}	storage	Percentage of volumes in storage lost during injection/withdrawal
QP_DistributionLoss	Q ^{dist}	d	Percentage of residential and commercial volumes at region <i>d</i> lost during distribution
QP_IntrastatePipeFuelLoss	Q ^{intra}	d	Percentage production in region <i>d</i> lost during transport on intrastate pipelines
QP_GatheringCharge	p ^{gath}	qps	Fixed charge to transport supply from region <i>qps</i> to market
QP_StorageFee	p ^{store}	(storage,h)	Fixed fee per unit volume charged when withdrawing from storage at hub <i>h</i>
QP_Discrepancy	DISC	d	Average historical discrepancy between supply and demand
PipeFuelLossFactorIN	f ^{pip}	h	Factor describing percentage of fuel lost from flow along arc (h1, h) assigned to hub <i>h</i>
PipeFuelLossFactorOUT	f ^{pip}	h	Factor describing percentage of fuel lost from flow along arc (h, h1) assigned to hub <i>h</i>
Supply Curve			
Pbase	PBASE	(suptype, qps,step)	Base supply price for a supply type on a supply curve step
Qbase	QBASE	(suptype, qps,step)	Base production of a supply type on a supply curve step
QP_Supply	Q0	(suptype, qps)	Production of a supply type in region <i>qps</i> including lease and plant fuel
QP_SupplyPrice	P0	(suptype, qps)	Supply price for a given supply type in region <i>qps</i>

NGMM	Abbrev.	Index	Definition
ParameterSupCrv	CRV	(suptype,qps,step)	Percentage of base production of a supply price in region <i>qps</i> on a supply curve step
ParameterSupElas	ELAS	(suptype,qps,step)	elasticity (percent change in quantity over percentage change in price) of supply type in region <i>qps</i> on a supply curve step
QbaseMin	QMIN	(suptype, qps)	Minimum production of a supply type in region <i>qps</i>
QbaseMax	QMAX	(suptype, qps)	Maximum production of a supply type in region <i>qps</i>
Q_UpperBound	MAXQ	(suptype,qps,step)	Maximum production of a supply type in region <i>qps</i> on a supply curve step
Q_LowerBound	MINQ	(suptype,qps,step)	Minimum production of a supply type in region <i>qps</i> on a supply curve step
SupCrv_MaxStep	SSMAX		Maximum allowable step on the supply curve
Tariff Curve			
PipeTariffCurveQty	QTAR	(h, h1,step)	Base flow volume along arc (h, h1) on a tariff curve step
PipelineTariff	PTAR	(h, h1,step)	Base cost to transport along arc (h, h1) on a tariff curve step
Parameter_CapacityUtilization	UTIL	(h, h1,step)	Percentage of capacity along arc (h, h1) on a tariff curve step
QP_Capacity	CAP	(h, h1)	Maximum capacity along arc (h, h1)
PipeTarCrvQty_UpBound	MAXQT	(h, h1,step)	Maximum capacity along arc (h, h1) on a tariff curve step
CapacityMaxBuild	MAXADD	(h, h1)	Maximum additional capacity allowed to be built along arc (h, h1) during capacity expansion
PTCrv_MaxStep	PTSMAX		Maximum allowable step on the supply curve
LNG Export Demand Curve			
QP_LNGExportCapacity	LNGCAP	(Ingexp_qp)	Maximum capacity at region Ingexp_qp to export LNG
QP_LNGExportPrice	PEXP	(Ingexp_qp)	Price where it is economical in region Ingexp_qp to operate an LNG export facility excluding any sunk costs (i.e. capital expenses) or shipping costs to destination
LNGExportQty	QLNG	(Ingexp_qp, step)	Base volume of LNG exports from region Ingexp_qp on a demand curve step
LNGExportPrc	PLNG	(Ingexp_qp, step)	Base price of LNG exports from region Ingexp_qp on a demand curve step
LNGExport_UpBound	MAXLNG	(Ingexp_qp, step)	Maximum volume of LNG exports from region Ingexp_qp on a demand curve step

NGMM	Abbrev.	Index	Definition
LNGExport_LoBound	MINLNG	(Ingexp_qp, step)	Minimum volume of LNG exports from region Ingexp_qp on a demand curve step
LNGExpCrv_MaxStep	LSMAX		Maximum allowable step on LNG demand curve

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Decision variables

Table 3.4 Decision variable names, abbreviations used in NGMM documentation, dimensionality, and descriptions

NGMM	Abbrev.	Index	Definition
QSupplyStep	SSTEP	(suptype,qps,step)	Supply type suptype taken from a given step on the supply curve for supply region qps
QProduction	PROD	(suptype,qps)	Total supply of supply type suptype taken from supply region qps
QLNGexp	LNG	(Ingexp_qp,step)	LNG export demand from a given step at LNG export region Ingexp_qp; includes fuel used for liquefaction
QTariffCurve	TAR	(h,h1,step)	Total volume along arc (h, h1) under a given step in the tariff curve
FlowHubToHub	FLOWH2H	(h,h1)	Flow from hub <i>h</i> to hub <i>h1</i>
FlowSupplyToHub	FLows2H	(qps,h)	Flow from supply region qps to hub <i>h</i>
FlowHubToDemand	FLOWH2D	(h,d)	Flow from hub <i>h</i> to demand region <i>d</i>
FlowHubToLNGExport	FLOWH2L	(h,Ingexp_qp)	From hub <i>h</i> to LNG export region Ingexp_qp
FlowStorageToHub	FLOWT2H	(storage,h)	Flow from storage region to hub <i>h</i>
FlowHubToStorage	FLOWH2T	(h,storage)	Flow from hub <i>h</i> to storage

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Transfer data into QP parameters

Table 3.5 NGMM quadratic program parameters and corresponding pre-processing parameters

QP parameter	Index	Pre-processing parameter	Index
QP_Consumption ^a	(tmon,d)	TotalConsumption	(mon,d)
QP_Storage_Withdrawals	(tmon,storage,h)	StorageWithdrawals	(mon,storage)
P_Storage_Injections	(tmon,h,storage)	StorageInjections	(mon,storage)
QP_PlantFuel	(tmon,d)	PlantFuel	(mon,l48)
QP_StorageLoss	(tmon,storage)	StorageLosses	(mon,l48)
QP_DistributionLoss	(tmon,d)	DistributionLosses	(mon,l48)
QP_IntrastatePipeFuelLoss	(tmon,d)	IntrastatePipeFuelLosses	(mon,l48)

QP parameter	Index	Pre-processing parameter	Index
QP_GatheringCharge	(tmon,qps)	GatheringCharge + GatherChargeAdd	qps
QP_Discrepancy	(tmon,d)	BalanceItem	(mon,d)
Supply Curve			
QP_Supply ^{b,c}	(tmon,suptype, qps)	Supply	(mon,suptype,qps)
	(tmon,naadgas, qps)	Supply * (1–LeaseFuelFactor)	qps
QP_SupplyPrice ^d	(tmon,suptype, qps)	WellhdPrice	(year-1, suptype, qps)
Tariff Curve			
QP_Capacity	(tmon,h, h1)	CurrentPipeCapacity	(mon,h,h1)
LNG Export Demand Curve			
QP_LNGExportCapacity	(tmon, lngexp_qp)	LNGExports * (1+Pct_Liquefaction_Fuel)	(mon,lngexp_qp)
QP_LNGExportPrice	(tmon, lngexp_qp)	USLNGExportPrice	(year,lngexp_qp)

^a Adjust Northeast Mexico (MX_NE) for STEO factor adjusting exports

^b Adjust nonassociated natural gas supply in west Canada (CN_W) for STEO factor adjusting imports

^c Adjust lease fuel factor by STEO factor

^d Adjust wellhead price by STEO wellhead price factor

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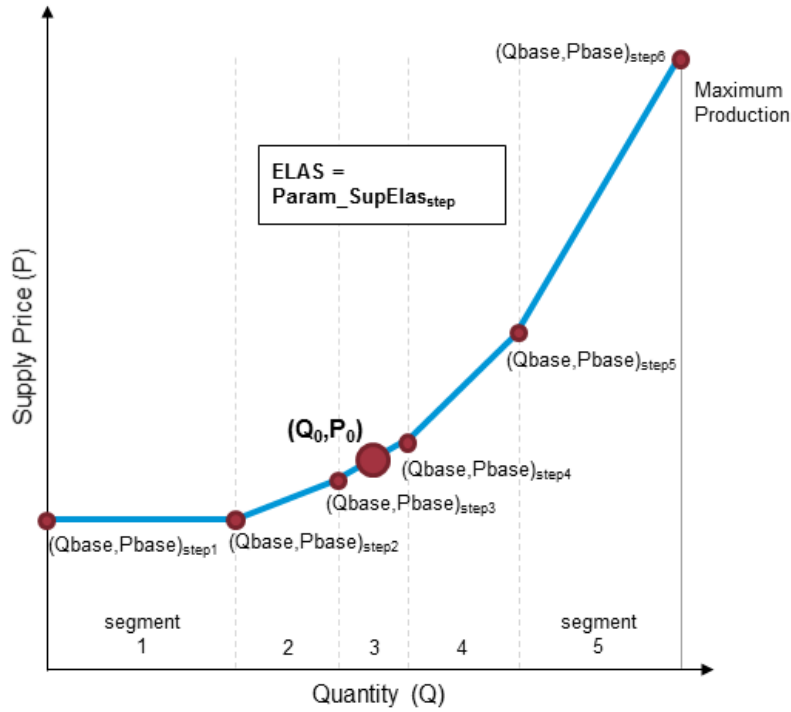
Piecewise linear curve definitions

Supply curve definition

Variable, or price-responsive, supply is represented as producer surplus, or the area under a short-term supply curve. This short-term supply curve is a piecewise linear function based off of a price/quantity pair that represents the expected or baseline level of production or supply with an associated price. In the NGMM, the price/quantity pair is represented by last year's supply price and the expected production from the HSM. Segments are then built off of that point by assuming a price elasticity of supply ($ELAS_{qps,step}$) for a given percentage change from the expected production ($CRV_{qps,step}$).

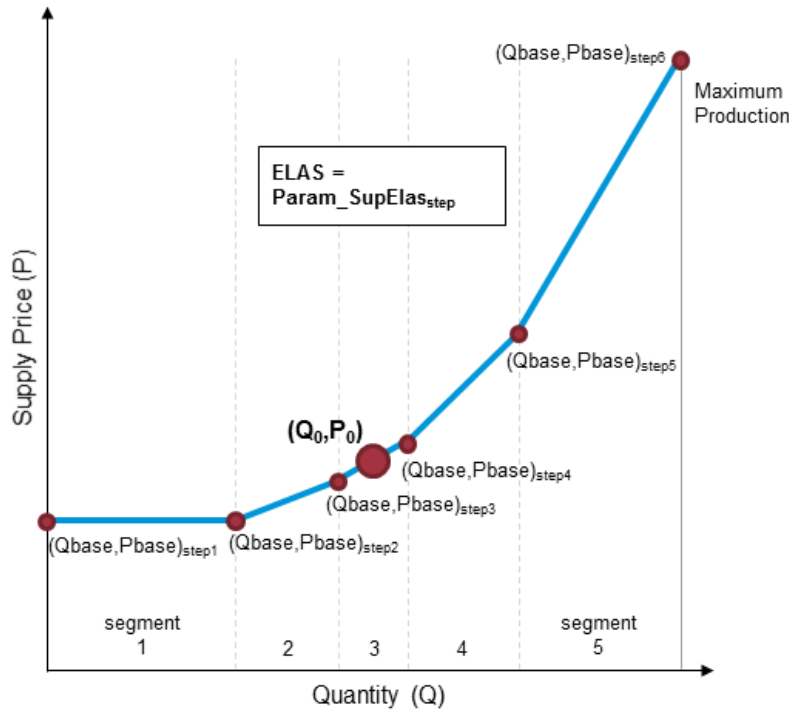
The expected production represents an economically viable level and mix that producers are planning to make available to the market without either stressing the system or needing to cut back because of over supply. As such, the supply curves are built around this expected production point with a shape that drives the solution toward that point while allowing some adjustment to balance the market. This adjustment is done by assuming a change in production values will be less responsive to a change in price at volumes less the expected production (that is, once drilled, wells will produce regardless of price) and more responsive at volumes greater than the expected production (that is, it will be more costly to speed up the drilling of new wells). The general form of this supply curve is the supply price $P_{qps,step}$ is a function of quantity of variable supply $Q_{qps,step}$ (i.e. nonassociated gas), its step's base

quantity ($QBASE_{qps,step}$) and price ($PBASE_{qps,step}$), and an assumed elasticity (



):

$$P_{qps,step} = PBASE_{qps,step} * \left\{ \left[\left(\frac{1}{ELAS_{qps,step}} \right) * \left(\frac{Q_{qps,step} - QBASE_{qps,step}}{QBASE_{qps,step}} \right) \right] + 1 \right\} \quad \forall (qps,step) \quad (1)$$

Figure 3.4. Schematic representation of short-term supply curve used in NGMM

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration
 Note: NGMM=Natural Gas Market Module

Each supply region is assigned one of four options for the form of the short-term supply curve, allowing different levels of price responsiveness, depending on the region and analyst judgment. The values of the base supply and base price are calculated using the input parameters $CRV_{qps,step}$, the adjustment for each segment from expected production, and $ELAS_{qps,step}$, the price elasticity for each segment:²⁶

For steps 1–3 below (Q_0, P_0) :

$$QBASE_{qps,step} = (Q_0)_{qps} * \prod_{step=1}^{step=3} (1 - CRV_{qps,step}) \quad \forall(qps, step) \quad (2)$$

$$PBASE_{qps,step} = (P_0)_{qps} * \prod_{step=1}^{step=3} \frac{(1 - CRV_{qps,step})}{ELAS_{qps,step}} \quad \forall(qps, step) \quad (3)$$

For steps 4-6 above (Q_0, P_0) :

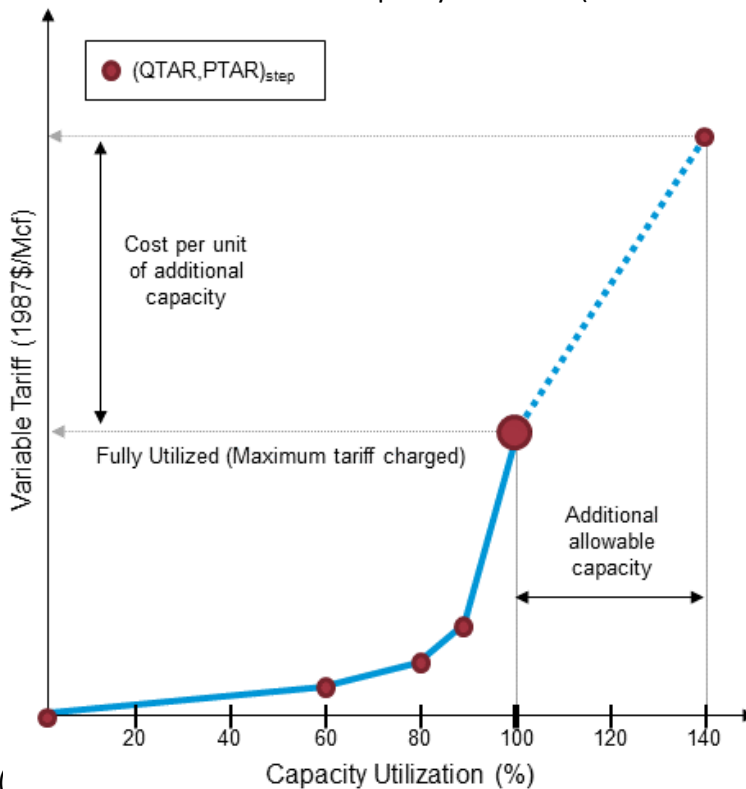
²⁶ For AEO 2022, the elasticities defining each segment (1–5) are 0.8 (Segment 1), 0.7, 0.5, 0.3, and 0.2 (Segment 5).

$$QBASE_{qps,step} = (Q_0)_{qps} * \prod_{step=4}^{step} (1 + CRV_{qps,step}) \quad \forall(qps, step) \quad (4)$$

$$PBASE_{qps,step} = (P_0)_{qps} * \prod_{step=4}^{step} \frac{(1 + CRV_{qps,step})}{ELAS_{qps,step}} \quad \forall(qps, step) \quad (5)$$

Pipeline tariff curve definition

For all arcs between two different hubs, we created a tariff curve to represent the variable cost of transportation per unit of flow as a function of capacity utilization (minus cost due to pipeline fuel used



during transport) (). We based these curves on historical basis differentials between the spot prices at the two hubs.²⁷ The tariff curves are specified so that the tariff increases rapidly as the flow approaches the pipeline capacity, or nears complete utilization; the final step is extended by a set percentage above the existing capacity.²⁸ This difference between the last two steps represents the maximum capacity build in a given year for most arcs. Exceptions for larger capacity builds in a given year are allowed on arcs in two cases:

²⁷ Monthly average spot price history begins in 2009; data are used through latest available month and provided by *Natural Gas Intelligence*.

²⁸ Additional capacity of up to 40% of the existing capacity can be added in a given year.

- When capacity is greater in the opposite direction, the model can simulate a decision to build additional capacity up to that level, representing pipeline reversals on large pipelines.
- When capacity is below a user-defined level,²⁹ projected capacity is allowed to double in a given year, allowing small markets to grow at a faster rate.

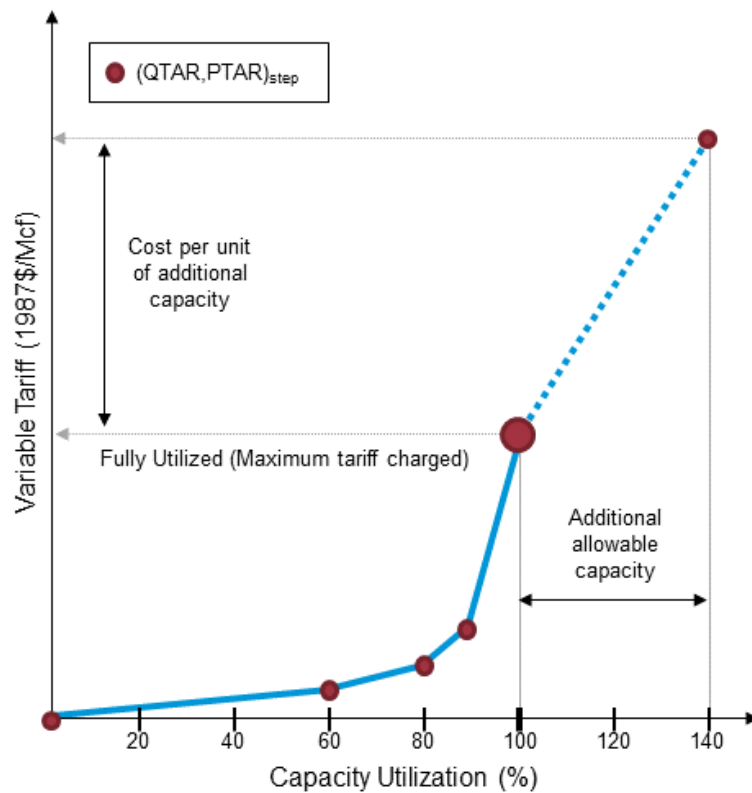
The tariff curve formula acts as a hurdle rate by which the model decides to add pipeline capacity when representative peak day consumption levels are flowed through the network. If pipeline capacity is added in one projection year, the model indicates that either consumption has exceeded existing pipeline capacity or the cost of adding capacity along the arc is less than the cost of transporting natural gas through another existing route. The additional cost is assumed to be recovered by charging the same variable tariff rate to larger volumes of flow over time.

The points ($QTAR_{h,h1,step}$, $PTAR_{h,h1,step}$) are largely defined from exogenous input parameters derived from historical data for monthly flows and spot prices; however, to allow for capacity builds, the quantity QTAR is calculated each projection year:

$$QTAR_{h,h1,step} = CAP_{h,h1} * UTIL_{h,h1,step} \quad \forall(h, h1, step) \quad (6)$$

Figure 3.5. Schematic representation of tariff curve structure used in NGMM

²⁹ This capacity defined as 30 Bcf, or approximately 1 Bcf/d.

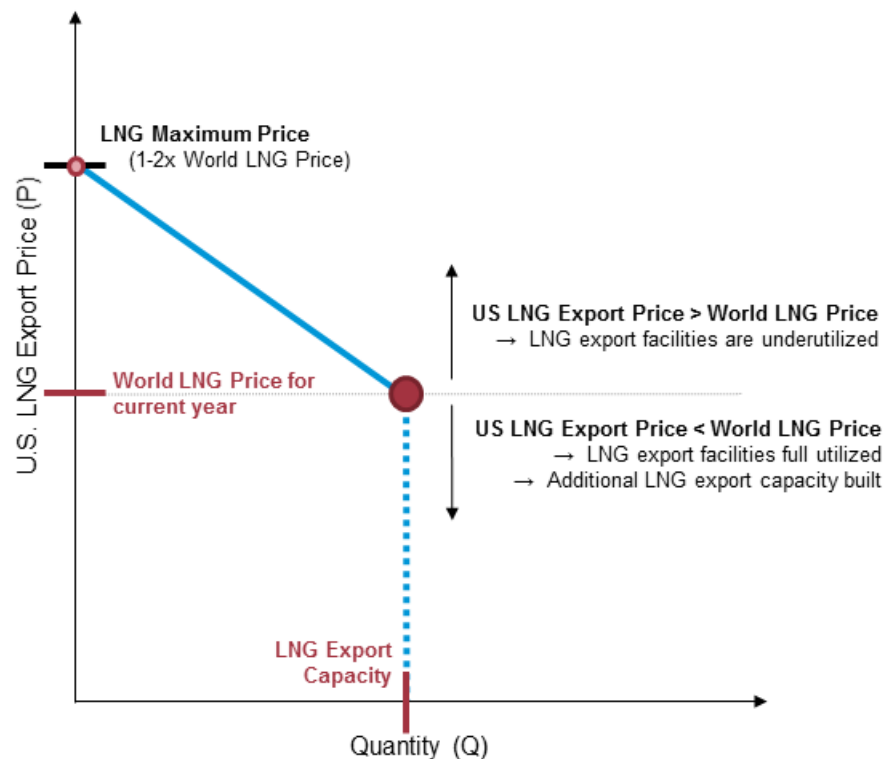


Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration
 Note: NGMM=Natural Gas Market Module

LNG export demand curve definition

The decision to build additional LNG export capacity in a given demand region is determined outside of the quadratic program. However, the utilization of existing LNG export capacity in a projection year is endogenously determined using a linear demand curve (Figure 3.6). The world LNG price is determined for the current year using [equation \(49\)](#) (discussed in [Preprocessing: LNG Exports](#)). If the U.S. LNG export price in that region, minus sunk costs, is at or below this value, then the LNG export capacity there will be fully utilized. If the U.S. LNG export price in the demand region is greater than the world price, then capacity is underutilized. At or above a certain price, which we assume is about 150% of the world LNG price, LNG exports reach zero (a consequence of the demand curve structure).

Figure 3.6. Schematic representation of LNG export demand curve used in NGMM



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration
 Note: NGMM=Natural Gas Market Module

Objective function

The QP's solution maximizes consumer plus producer surplus, minus variable transport costs. The objective function to be maximized represents **consumer plus producer surplus** as the area below the **LNG export demand curves** for all LNG export regions minus the area below the **supply curves** for all supply types and supply regions. It subtracts the variable transport costs, which include the gathering charges applied to all flows from a supply region to a hub and the area beneath the **pipeline tariff curve** for all flows between hubs (that is, along transportation links).

All volumes are in billion cubic feet (Bcf), and all prices are in 1987 real dollars.

The mathematical description of the objective function is (decision variables in bold font):

max.

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \sum_{suptype} \sum_{qps} \sum_{step}^{SSMAX} \left[(PBASE_{suptype,qps,step} * \mathbf{SSTEP}_{suptype,qps,step}) \right. \\
& + \left. \left(\frac{1}{2} * \mathbf{SSTEP}_{suptype,qps,step}^2 * \frac{PBASE_{suptype,qps,step+1} - PBASE_{suptype,qps,step}}{QBASE_{suptype,qps,step+1} - QBASE_{suptype,qps,step}} \right) \right] \\
& - \sum_h \sum_{h1} \sum_{step}^{PTSMAX} \left[\left(\frac{PTAR_{h,h1,step+1} - PTAR_{h,h1,step}}{QTAR_{h,h1,step+1} - QTAR_{h,h1,step}} * \mathbf{TAR}_{h,h1,step} + PTAR_{h,h1,step} \right) \right. \\
& * \left. \left(\frac{1}{2} * \mathbf{TAR}_{h,h1,step} \right) \right] \\
& + \left(\frac{1}{2} * \frac{PTAR_{h,h1,step+1} - PTAR_{h,h1,step}}{QTAR_{h,h1,step+1} - QTAR_{h,h1,step}} * QTAR_{h,h1,step} * \mathbf{TAR}_{h,h1,step} \right) \left. \right] \\
& - \sum_{qps} \sum_h P_{qps}^{gath} * \mathbf{FLOWS2H}_{qps,h} \\
& + \sum_{lngexp_qp} \sum_{step}^{LSMAX} \left[(PLNG_{lngexp_qp,step} * \mathbf{LNG}_{lngexp_qp,step}) \right. \\
& + \left. \left(\frac{1}{2} * \mathbf{LNG}_{lngexp_qp,step}^2 * \frac{PLNG_{lngexp_qp,step+1} - PLNG_{lngexp_qp,step}}{QLNG_{lngexp_qp,step+1} - QLNG_{lngexp_qp,step}} \right) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

A description of the variable names is available in the [QP Parameters](#) and [QP Decision Variables](#).

Constraints

The QP constraints are described below. Decision variables are in bold font. The [QP Parameters](#) and [QP Decision Variables](#) has a further description of individual decision variables and parameters.

Supply Accounting (SupplyAccounting)

For all supply types and all supply regions, in a given month, the total production of a given supply type suptype in supply region qps equals the sum of the supply type under all supply steps (including the minimum production allowed).

$$\mathbf{PROD}_{suptype,qps} = \sum_{step}^{SSMAX} \mathbf{SSTEP}_{suptype,qps,step} + QMIN_{suptype,qps} \quad \forall (suptype, qps) \tag{8}$$

Supply Mass Balance (SupplyMassBalance)

For all supply types and all supply regions, in a given month, total production (or supply) of all supply types suptype must equal the flow from supply region qps to hub h.

$$\sum_{suptype} \mathbf{PROD}_{suptype,qps} = \sum_h \mathbf{FLOWS2H}_{qps,h} \quad \forall qps \tag{9}$$

Demand Mass Balance (DemandMassBalance)

For all demand regions, in a given month, the flow from hub h to demand region d must equal the sum of all sources of demand.

$$\sum_h \mathbf{FLOWH2D}_{h,d} = \mathbf{CONS}_d + Q_d^{dist} + Q_d^{store} + Q_d^{intra} + \mathbf{PLT}_d + \mathbf{DISC}_d \quad \forall d \quad (10)$$

Flow Balance at Hubs (HubBalance)

For all hubs, in a given month, total flow into hub h is equal to total flow out of hub h .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{h1} [\mathbf{FLOWH2H}_{h1,h} * (1 - (f_{h1}^{pip} + f_h^{pip} - f_{h1}^{pip} * f_h^{pip}) * \mathbf{STEO}_{pip})] &+ \sum_{storage} \mathbf{FLOWT2H}_{storage,h} \\ &+ \sum_{qps} \mathbf{FLOWS2H}_{qps,h} \\ &= \sum_{h2} \mathbf{FLOWH2H}_{h,h2} + \sum_d \mathbf{FLOWH2D}_{h,d} + \sum_{lngexp_qp} \mathbf{FLOWH2L}_{h,lngexp_qp} \\ &+ \sum_{storage} \mathbf{FLOWH2T}_{h,storage} \quad \forall h \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Flow Balance at Border Crossings for Pipeline Imports into the United States (HubBalance_BXtoUS)

For all border crossings, in a given month, total flow into the United States at border crossing bx is equal to the total flow out of international regions r_int into border crossing bx .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r_int} [\mathbf{FLOWH2H}_{r_int,bx} * (1 - (f_{r_int}^{pip} + f_{bx}^{pip} - f_{r_int}^{pip} * f_{bx}^{pip}) * \mathbf{STEO}_{pip})] \\ = \sum_{l48} \mathbf{FLOWH2H}_{bx,l48} \quad \forall bx \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Flow Balance at Border Crossings for Pipeline Exports out of the United States (HubBalance_UStoBX)

For all border crossings, in a given month, total flow out of the United States to border crossing bx is equal to the total flow from bx into international region r_int .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{l48} [\mathbf{FLOWH2H}_{l48,bx} * (1 - (f_{l48}^{pip} + f_{bx}^{pip} - f_{l48}^{pip} * f_{bx}^{pip}) * \mathbf{STEO}_{pip})] \\ = \sum_{r_int} \mathbf{FLOWH2H}_{bx,r_int} \quad \forall bx \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

LNG Export Demand Mass Balance (LNGExportBalance)

For all regions that have LNG export capacity, in a given month, the total demand for LNG exports, including the fuel used for liquefaction, equals the sum of flows from all hubs h to their corresponding LNG export regions $lngexp_qp$.

$$\sum_{step}^{LSMAX} LNG_{lngexp_qp,step} = \sum_h FLOWH2L_{h,lngexp_qp} \quad \forall lngexp_qp \quad (14)$$

Tariff Curve Quantity Balance (TariffCurveQtyBalance)

For all arcs, the flow along arc $(h, h1)$ equals the total volume of natural gas under the tariff curve defining arc $(h, h1)$.

$$FLOWH2H_{h,h1} = \sum_{step}^{PTSMAX} TAR_{h,h1,step} \quad \forall (h, h1) \quad (15)$$

Storage Withdrawal Balance (StorageWthBalance)

For all storage regions, in a given month, the flow out storage equals the total withdrawals from storage.

$$\sum_h FLOWT2H_{storage,h} = WTH_{storage} \quad \forall storage \quad (16)$$

Storage Injection Balance (StorageInjBalance)

For all storage regions, in a given month, the flow into storage equals the total injections into storage.

$$\sum_h FLOWH2T_{h,storage} = INJ_{storage} \quad \forall storage \quad (17)$$

Supply Curve Range

For all supply curve steps for all supply types in all regions qps , in a given month, the quantity under the step must be between its defined minimum and maximum volume.

$$MINQ_{suptype,qps,step} \leq SSTEP_{suptype,qps,step} \leq MAXQ_{suptype,qps,step} \quad \forall (suptype, qps, step) \quad (18)$$

Tariff Curve Range

For all tariff curve steps for a given arc $(h, h1)$, in a given month, the quantity under the step must be less than or equal to its maximum volume.

$$TAR_{h,h1,step} \leq MAXQT_{h,h1,step} \quad \forall (h, h1, step) \quad (19)$$

LNG Export Demand Curve Range

For all LNG export demand curve steps in all regions $lngexp_qp$, in a given month, the quantity under the step must be between its defined minimum and maximum volume.

$$MINLNG_{lngexp_qp,step} \leq LNG_{lngexp_qp,step} \leq MAXLNG_{lngexp_qp,step} \quad \forall(lngexp_qp,step) \quad (20)$$

Flow capacity

For all flows along arc $(h, h1)$, for a given month, flow along $(h, h1)$ cannot exceed its capacity.

$$FLOWH2H_{h,h1} \leq CAP_{h,h1} \quad \forall(h, h1) \quad (21)$$

Non-negativity

$$PROD_{suptype,qps} \geq 0 \quad \forall(suptype, qps) \quad (22)$$

$$FLOWH2H_{h,h1} \geq 0 \quad \forall(h, h1) \quad (23)$$

$$FLOWH2D_{h,d} \geq 0 \quad \forall(h, d) \quad (24)$$

$$FLOWH2L_{h,lngexp_qp} \geq 0 \quad \forall(h, lngexp_qp) \quad (25)$$

$$FLOWH2T_{h,storage} \geq 0 \quad \forall(h, storage) \quad (26)$$

$$FLOWT2H_{storage,h} \geq 0 \quad \forall(storage, h) \quad (27)$$

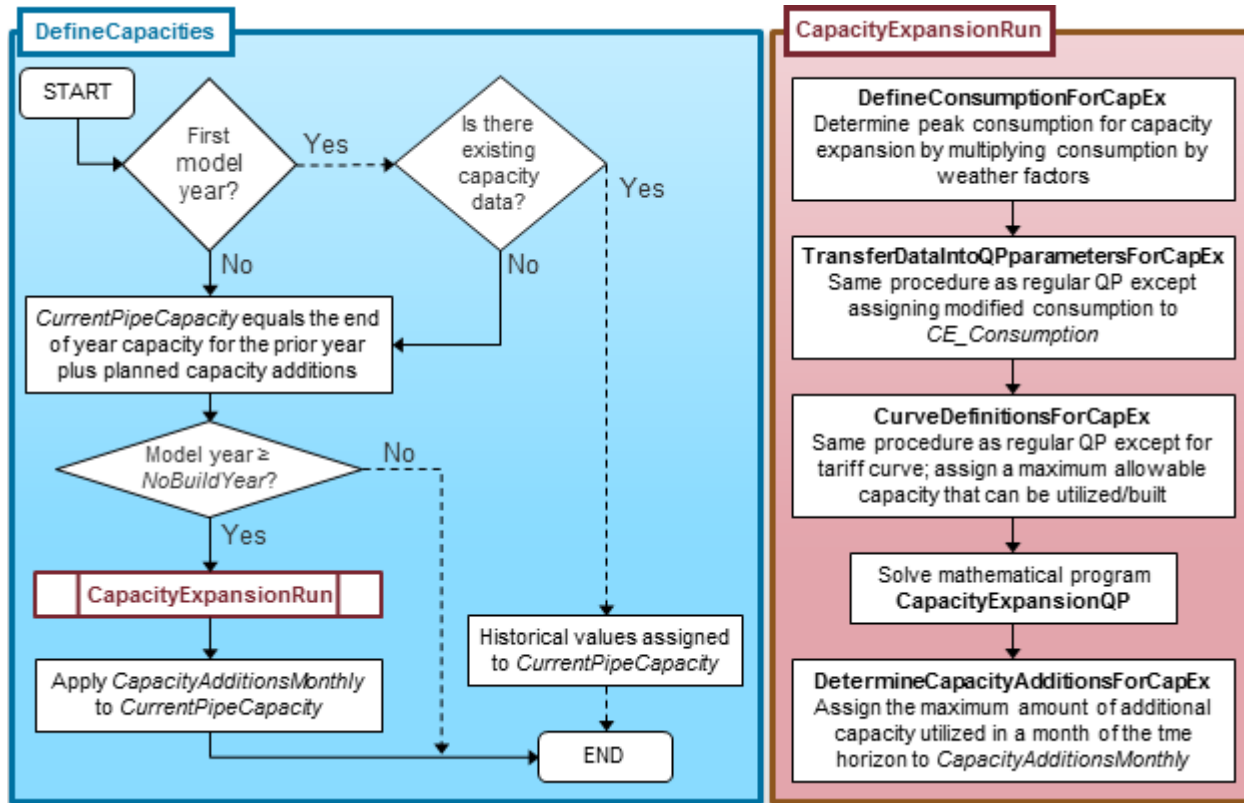
$$TAR_{h,h1,step} \geq 0 \quad \forall(h, h1, step) \quad (28)$$

Additional forms of mathematical program

Capacity expansion

For the first years of the projection (all years prior to *NoBuildYear*), pipeline expansion are set to historical levels plus planned pipeline capacity expansions. These historical levels are defined as pipelines either under construction, approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), or those deemed likely to move forward. For subsequent years, before running the QP to balance supply and demand by month, we run the QP for a peak summer and peak winter month to determine if the market needs and supports additional pipeline capacity (Figure 3.7).

Figure 3.7. Flow diagram of capacity assignments and capacity expansion quadratic program



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

The NGMM assumes a colder-than-normal winter and warmer-than-normal summer. The anticipated increase in demand is applied through two weather factors that are exogenous inputs, one by sector and one by state:

$$Q_CAPEX_{mon,sec,st} = Q_MONTH_{mon,sec,st} * f^1_{mon,sec,st} * f^2_{mon,sec} \quad \forall (mon, sec, st) \quad (29)$$

where

$Q_CAPEX_{mon,sec,st}$ = augmented consumption for sector *sec*, month *mon*, and state *st*, after accounting for extreme weather(Bcf)

$Q_MONTH_{mon,sec,st}$ = consumption for sector *sec*, month *mon*, and state *st* (Bcf)

$f^1_{mon,sec,st}$ = weather factor applied to sector *sec*, month *mon*, and state *st*, to reflect increases in consumption due to extreme weather

$f^2_{mon,sec}$ = weather factor applied to sector *sec* and month *mon*, to reflect increases in consumption due to extreme weather

mon = projection month

sec = end use sector

st = lower 48 state (+ DC)

The assumption is that although the geographic location of a state determines how much consumption changes (for example, for residential heating needs), a sector-wide impact may also be equally felt among all states (that is, warmer weather increases electric power sector consumption across all states). All other QP parameters are the same and transferred using the planning horizon assumed for capacity expansion, except for the maximum allowable step on the tariff curve (*PTCrv_MaxStep*), which is increased by one to allow for additional capacity to be built.

This approach allows pipeline capacity to be added incrementally as needed in each projection year. Although this approach only loosely represents how expansion projects are built, it is a reasonable approximation. Because pipeline capacity is added to satisfy current year needs, the assumption is that the actual projects were planned ahead of time, as necessary, in anticipation of the future need.

STEO benchmarking

The NGMM must produce model results for the STEO years³⁰ that are within 2% of the STEO results from a selected STEO publication. Most of the STEO projections are national numbers, except for regional delivered prices to residential, commercial, and industrial customers. Although many of the STEO values can be benchmarked with a straightforward additive or multiplicative factor to model input or output, several exceptions are possible due to the interdependence of the NGMM model results:

- Henry Hub spot price, which is assigned the shadow price of the hub mass balance constraint
- Pipeline fuel consumption, which depends on decision variable *FlowHubToHub*
- Lease fuel consumption, which depends on the decision variables *QSupplyStep* and *FlowSupplyToHub*
- Gross pipeline imports and exports, which are assigned using the decision variable *FlowHubToHub* to and from border crossing nodes and depend on several other model outputs
 - Canada's nonassociated production, specifically from western Canada
 - Mexico's nonassociated production in the Northeast region
 - The decision to flow natural gas via the TransCanada pipeline from western to eastern Canada versus through the midwestern United States
 - The competitive nature of natural gas from the Appalachia Basin with western Canada's natural gas

To benchmark these results to STEO, the QP is executed over multiple iterations, adjusting the STEO correction factors based on the difference between the target STEO value and the model solution. This process repeats until convergence is achieved for all interdependent values. These factors are then applied in the NGMM when at one of three points:

- Implementing the pre-processing routines, if the adjustment is made to NGMM model inputs
- Solving the QP, if the adjustment is made directly to a quantity within the QP formulation

³⁰ STEO years are defined as all years for which the most recently released STEO available during AEO modeling efforts publishes its forecast (*NumberofSTEOYears*). In generally, this usually corresponds to the publication released 3-4 months prior to the AEO public release.

- Completing the post-processing routines, if the adjustment is made to a report variable for other NEMS modules

After the last STEO year, the STEO benchmark factors are phased out over a given number of years (*NumberOfSTEOPhaseOutYears*) (Table 3.6 and Figure 3.8).

Table 3.6. STEO factors calculated in the NGMM during STEO benchmarking

STEO Factor ^a	NGMM Parameter	Applied to indices	Type
Applied during data preprocessing			
STEOStorageWithdrawalFactor	StorageWithdrawals	(mon,l48)	*
STEOStorageInjectionFactor	StorageInjections	(mon,l48)	*
STEOSupplementalSupplyFactor	Supply	(mon, sng, l48)	*
STEOLNGImportsFactor	Supply	(mon, 'LNG', l48)	*
STEOLNGExportsFactor	LNGExports	(mon,lngexp_l48)	±
Applied in the QP			
STEOMXExportFactor	TotalConsumption	(mon, 'Electric', 'MX_NE')	±
STEOLeaseFuelFactor	LeaseFuelFactor	qps	*
STEOPipelineImportFactor	Supply	(mon, 'NA', 'CN_W')	*
STEOWellhdPriceFactor	WellhdPrice	(year,suptype,qps)	*
STEOPipeFuelFactor	TranFuelLosses	(mon,h)	*
Applied during data postprocessing			
STEOCNExportFactor	Exports_Canada	year	*
STEOMXExportFactor	Exports_Mexico	year	±
STEOEndUsePriceFactor(sec,r_cen)	Price_Enduse	(year, sec, r_cen)	*
STEOElectricPriceFactor	AveragePrice_EnduseElectric	year	*

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Note: STEO=Short-Term Energy Outlook

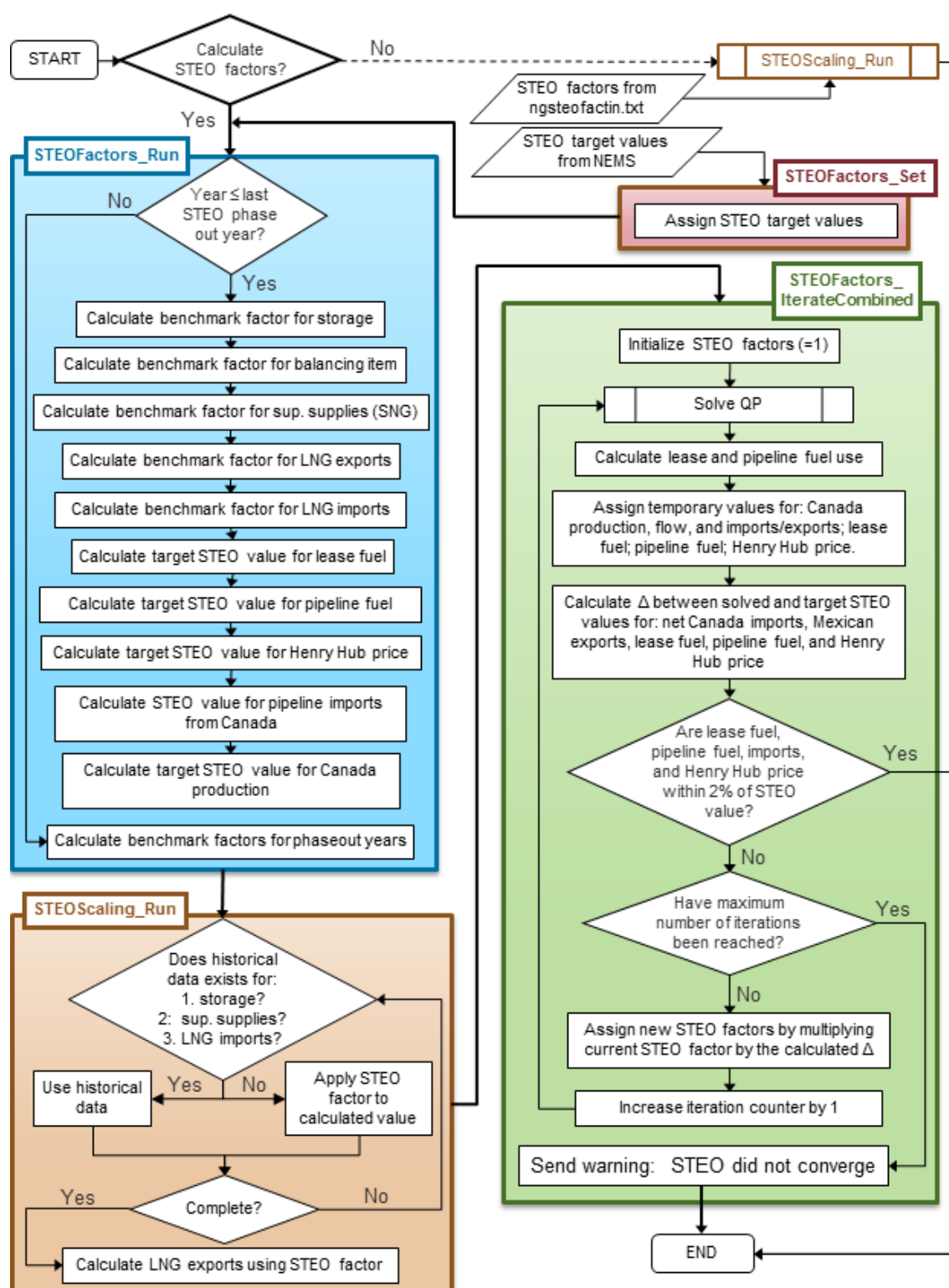
^a All STEO factors have a year dimension. After the last STEO phaseout year, all additive factors are 0 and multiplicative factors are 1.

Exceptions to STEO Benchmarking

In several cases, the NGMM does not benchmark directly to a given STEO value due to definitional differences. In some of these cases, additional assumptions are required, but in other cases, no benchmarking is applied.

In STEO, as well as in EIA historical data, pipeline fuel use includes not only natural gas consumed during transport, but also natural gas used to liquify LNG exports. Within the NGMM, however, pipeline fuel consumption refers to natural gas specifically used or lost during transmission and distribution throughout the pipeline network. The natural gas used to liquefy natural gas for exports is accounted for separately and assigned to the industrial sector. To benchmark to the STEO results, the NGMM assumes a specific percentage of natural gas is consumed during liquefaction (*Pct_Liquefaction_Fuel*). This volume is subtracted from the STEO target value prior to calculating the benchmark factor for pipeline fuel use.

Figure 3.8. Flow diagram describing the assignment of STEO benchmarking factors in the NGMM



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Note: STEO=Short-Term Energy Outlook, NGMM=Natural Gas Market Module

Also for LNG, for the two years following the STEO benchmarking period, we assume monthly LNG capacity utilizations (LNG_Utilization) that phase out into the long-term NGMM assumption for LNG capacity utilization of 90%. This accommodates a smoother transition from STEO, which might assume very high (100% or higher) baseload capacity utilization in the short term.

Additional assumptions are also required for benchmarking U.S. natural gas imports and exports by pipeline. Because the STEO does not distinguish between U.S. pipeline trade for Canada and Mexico, only reporting gross volumes, the NGMM makes assumptions about the volume shares for the two countries. For gross U.S. natural gas pipeline exports, a user-defined input parameter (*STEOCNExportPercent*) sets the STEO target export volumes to Canada and Mexico. The NGMM assumes all U.S. pipeline imports are from Canada during STEO years.

The NGMM does not apply any benchmark factor to the delivered price to industrial consumers. The STEO forecast for this price relies on historical data from our *Natural Gas Annual*, which only surveys 15% of the market.³¹ Furthermore, this report is not likely to be surveying the largest energy-intensive consumers buying natural gas from the spot market, but smaller customers behind local distribution companies (LDCs). Benchmarking to the STEO value would, therefore, likely over-estimate industrial prices.

STEO benchmarking is not performed in some other cases because of the small volumes of natural gas concerned (that is, the transportation sector).

Reading in STEO factors

When running side cases, we do not benchmark to the STEO values; rather, we want to see how the model results change during this time period due to the alternative assumptions. To see these differences, the STEO benchmarking factors are written out to a text file (ngsteofactin.txt) during the NEMS reporting loop in the last STEO phase out year. Using the runtime option STSCALNG, the user can determine whether the STEO factors are calculated during a given run (STSCALNG=0) or read in (STSCALNG=1). The factors calculated and used during an AEO Reference case run can be applied to all side case runs.

³¹ U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Natural Gas Annual*, [Natural Gas Prices](#)

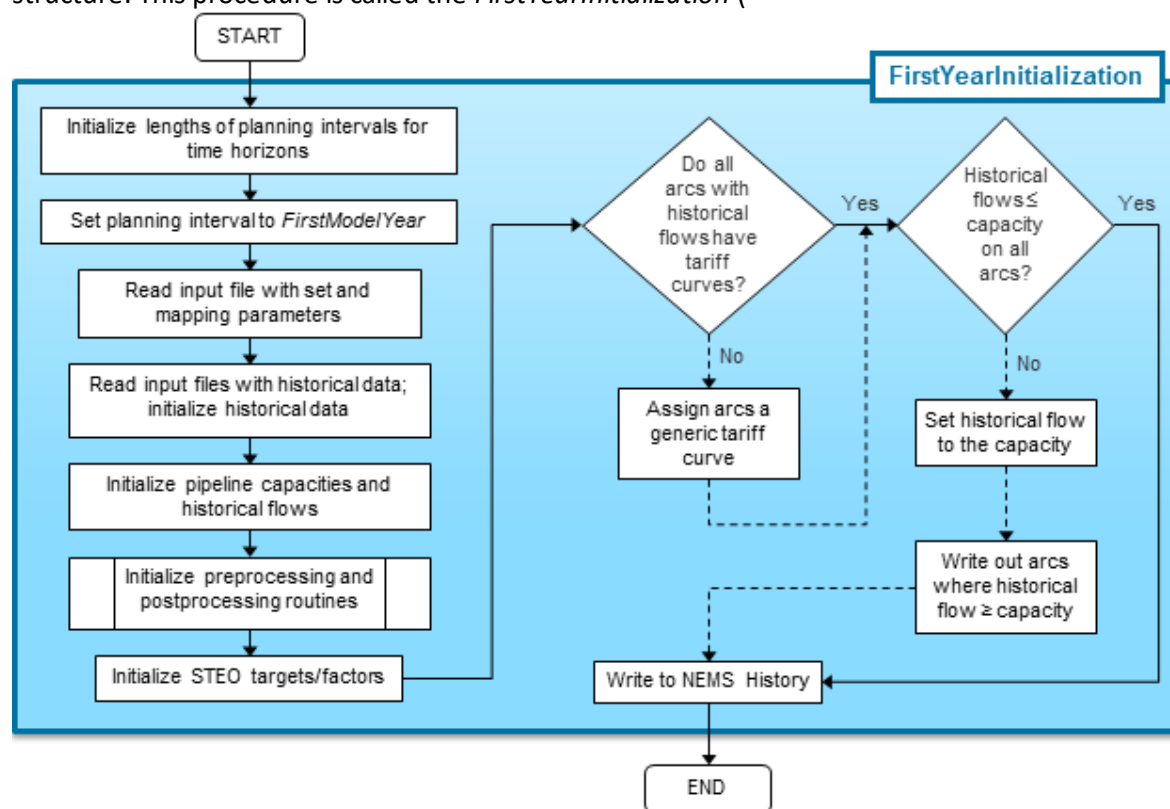
4. Pre-processing routines

This chapter describes all of the pre-processing routines required to send parameters to the quadratic program (QP). These routines include those that convert data from other National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) modules into the state and monthly levels where the Natural Gas Market Model (NGMM) represents supply and demand. It also includes the routines that represent international markets for both pipeline and liquefied natural gas (LNG) trade. For all variables defined in this chapter:

- [Appendix C](#) provides a reference to the full identifier name used in the NGMM
- [Appendix D](#) identifies where to find specific equations within the model code
- [Appendix E](#) indicates which input files contain input assumptions or parameters

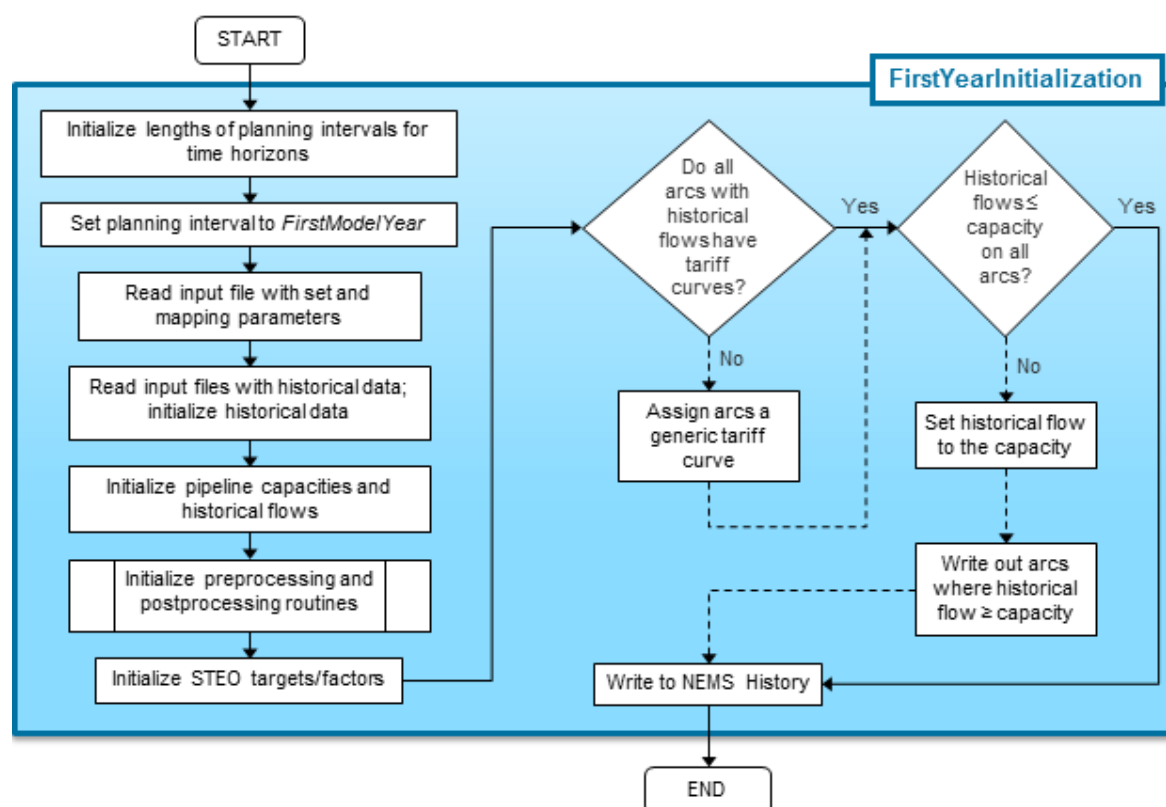
First year initialization

When called by the NEMS in the first model year, the NGMM must initialize its model parameters and its structure. This procedure is called the *FirstYearInitialization* (



After AIMMS is opened by the NEMS and global data is read in from a text file for all historical years, the NGMM first structures and initializes the time horizon according to the timescales and planning intervals defined in hard-coded parameters (that is, they are defined in the AIMMS interface directly). *Set definitions*—the dimensions used for all parameters, decision variables, and constraints—and mapping parameters that define relationships between set elements are read in from an input text file.

Figure 4.1. Flow chart of first-year initialization



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

After the model structure is in place, historical data, model parameters, and assumptions are read in from input text files. Historical pipeline capacities, as well as planned capacity additions, are fixed, which define the allowable transportation links along which natural gas can flow. In addition, historical data are processed to calculate historical averages, historical shares, and other historical trends that are used during data pre- and post-processing. This process includes assigning factors and target values that are used to benchmark NGMM projections to the forecast published in *the Short Term Energy Outlook* (STEO).

As a quality check on the input data, the NGMM verifies that all historical pipeline flows are along arcs that have pipeline capacity, as well as ensuring that total annual flow volumes do not exceed that capacity. For flows that violate these conditions, the NGMM adds sufficient capacity to the historical data and records any changes made in an output text file. Finally, the NGMM writes out historical values for any global variables the model is responsible for assigning to a text file, which is read-in by NEMS.

A further description of all associated input text files and their contents is in [Appendix E](#).

Supply

The NGMM includes six types of supply:

- Nonassociated (NA) gas
- Associated-dissolved (AD) gas
- Liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports

- Synthetic natural gas (SNG) from coal (SNG_coal)
- Synthetic natural gas from liquids (SNG_liq)
- Other synthetic natural gas (SNG_oth)

All supply regions, including those in Canada and Mexico, can have any number of these supply types. Only NA gas is considered a variable supply (that is, it is solved for in the mathematical program and allowed to change dynamically in response to the supply price in a region). The structure of the [supply curves](#) is discussed in relation to the setup of the QP. The supply levels for the remaining categories are fixed at the beginning of each projection year (that is, before market clearing prices are determined). Alaska's natural gas supply is not represented in the QP; rather, it is set to equal the projected consumption as determined in the [Alaska](#) pre-processing routine.

Nonassociated and associated-dissolved natural gas production

Nonassociated (NA) natural gas is largely defined as natural gas produced from natural gas wells and is assumed to vary in response to changes in natural gas prices. Associated-dissolved (AD) gas is natural gas produced from oil wells and can be considered a byproduct of the oil production process.³² For the United States and Canada, expected NA and AD natural gas production volumes are provided to the NGMM from the Hydrocarbon Supply Module (HSM) in the NEMS. Canada is represented as two regions: western Canada (made up mostly of the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin) and eastern Canada. The algorithm for setting annual [production in Mexico](#) is handled in the NGMM, and monthly levels are set by assuming no variation throughout the year.

Although natural gas supply activities within HSM are modeled at a highly disaggregate level (generally by county), U.S. dry gas production levels are provided to the NGMM at the oil and natural gas district level, or 84 regions. All 66 onshore regions represent a single state or are contained within a single state. In such cases, natural gas is assumed to initially flow to the associated state transshipment node in the NGMM network.

For the offshore regions, areas are first distinguished by state and federal waters in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf of Mexico and are further disaggregated into 2 or 3 regions (18 in total). State and federal waters for a state are separate regions. Production from these regions must be tied to particular state nodes in the NGMM because the QP is solved at the state level. Except for federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the other offshore regions are mapped to a single state (Table 3.1Table 4.1).

Table 4.1. Mapping offshore regions to the Lower 48 states

Offshore Region	Designated State
North Atlantic Federal and State	Massachusetts
Mid Atlantic Federal and State	Virginia
South Atlantic Federal and State	Georgia
Northern Pacific Federal and State	Oregon
California Federal and State	California
Alabama State	Alabama

³² While AD natural gas production in NGMM does not respond to natural gas prices in the short term, the evaluation of oil-directed projects, which are also expected to produce gas, takes into account the expected price of natural gas over the long term. This assessment occurs in HSM where AD gas production is set.

Louisiana State	Louisiana
Texas State	Texas

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

The federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico are represented as three regions (East, Central, and West) and are mapped to states in the NGMM (that is, where the produced natural gas will flow) using average historical shares (*NumberOfYearsForAverage_GOMprod*). These shares are held constant throughout the projection. They are calculated using the following historical data:

- Production in the three regions (as provided by the HSM)
- Flows from the Gulf of Mexico to the four adjoining states (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama)
- Lease fuel consumed in the Gulf of Mexico

Lease fuel is allocated to the states throughout the projection period using the proportions implied by the historical flows. Initial historical production estimates for the Gulf of Mexico by receiving state—not by the three regions represented in HSM—are set to the historical flow levels plus the assigned state-level lease fuel. These estimated production volumes are then allocated to the three Gulf of Mexico regions based on the following assumptions:

- All of the east Gulf of Mexico production is assumed to flow to Alabama
- Any remaining flow to Alabama is assumed to come from central Gulf of Mexico
- All of the flows to Mississippi are assumed to come from central Gulf of Mexico
- If the initial production estimates for flow to Texas exceed the west Gulf of Mexico production:
- All of the west Gulf of Mexico production is assumed to flow to Texas
- The rest of the flow into Texas is assumed to come from central Gulf of Mexico
- All of the flow into Louisiana is assumed to come from central Gulf of Mexico
- If the initial production estimates for flow to Texas are less than the west Gulf of Mexico production:
- All of the flow to Texas is assumed to come from the west Gulf of Mexico
- The remaining production from the west is assumed to flow to Louisiana
- Any additional flows into Louisiana coming from the central Gulf of Mexico

From the historical data and the assumptions above, shares for the central and western Gulf of Mexico by state (α_{st} and β_{st}) are calculated and remain constant. In the projection period, production in the three Gulf of Mexico regions is allocated to supply nodes for each state in the NGMM using the following equations:

$$PROD_GOM_{AL} = PROD_{EGOM} + \alpha_{AL} * PROD_{CGOM} \quad (30)$$

$$PROD_GOM_{MS} = \alpha_{MS} * PROD_{CGOM} \quad (31)$$

$$PROD_GOM_{LA} = \alpha_{LA} * PROD_{CGOM} + \beta_{LA} * PROD_{WGOM} \quad (32)$$

$$PROD_GOM_{TX} = \alpha_{TX} * PROD_{CGOM} + \beta_{TX} * PROD_{WGOM}$$

(33)

where

$PROD_GOM_{st}$ = implied historical natural gas production from the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico for a given state (billion cubic feet, Bcf)

$PROD_G$ = natural gas production assigned to Gulf of Mexico region $G \in \{ECOM, CGOM, WGOM\}$ (Bcf)

α_{st} = historical share of central Gulf of Mexico production assigned to state $st \in \{AL, MS, LA, TX\}$ (Bcf)

β_{st} = historical share of western Gulf of Mexico production assigned to state $st \in \{LA, TX\}$ (Bcf)

Supplemental Supplies

Existing sources for synthetically produced pipeline-quality natural gas (SNG) and other supplemental supplies are assumed to continue to produce at historical levels. These include:

- Synthetic natural gas from coal (SNG_coal)
- SNG from the Great Plains Coal Gasification Plant in North Dakota, which is assumed to operate indefinitely throughout the projection
- The NGMM does not allow construction of new coal-to-gas facilities.
- Synthetic natural gas from liquid hydrocarbons (SNG_liq)
- SNG is no longer produced from liquid hydrocarbons in the continental United States, although small amounts were produced in Illinois in some historical years.
- The small amount produced in Hawaii is included in California supply/demand balancing as implicit consumption (that is, they are not subtracted out of the Pacific Census Division totals like Alaska is).
- Other supplemental supplies (SNG_oth)
- EIA defines other supplemental fuels as propane-air, coke oven gas, refinery gas, or biomass gas that is British thermal unit (Btu)-stabilized with steam or oxygen to manufacture pipeline-quality gas that enters the distribution network. Renewable natural gas (RNG), while also a supplemental gas, is represented separately from the rest of the supplemental fuels.

Projected values for all three types of supplemental supplies are set at historical averages and held constant over the projection period. The number of years used to calculate this average is an input parameter (*NumberOfYearsForAverage_SNG_*). These volumes are assumed constant throughout the year when setting monthly levels.

LNG imports

LNG imports into the U.S. have declined significantly from their elevated levels in the mid-2000's and now account for a very small amount of U.S. supply. NGMM currently sets LNG imports for the projection period exogenously at the prior year's levels.

Renewable natural gas

The NGMM projects the production of renewable natural gas (RNG) based on new landfill and dairy farm RNG projects.

Historical RNG production is estimated using Argonne National Lab's [Renewable Natural Gas Database](#).

The NGMM reads in a list of potential landfill and dairy farm projects, that contains information on the location of the potential project, the project type (landfill or dairy farm), the amount of RNG the project produces in a year, and an estimated levelized cost of energy (LCOE) for the project, which is assumed to be the project's breakeven point.

Landfill projects

Potential landfill RNG projects are populated using the [Landfill Methane Outreach Program \(LMOP\)](#) database with over 1,000,000 tons of waste in place at the landfill, and currently have a landfill gas (LFG) collection system in place. For each eligible project, an LCOE to produce RNG is calculated in a pre-processing algorithm done outside of the NEMS environment using the cost and operational parameters listed in

Table 4.2[Error! Reference source not found.](#) where equipment cost, the largest component of the RNG projects, are scaled using a piecewise linear curve. The estimated LCOE costs results in a supply curve where larger projects are generally more economic compared to smaller projects due to economies of scale ([Figure 4.2](#)).

Table 4.2 Landfill RNG construction costs and operational parameters

Component	Cost or operational assumption
Variable costs	
Equipment:	--
0–240 scfm	\$0 – \$4 million
241–860 scfm	\$4.1 – \$10 million
861–3600 scfm	\$10.1 – \$32 million
3601 – 900 scfm	\$32.1 – \$70 million
Fixed Costs	
Pipeline interconnect	\$1.5 million
Pipeline	\$2 million
Compressor	\$0.5 million
Operational parameters	90%
Capacity factor	
Discount rate	10%
Downpayment share	20%
Loan interest rate	10%
Construction costs	25% of capital equipment costs

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration and [American Gas Foundation](#)

Dairy farm projects

To estimate the RNG capacity of dairy farms and construct a supply curve, we used binned data on dairy farm capacity by state that was collected from the [U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Census of Agriculture](#). To derive potential RNG projects from the Census of Agriculture data, we generate a list of farms by herd size using a piecewise linear distribution for each bin based on the number of farms and total heads of cattle.

For a bin with N farms and C total cattle, minimum size of a cattle, maximum size of b cattle, the distribution of number of farms by size x modeled by $f(x) = mx + k$ must satisfy the following:

$$\int_a^b mx + k \, dx = N \quad (34)$$

$$\int_a^b (mx + k)x \, dx = C \quad (35)$$

Which gives:

$$\frac{1}{2}mb^2 + kb - \frac{1}{2}ma^2 - ka = N \quad (36)$$

$$\frac{1}{3}mb^3 + \frac{1}{2}kb^2 - \frac{1}{3}ma^3 - \frac{1}{2}ka^2 = C \quad (37)$$

Which itself is a system of two equations in m and k :

$$\frac{1}{2}(b^2 - a^2)m + (b - a)k = N \quad (38)$$

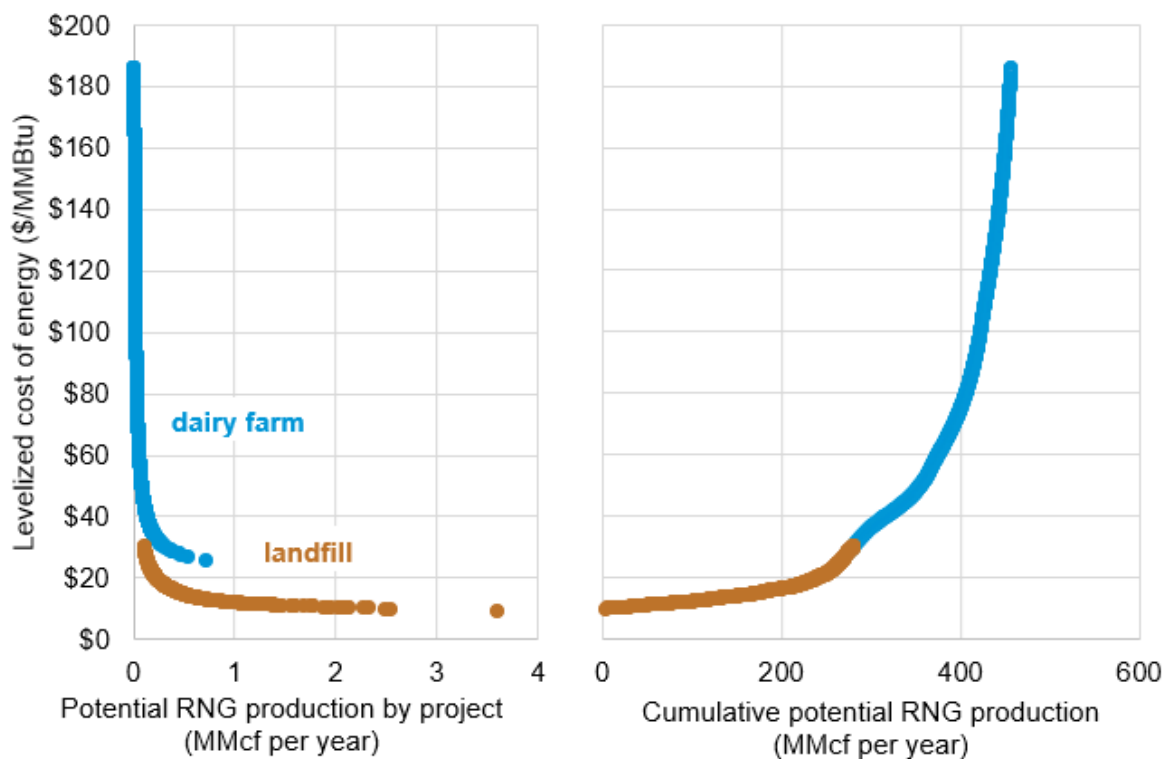
$$\frac{1}{3}(b^3 - a^3)m + (b^2 - a^2)k = C \quad (39)$$

The distribution is then modeled by the piecewise linear function calculated above. The distribution is then discretized to yield a hypothetical “list of farms” by state and herd size by integrating the distribution of farms to each integer, and every time the number increases by at least a whole integer, create a farm with the size equal to the midpoint size since the previous farm was added.

The final result is a list of farms of different sizes in all states that approximates the piecewise linear distribution that aligns with the binned data in the Census of Agriculture.

To generate the supply curves, crude estimates were taken for fixed and variable costs. In actuality, the costs are highly variable and depend on the manure flush system, distance to a pipeline, the layout of the farm, and more. Dairy farm costs are loosely based on a study from the [American Gas Foundation](#) and much like landfill RNG projects, the LCOE of a project is assumed to decrease as the size of a dairy farm increases due to economies of scale ([Figure 4.2](#)).

Figure 4.2. Example combined RNG supply curve



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

RNG history and projection methodology

To populate history, NGMM calibrates RNG production by state through history according to Argonne National Lab's [Renewable Natural Gas Database](#). Production is calibrated by RNG production pathway (wastewater, landfill, dairy farm, etc.). For historical landfill and dairy farm production, the NGMM turns on production from its list of relevant projects, turning on projects with the lowest LCOE first. This ensures that potential projects cannot be used for future production if the NGMM already deems the project as active.

To project RNG production from landfills and dairy farms in projection years, the NGMM considers both the [Renewable Fuel Standard](#) (RFS) and the California's [Low Carbon Fuel Standard](#) (LCFS). The model generates a series of data tables calculating the difference between the state's local natural gas price, and each project's LCOE to estimate profitability for each landfill or dairy project. The NGMM calculates potential profits for each project, generating a table of profits utilizing only RFS credits, profits utilizing only LCFS credits (where the LCFS credit considers the carbon intensity of dairy farm and landfill projects), profits utilizing RFS and LCFS credits, and profits utilizing no credits.

Each projection year, the NGMM first seeks to satisfy the mandated RFS requirements by activating projects with the highest profitability until the RFS cellulosic biofuel (D3 RIN) production target is satisfied. The NGMM first evaluates projects utilizing both the RNG and LCFS credits, however, if RNG production using LCFS credits begins to exceed the amount of natural gas demand for transportation vehicles in California then NGMM will no longer consider project profitability taking into account the LCFS credits.

Once the near-term RFS mandates are satisfied, the NGMM will continue to activate projects with a positive profitability, considering the usage of LCFS credits until the aforementioned constraint on California natural gas for transportation vehicles demand is satisfied, otherwise, the NGMM considers project profitability using no credits. This process repeats each projection year through the end of the NGMM's projection.

Demand

End-use consumption

Within the NGMM, natural gas demand in the United States is represented for the five primary consuming sectors—residential, commercial, industrial, electric generators, and transportation—based on projected consumption values set in the NEMS demand modules. For each NEMS iteration and projection year, the demand modules in the NEMS determine the level of natural gas consumption for each region and customer class given the delivered natural gas prices for the sector—as calculated by the NGMM in the previous NEMS iteration—and relevant outputs from other NEMS modules. In turn, the projected prices from the NGMM to supply these consumption levels are passed back to the appropriate demand module during the next NEMS iteration to reevaluate the consumption levels. The NEMS run is converged when the delivered prices and quantities for all fuels are within a user-specified tolerance from one iteration to the next.

In theory, the NGMM could represent demand using demand curves (that is, approximate the demand response to a change in the price). Currently, domestic consumption is held constant in the NGMM in

each NEMS iteration. If demand curves were to be used within the NGMM in NEMS, they would be built from the price/quantity pairs from the previous NEMS iteration and included in the objective function of the QP.

For all but the electric sector, the NGMM disaggregates annual [census division](#) consumption levels into the state and monthly representation that the NGMM requires. The regional representation for the electric generation sector differs from the other NEMS sectors because the Electricity Market Module (EMM) solves internally by North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)-based regions for three seasons in each year, enabling a more disaggregated representation of consumption in the NGMM. Within the EMM, assumptions are made to translate their NERC-based regions, which do not always align with state borders and generally do not share common borders with the census divisions, to 17 regions that do. This alignment is based on the relative geographic location (and natural gas-fired generation capacity) of the current and proposed electricity generation plants within each region. Within the NGMM, electric consumption by these [17 regions](#) (the last of which is Alaska) and three seasons (peak, offpeak, and shoulder) is disaggregated to the state and monthly representation that NGMM requires.

NGMM disaggregates regional demands annually and seasonally using historical state and monthly shares. These shares remain constant throughout the projection period. The number of years used to calculate this average is an input parameter (*NumberOfYearsForAverage_Demand_*). For the Pacific Division, in all sectors except electric power generation, natural gas consumption estimates for Alaska are first subtracted to establish a consumption level for just the contiguous Pacific Division before the historical share is applied. The consumption of natural gas in Hawaii is not handled separately because it is considered negligible.

Lease and plant fuel

The NGMM calculates lease and plant fuel consumption. Lease and plant fuel is natural gas used in well, field, and lease operations (such as natural gas used in drilling operations, heaters, dehydrators, and field compressors) and as fuel used in processing plants. For lease fuel, the NGMM calculates the average percentage of dry gas production that is consumed in lease operations for all HSM regions over a defined number of years (*NumberOfYearsForAverage_LeaseFuel_*). These region-specific factors (*LeaseFuelFactor*) are then applied to the realized dry gas production in the QP's objective function to account for lease fuel consumption. They are also used to set lease fuel consumption for report writing purposes during postprocessing. All of the subregions in a state or within the Gulf of Mexico are assigned the same factor. Offshore regions outside of the Gulf of Mexico (for example, California) are included with onshore production for these calculations and are assigned the same factor as the rest of the state. These factors remain constant throughout the projection.

Plant fuel in the NGMM is assumed to be related to the volume of natural gas plant liquids (NGPL) processed in a state. The NEMS provides historical and projected NGPL production (via HSM) by the HSM regions and assigns it to a state for processing in NGMM based on exogenously specified average historical shares (*PercentOfProductionMovedForPlantFuel*). Using historical NGPL production and these shares, the NGMM calculates the average plant fuel consumed per unit of total NGPL processed over an assumed number of years (*NumberOfYearsForAverage_PlantFuel_*) in a state. In the projection years, state-level average factors (*PlantFuelFactor*) are multiplied by the total NGPL processed in-state to project plant fuel consumption. To control for some anomalies in the data, these factors are limited to a

user-specified range.³³ States that historically do not process NGPL are assigned a national average factor. Within the QP, plant fuel is a fixed consumption level.

Pipeline fuel

Natural gas consumed during pipeline operations is accounted for in the NGMM. The module assumes this volume has four components:

- Natural gas used in the distribution pipeline network (that is, local distribution companies, or LDCs)
- Natural gas used in injecting and withdrawing volumes from storage
- Natural gas used in intrastate transmission
- Natural gas used in interstate transmission

Because the NGMM represents the pipeline network at the state level, it only solves for flows on interstate pipelines. To account for the other three components of pipeline fuel consumption, the NGMM uses assumed factors ([Appendix E](#)) and projects their consumption as follows:

$$PIP_DIST_{mon,st} = (Q_RES_{mon,st} + Q_COM_{mon,st}) * PCT_DIST_{st} \quad (40)$$

$$PIP_STORE_{mon,st} = (STORE_INJ_{mon,st} + STOR_WTH_{mon,st}) * PCT_STORE_{st} \quad (41)$$

$$PIP_INTRA_{mon,st} = PROD_DRY_{mon,st} * PCT_INTRA_{st} \quad (42)$$

where

$PIP_DIST_{mon,st}$ = natural gas consumed for distribution pipeline transportation in state st and month mon (Bcf)

$PIP_STORE_{mon,st}$ = natural gas consumed injecting and withdrawing volumes from storage in transportation in state st and month mon (Bcf)

$PIP_INTRA_{mon,st}$ = natural gas consumed for intrastate pipeline transportation in state st and month mon (Bcf)

$Q_RES_{mon,st}$ = consumption of natural gas by residential customers in state st and month mon (Bcf)

$Q_COM_{mon,st}$ = consumption of natural gas by commercial customers in state st and month mon (Bcf)

$STORE_INJ_{mon,st}$ = volume of natural gas injected into storage for state st and month mon (Bcf)

³³ Generally, the allowed range for plant fuel factors is between 0.005 and 1.7.

$STOR_WTH_{mon,st}$ = volume of natural gas withdrawn from storage for state st and month mon (Bcf)

$PROD_DRY_{mon,st}$ = total dry production of natural gas in state st and month mon (Bcf)

PCT_DIST_{st} = fraction of natural gas consumption by residential and commercial customers consumed or lost during transportation in distribution pipeline network for state st , based on respondent-level historical data from EIA's Form EIA-176 survey

PCT_STORE_{st} = fraction of total natural gas injections and withdrawals consumed or lost during transportation to or from storage facility for state st , based on respondent-level historical data from EIA's Form EIA-176 survey

PCT_INTRA_{st} = fraction of total dry production consumed during transportation in intrastate pipeline network in state st (this assumes intrastate pipelines primarily serve as gathering lines and to transport natural gas from processing plants to interstate pipeline system)³⁴

mon = projection month

st = Lower 48 states

To account for pipeline fuel used while transporting natural gas during transmission on the interstate pipeline system (as well as the associated cost), a loss factor needs to be assigned to each arc in the network. Because data are available for pipeline fuel use on a state level and flows are reported as one arc between states and measured at the border between them, the model breaks up the arcs from state x to state y into two arcs (state x to the border between x and y and from the border to state y). This representation assumes that the percentage lost as a function of the starting flow (that is, the volume prior to fuel loss) on each arc segment within a state has the same value (P_LOSS_{st}). For the arcs flowing from a state's border into the state transshipment node, the associated interstate pipeline fuel use is P_LOSS_{st} multiplied by the flow entering at the border ($FLOW_{st_from,st}$). Whereas, for the arcs flowing from a state's transshipment node to the state's border, the associated interstate pipeline fuel use is the flow exiting at the border ($FLOW_{st,st_to}$) multiplied by a factor that corrects for the fuel lost prior to being measured at the border [$P_LOSS_{st} / (1 - P_LOSS_{st})$]. So, the total interstate pipeline fuel used in each state equals:

$$PIPE_TRANS_{st} = P_LOSS_{st} * FLOW_IN_{st} + \frac{P_LOSS_{st}}{1 - P_LOSS_{st}} * FLOW_OUT_{st} \quad (43)$$

where

$$FLOW_IN_{st} = \sum_{st_from}^{lower\ 48} FLOW_{st_from,st}$$

³⁴ Currently not assigned a value, so effectively set to zero pending the development of a basis for assigning or assuming a value.

(44)

$$FLOW_OUT_{st} = \sum_{st_to}^{lower\ 48} FLOW_{st,st_to}$$

(45)

lower 48 = Lower 48 states

st_from = Lower 48 state from which natural gas is flowing into a given state

st_to = Lower 48 state into which natural gas is flowing from a given state

And it, therefore, follows mathematically that the interstate pipeline loss factor for each state, based on historical data, can be calculated as

$$TOTAL_{st} = FLOW_IN_{st} + FLOW_OUT_{st} + PIP_TRANS_{st}$$

(46)

After substituting $FLOW_OUT_{st}$ with its equivalent expression according to equation (37), the following quadratic equation with respect to pipeline fuel loss results:

$$FLOW_IN_{st} * (P_{LOSS_{st}})^2 - TOTAL_{st} * P_{LOSS_{st}} + PIP_TRANS_{st} = 0$$

(47)

The quadratic formula is then used to solve for pipeline fuel loss:

$$P_{LOSS_{st}} = \frac{TOTAL_{st} + \sqrt{(TOTAL_{st})^2 - 4 * FLOW_IN_{st} * PIP_TRANS_{st}}}{2 * FLOW_IN_{st}}$$

(48)

where

$P_{LOSS_{st}}$ = pipeline fuel loss factor for state *st*

$FLOW_{st_from,st}$ = flow into state *st* from state *st_from* along an arc (Bcf)

$FLOW_{st,st_to}$ = flow out of state *st* into state *st_to* along an arc (Bcf)

$FLOW_IN_{st}$ = total of all flows into state *st* (Bcf)

$FLOW_OUT_{st}$ = total of all flows out of state *st* (Bcf)

PIP_TRANS_{st} = total pipeline fuel used in state *st* (Bcf)

$TOTAL_{st}$ = total volumes flowing into and out of state *st* plus total pipeline fuel used (Bcf)

st = Lower 48 states

st_from = Lower 48 state from which natural gas is flowing into state st

st_to = Lower 48 state into which natural gas is flowing from state st

Pipeline fuel loss factors for historical data (after subtracting distribution, storage, and intrastate transportation losses) are averaged over a specified number of years to arrive at those used in the NGMM (*NumberOfYearsForAverage_Trans_*). These loss factors are applied in the QP to account for the quantity lost on the interstate arcs and to effectively account for the cost of the fuel used. In addition, the loss factors are applied to the flows during post-processing to arrive at the total pipeline fuel used in interstate transmission. The four components are then added together, providing the total pipeline fuel used. Pipeline fuel is not independently accounted for in Canada or Mexico due to lack of historical data.

Balancing item

The NGMM also includes a balancing item, or discrepancy, to reflect the average historical difference between supply and demand. The historical balancing item is often consistently positive or negative, indicating that a segment of the natural gas market is not being captured in the data. By excluding the segment, the projected supply values would not align properly with historical values. In the NGMM, the balancing item is held constant throughout the projection and is set for all demand hubs in the model according to the average difference in supply and demand over an assumed number of historical years. This number is a user-defined value specified in an input file (*NumberOfYearsForAverage_Discrepancy_*, *NumberOfYearsForAverage_Discrepancy_CN_*):

$$\begin{aligned}
 DISC_{hyr,h} = & Q_TOT_{hyr,h} + Q_PIP_{hyr,h} + Q_LAP_{hyr,h} + (1 + PCT_LIQ) * LNG_EXP_{hyr,h} \\
 & + STORE_INJ_{hyr,h} - STOR_WTH_{hyr,h} - SUP_TOT_{hyr,h} + FLOW_OUT_{hyr,h} \\
 & - FLOW_IN_{hyr,h}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{49}$$

where

$DISC_{hyr,h}$ = discrepancy, or balancing item, for natural gas hub h and historical year hyr (Bcf)

$Q_TOT_{hyr,h}$ = total end use consumption for natural gas hub h and historical year hyr (Bcf)

$Q_PIP_{hyr,h}$ = total pipeline fuel use for natural gas hub h and historical year hyr (Bcf)

$Q_LAP_{hyr,h}$ = total lease and plant fuel use for natural gas hub h and historical year hyr (Bcf)

$LNG_EXP_{hyr,h}$ = total LNG exports out of natural gas hub h for historical year hyr (Bcf)

PCT_LIQ = percent of fuel used for liquefaction in export facilities

$STORE_INJ_{hyr,h}$ = total storage injections for natural gas hub h and historical year hyr (Bcf)

$STOR_WTH_{hyr,h}$ = total storage withdrawals for natural gas hub h and historical year hyr (Bcf)

$SUP_TOT_{hyr,h}$ = total supply, including production, supplemental supplies, and LNG imports, for natural gas hub h and historical year hyr (Bcf)

$FLOW_IN_{hyr,h}$ = total flow into natural gas hub h from pipeline network during historical year hyr (Bcf)

$FLOW_OUT_{hyr,h}$ = total flow out of natural gas hub h from pipeline network during historical year hyr (Bcf)

hyr = historical year

h = natural gas hub in the NGMM that defines Lower 48 states or Canadian region

Because data are not available for flows within Mexico, the balancing item is calculated for the whole country using imports and exports as the flows. That value is then divided by the number of Mexico's regions and applying the same balancing item to all of them. Monthly values are then assigned according to the number of days in the month. For Alaska, the balancing item is not calculated because it is set outside of the QP; it is set to the historical average over a given number of years (*NumberOfYearsForAverage_Discrepancy*) as reported by the [Natural Gas Annual](#).

Storage

Storage is represented in the NGMM for all Lower 48 states and Canada. Although storage is an integral part of balancing natural gas markets in the short term to mitigate price increases during periods of peak demand, over the long term it is not expected to play a role in setting prices. The NGMM assumes that net storage withdrawals over a projection year equal zero, that is, storage injections equal storage withdrawals at each hub.

To establish historically based storage injections and withdrawals by month and storage region (state and Canada regions) for the projection period, the NGMM starts by calculating the average injections and withdrawals (*NumberOfYearsForAverage_Storage_*) over a user-specified number of years for each month and region, with the intent of arriving at normalized levels. However, because the average injections do not exactly equal the average withdrawals, an adjustment is made to these monthly/regional averages to ensure that net storage withdrawals over the year equal zero for each storage region:

$$\alpha_{storage} = \frac{AVE_YR_INJ_{storage} - AVE_YR_WTH_{storage}}{AVE_YR_INJ_{storage} + AVE_YR_WTH_{storage}} \quad (50)$$

$$\overline{AVE_INJ}_{mon,storage} = (1 - \alpha_{storage}) * AVE_INJ_{mon,storage} \quad (51)$$

$$\overline{AVE_WTH}_{mon,storage} = (1 + \alpha_{storage}) * AVE_WTH_{mon,storage} \quad (52)$$

where

$AVE_INJ_{mon,storage}$ = average monthly (Jan-Dec) storage injections for storage region *storage* over assumed range of historical years for month *mon* (Bcf)

$\overline{AVE_INJ}_{mon,storage}$ = corrected average monthly (Jan-Dec) storage injections for storage region *storage* over assumed range of historical years for month *mon* (Bcf)

$AVE_WTH_{mon,storage}$ = average monthly (Jan-Dec) storage withdrawals for storage region *storage* over assumed range of historical years for month *mon* (Bcf)

$\overline{AVE_WTH}_{mon,storage}$ = corrected average monthly (Jan-Dec) storage withdrawals for storage region *storage* over assumed range of historical years for month *mon* (Bcf)

$AVE_YR_INJ_{storage}$ = average total annual storage injections for storage region *storage* over assumed range of historical years for month *mon* (Bcf)

$AVE_YR_WTH_{storage}$ = average total annual storage withdrawals for storage region *storage* over assumed range of historical years for month *mon* (Bcf)

$\alpha_{storage}$ = storage adjustment factor for storage region *storage*

storage = storage region (Lower 48 states plus Canadian regions)

mon = month of the year (Jan-Dec)

The resulting storage withdrawals and injections by month and storage region are assumed constant throughout the projection period, except for the STEO years. The assumption that historical storage injections and withdrawal patterns will continue throughout the projection could be modified in the pre-processing step, if warranted. However, the QP as currently formulated requires preset storage activity levels and cannot dynamically solve for storage injections and withdrawals.

Canada

The NGMM represents two hubs in Canada: eastern Canada (Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, and the four Atlantic provinces) and western Canada (Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, and all three territories). These regions have the same representation as those for the Lower 48 states within the model code; however, lease, plant, and pipeline fuel are not explicitly calculated because of lack of available historical data. Each region has average monthly storage injections and withdrawals and LNG imports based on historical data. LNG exports from western Canada are also included as an exogenous assumption according to projections from the latest [International Energy Outlook](#); the additional supply required to produce these exports is assumed to be exclusively reserved for export and cannot flow directly into the larger North American pipeline network. The U.S. border crossing for each state and the associated pipeline capacity also have hubs. The flows through these hubs reflect the projected import and export levels.

Canada's production is also modeled in the HSM (both AD and NA). The new *Hydrocarbon Supply Module – NEMS Documentation*, to be released later in 2025³⁵, discusses how expected natural gas production is determined. After solving the QP, the NGMM sends supply prices for eastern and western

³⁵ Until HSM documentation is released, see the [Oil and Gas Supply Module Documentation \(2023\)](#)

Canada back to the HSM, which it uses as a basis for setting expected natural gas production for the two regions in Canada.

Canada's demand is largely an exogenous assumption; however, there is the option to calculate the natural gas consumption during oil sands production endogenously using assumed values for oil sands production, which vary by world oil price case, and the ratio of syncrude to dilbit/synbit³⁶ that is produced in Canada in response to global demand (including that of U.S. refineries). Both Canada's projected consumption by sector and the oil sands production by world oil price case reflect the most recently published *International Energy Outlook*,³⁷ and global demand for upgraded and diluted bitumen are obtained from the International Energy Module (IEM) and the Liquid Fuels Market Module (LFMM) in the NEMS. The marketed natural gas consumed in oil sands production relative to the oil produced is set at an assumed ratio based on historical data for oil sands production by type³⁸ (mined, in situ) and the percentage of bitumen per barrel of oil type³⁹ (that is, whether bitumen is upgraded or diluted for transport). This volume of natural gas consumed is then added to the exogenous projection for western Canada's industrial demand. The monthly shares for Canada's consumption by sector are calculated using historical data⁴⁰ in the same manner as U.S. consumption.

Mexico

The NGMM represents five hubs in Mexico. These regions correspond to the reporting regions for Mexico's Secretaría de Energía (SENER): Northeast, Northwest, Interior-West, Central, and South Southeast (Figure 4.3). The NGMM also includes four hubs at U.S. border crossings, the flows that represent import and export volumes. Similar to Canada, these hubs share the same representation in the mathematical program as the United States, resulting in a North American natural gas pipeline network that is used to model natural gas transmission. Mexico's lease and plant fuel, pipeline fuel, and storage are not separately accounted for in the NGMM. However, unlike Canada, natural gas production in Mexico is not modeled in HSM but is represented in the NGMM.

Mexico's supply

Three supply types are represented for Mexico: NA gas production, AD gas production, and LNG imports. Although we expect that the production of AD gas, which is co-produced with crude oil, will depend on world oil price, we expect NA gas production to respond to natural gas prices. LNG imports, on the other hand, are needed to meet demand in regions that do not have sufficient access to pipeline gas. So, each of the three supply types are represented independently, using different methodologies, throughout the projection.

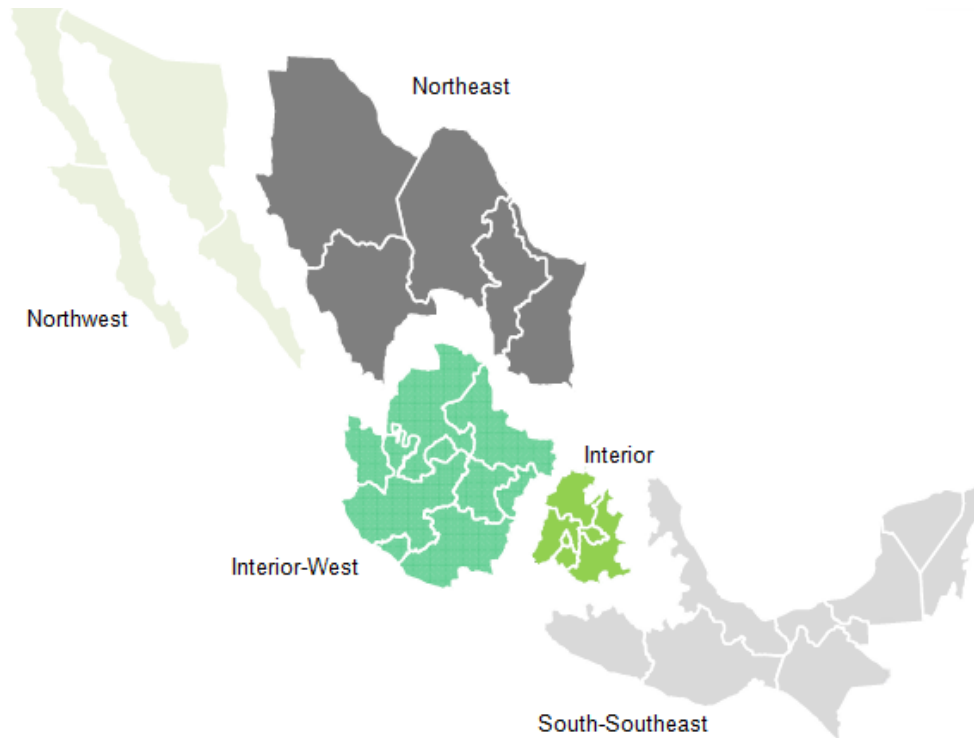
³⁶ Syncrude refers to synthetic crude oil from oil sands; dilbit/synbit refers to bitumen diluted with lighter petroleum products or synthetic crude.

³⁷ *Assumptions to the Annual Energy Outlook (Natural Gas Market Module)* discuss details or updated methodology.

³⁸ Alberta Energy Regulator, *ST98—Alberta's Energy Reserves and Supply/Demand Outlook*

³⁹ Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, *Canada's Oil Sands Overview and Bitumen Blending Primer*

⁴⁰ Canada's historical data is obtained from *Statistics Canada*.

Figure 4.3. Mexico's market regions in NGMM

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration
 Note: NGMM=Natural Gas Market Module

All AD gas is assumed to be produced in the South-Southeast region, where Gulf of Mexico reserves have historically been developed and drilled. Using historical data,⁴¹ an estimate is generated relating Mexico's crude oil production and related AD gas production to world oil price ([Appendix G](#)):

$$PROD_MX_Oil_{yr} = \alpha_{Oil} * PROD_MX_Oil_{yr-1} + \beta_{Oil} * WOP_{yr-2} \quad (53)$$

$$PROD_MX_AD_{yr} = \alpha_{AD} * PROD_MX_AD_{yr-1} + \beta_{AD} * WOP_{yr-1} + \gamma_{AD} * PROD_MX_Oil_{yr} \quad (54)$$

where

$PROD_MX_AD_{yr}$ = Mexican AD dry natural gas production in the South-Southeast region for projection year yr (minus lease fuel, plant fuel, and reinjected volumes) (Bcf)

$PROD_MX_Oil_{yr}$ = Mexican crude oil production for projection year yr (million barrels)

WOP_{yr-2} = average annual Brent crude oil price for year $yr - 2$ (1987\$/MMBtu)

⁴¹ Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX), [Production of Natural Gas by Region and Type](#)

α_{Oil} = estimated coefficient for crude oil production in year $yr - 1$ when projecting crude oil production in year yr

β_{Oil} = estimated coefficient the Brent crude oil price in year $yr - 2$ when projecting crude oil production in year yr

α_{AD} = estimated coefficient for AD natural gas production in year $yr - 1$ when projecting AD natural gas production in year yr

β_{AD} = estimated coefficient the Brent crude oil price in year $yr - 2$ when projecting AD natural gas production in year yr

γ_{AD} = estimated constant term for crude oil production in year yr when projecting AD natural gas production in year yr

yr = projection year

As for the supply regions in the United States and Canada, these supply volumes are fixed and are not allowed to change in response to price. NA gas production, however, is variable, and expected production is a function of the Henry Hub natural gas spot price. The assumption is that natural gas from these plays will be in direct competition with exports from the United States (that is, not drilled for natural gas liquids); therefore, lower-priced U.S. natural gas will suppress NA gas production, and higher-priced U.S. natural gas will spur additional development. All NA gas production is assigned to the Northeast in the projection periods because this region accounts for a majority of historical production; furthermore, it is where most of Mexico's shale gas resources, such as the Burgos Basin, are located.

Using an exogenously specified projection for natural gas production as well as assumptions for the share of NA gas,⁴² we estimated parameters that relate production to the Henry Hub price for two time periods: the start of the projection period until the onset of shale gas production and the period when shale gas production occurs. The first year of shale gas production is, therefore, an exogenous assumption set in the model code (*MX_FirstShaleYear*). The estimate, and equation used in the NGMM, is ([Appendix G](#)):

$$\begin{aligned} PROD_MX_NA_{yr} &= \alpha_{1NA,t} * PROD_MX_NA_{yr-1} + \alpha_{2NA,t} * PROD_MX_NA_{yr-2} + \beta_{NA,t} \\ &\quad * HH_PRICE_{yr-1} \end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

where

$PROD_MX_NA_{yr}$ = Mexican NA dry natural gas production in the Northeast region for projection year yr (minus lease and plant fuel) (Bcf)

HH_PRICE_{yr-1} = average annual Henry Hub natural gas spot price for year $yr - 1$ (1987\$/MMBtu)

⁴² [Assumptions to the Annual Energy Outlook 2022: Natural Gas Market Module](#)

$\alpha_{1_{NA,t}}$ = estimated coefficient for the last year's NA natural gas production for time range t in the projection period

$\alpha_{2_{NA,t}}$ = estimated coefficient for the two year's prior NA natural gas production for time range t in the projection period

$\beta_{NA,t}$ = estimated coefficient for last year's average Henry Hub spot price for time range t in the projection period

yr = projection year

t = range of time in the projection period before or after the onset of shale gas production

LNG imports into Mexico are set exogenously based on recent historical data. They are only allowed at existing LNG import facilities: Altamira in the Northeast, Costa Azul in the Northwest, and Mazanillo in the Interior-West. These volumes are expected to decline in the short term as the pipelines under construction are completed; this will bring natural gas via pipeline to demand markets that are currently pipeline constrained.

Mexico's demand

Mexico's demand is based on an exogenous consumption projection in our most recent [International Energy Outlook](#). Projections for consumption in the electric power sector are augmented to align with natural gas combined-cycle power plants under construction in Mexico and announced plans to convert existing fuel oil generators to natural gas. Industrial-sector natural gas consumption in Mexico is assumed to have two components: natural gas consumed in oil and natural gas exploration and production activities by Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) and other industrial natural gas consumption. We estimate demand as a function of historical data, crude oil production, and Henry Hub price:

$$Cons_MX_Ind_{yr} = Cons_MX_PEMEX_{yr} + Cons_MX_Ind_other_{yr} \quad (56)$$

where

$$Cons_MX_PEMEX_{yr} = \alpha_{PEMEX} * Cons_MX_PEMEX_{yr-1} + \beta_{PEMEX} * PROD_MX_Oil_{yr} + \quad (57)$$

$$Cons_MX_Ind_other_{yr} = \alpha_{Ind} * Cons_MX_Ind_other_{yr-1} + \beta_{Ind} * HH_PRICE_{yr-1} + C_{Ind} \quad (58)$$

where

$Cons_MX_Ind_{yr}$ = Total Mexican industrial sector consumption of natural gas in projection year yr (Bcf)

$Cons_MX_PEMEX_{yr}$ = Mexican consumption of natural gas by PEMEX for projection year yr (Bcf)

$Cons_MX_Ind_other_{yr}$ = Mexican consumption of natural gas for all other industrial use for year yr (Bcf)

$Cons_MX_PEMEX_{yr-1}$ = Mexican consumption of natural gas by PEMEX for $yr - 1$ (Bcf)

$PROD_MX_Oil_{yr}$ = Mexican crude oil production as calculated in Eq. (47) for projection year yr (million barrels)

$Cons_MX_Ind_other_{yr-1}$ = Mexican consumption of natural gas for all other industrial use for $yr - 1$ (Bcf)

HH_PRICE_{yr-1} average annual Henry Hub natural gas spot price for year $yr - 1$ (1987\$/MMBtu)

α_PEMEX = estimated coefficient for PEMEX consumption in year $yr - 1$

β_PEMEX = estimated coefficient for crude oil production in year yr

α_Ind = estimated coefficient for all other industrial sector consumption in year $yr - 1$

β_Ind = estimated coefficient for the Henry Hub price in year $yr - 1$

C_Ind = estimated constant term for other industrial consumption

yr = projection year

The monthly shares for Mexico's demand by sector are calculated in the same way as U.S. demand, using historical data published by Mexico.⁴³

Lease and plant fuel are not explicitly calculated in the NGMM; rather, Mexico's dry production is modeled without these volumes. Pipeline fuel is also not included in solving for the flows to and from Mexico's hubs or explicitly solved for in the model code because data are not available.

LNG exports

LNG exports of domestically sourced natural gas are projected endogenously in the NGMM. The pre-processing step involves projecting liquefaction capacity additions beyond that of the existing facilities and those that are under construction. The QP ultimately determines the utilization of this capacity. The basic approach in pre-processing is to evaluate the long-term economic viability of adding (or expanding) a generic LNG liquefaction facility consisting of up to three large trains of a specified capacity ($LNG_Increment$) in each projection year. This evaluation is done independently for each of the allowed coastal regions of the United States before selecting the most economically profitable region for construction, if any, and accounting for any assumed restrictions, such as earliest start year or maximum allowable volume. An underlying assumption is that facilities will be built if consumers are interested in signing long-term contracts at a price that allows cost recovery; the economic viability is evaluated from the perspective of potential consumers. Once built,⁴⁴ the liquefaction facility is assumed to operate at full capacity (accounting for some operational down-time) throughout the rest of the projection period.

⁴³ Secretaría de Energía de México (SENER), [Sistema de Información Energética](#)

⁴⁴ The number of years between the decision to build new LNG export capacity and the beginning of its operations is a model assumption ($LNG_YrsUntilBuild$). New liquefaction facility builds are assumed to have a completion date three years from the current projection year in AEO2025.

To effectively assess the economic viability to global consumers of signing a contract with a new U.S. liquefaction facility versus an assumed alternative, the NGMM calculates a net present value over the assumed lifetime of a contract with the LNG liquefaction facility (*NumberOfYearsForLookAhead_LNG_*). This net present value corresponds to the cost of purchasing from the United States versus another global supplier. The price of the alternative supplier, or the world price of LNG at a destination, over that time period is compared with the price of U.S. LNG at these destinations. This comparison includes a sunk cost to recover the initial investment required to build the facility, the operational costs (including regasification), and the shipping costs to a cargo's destination.

World LNG prices

The model projects a representative price of LNG for each world destination represented (Europe and Asia). These prices are calculated based on the projections from our most recent [International Energy Outlook](#), with updates to account for recent market events as well as additional nonpublished information and analyses based on our International Natural Gas Model (INGM) results. The world natural gas prices are assumed to start at their recent historical ratio to the world oil price. Over time, the price of LNG becomes less tied to the world oil price as the ratio of flexibly priced LNG to the representative regional net natural gas demand increases relative to its base year level. The concept is that the ratio reflects the tightness or looseness of the world LNG market pushing or pulling, respectively, world natural gas prices toward or away from the world oil price. The specific form of the price equation is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 PRICE_LNG_{(yr+lookyr),d} &= (WOP_{(yr+lookyr)})^{\alpha_d} \\
 &\quad * \left(\frac{\left(\frac{FLEX_{(yr+lookyr)} + LNG_USA_{(yr+lookyr)} + LNG_ADD}{Q_LNG_{(yr+lookyr),d}} \right)}{\left(\frac{FLEX_{lhyr} + LNG_USA_{lhyr} + LNG_ADD}{Q_LNG_{lhyr,d}} \right)} \right)^{\beta_d}
 \end{aligned} \tag{59}$$

where

$PRICE_LNG_{(yr+lookyr),d}$ = price of LNG in global demand region d and year $yr + lookyr$,
where yr is the current projection year (1987\$/MMBtu)

$WOP_{(yr+lookyr)}$ = world oil price in year $yr + lookyr$ (1987\$/MMBtu)

$FLEX_{(yr+lookyr)}$ = exogenously set projected level of flexibly priced LNG on the world market,
excluding any volumes from the United States, in year $yr + lookyr$ (Bcf)

$FLEX_{lhyr}$ = exogenously set historical level of flexibly priced LNG on the world market,
excluding any volumes from the United States, in year $lhyr$ (Bcf)

$LNG_USA_{(yr+lookyr)}$ = projected LNG exports from the United States from liquefaction facilities
constructed for year $yr + lookyr$, where yr is the current projection year (Bcf)

LNG_USA_{lhyr} = historical LNG exports from the United States in year $lhyr$ (Bcf)

LNG_ADD = LNG exports from the United States from liquefaction facility under consideration for construction ($LNG_Increment$) (Bcf)

$Q_LNG_{(yr+lookyr),d}$ = exogenously set projected LNG imports/consumption for global demand region d in year $yr + lookyr$, where yr is the current projection year (Bcf)⁴⁵

$Q_LNG_{lhyr,d}$ = exogenously set historical LNG imports/consumption in year $lhyr$ for global demand region d (Bcf)⁴⁶

α_d = an assumed coefficient representing the value necessary to align the oil price to the natural gas price in global demand region d (i.e. when the β_d term in the LNG price equation equals 1) ([Appendix E](#))

β_d = an assumed coefficient that drives the movement of the natural gas price away from (or to) the oil price as the market loosens (or tightens) as defined by the ratio of flexible and U.S. LNG supply available globally to global demand region d for both historical and projection years ([Appendix E](#))

yr = current projection year

$lhyr$ = last year of historical data

$lookyr$ = number of years after the current projection year to consider in assessing the net present value of signing a contract for U.S. LNG versus an alternative

d = demand regions considered as destinations for LNG exports (currently Europe and Asia)

Price of U.S. LNG

Lower 48 states

To assess whether the next incremental amount of U.S. LNG exports from an additional LNG train will be competitive in global markets over the look-ahead period, a U.S. LNG price is first estimated for each relevant domestic region. After this, costs for liquefaction (including fixed charges), regasification, and transport overseas are added to arrive at a potential price for this U.S. LNG in global markets.

We use the projected natural gas supply price for each potential U.S. export region for the current projection year. For all future years being assessed, we use the supply price for that year from the last NEMS cycle and adjust it to account for the difference between the natural gas production in the last NEMS cycle and the estimated production in that year in the current cycle. This difference equals the difference in existing and potential LNG export capacity in the year between the two cycles as well as any domestic changes to demand. The adjustment is made using the following scaling factor:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{FACTOR_LNG}_{(yr+lookyr),r} \\
 &= \left(\frac{\text{LAST_PROD}_{(yr+lookyr),r} + \text{LNG_CAP}_{(yr+lookyr),r} - \text{LAST_LNG_CAP}_{(yr+lookyr),r}}{\text{LAST_PROD}_{(yr+lookyr),r}} \right)^Y
 \end{aligned} \tag{60}$$

⁴⁵ Details for these assumptions and can be found in the [Assumptions to the Annual Outlook: Natural Gas Market Module](#).

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where γ is calculated using the ratio between actual and expected production in the current projection year:

$$\gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 * \frac{PROD_ACT_{yr}}{PROD_EXP_{yr}} \quad (61)$$

where

γ = exponent used to approximate how a difference in production translates into a difference in price as derived by a series of offline test runs of the model

γ_1, γ_2 = assumed coefficients used in the calculation of γ in the current projection year yr being evaluated

We use the difference in the comparable estimate and realized price in the previous projection year (the portion of the equation indexed below to “ $yr - 1$ ”) as a basis for further adjustments to the LNG supply price. So, in all projection years that we use to determine whether additional LNG export capacity would be economical, the U.S. supply price equals:

$$\begin{aligned} PRICE_SUP_{(yr+lookyr),r} &= LAST_PRICE_SUP_{(yr+lookyr),r} * FACTOR_LNG_{(yr+lookyr),r} \\ &\quad * \left(\frac{PRICE_SUP_{yr-1,r}}{LAST_PRICE_SUP_{yr-1,r} * FACTOR_LNG_{yr-1,r}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

where

$PRICE_SUP_{(yr+lookyr),r}$ = supply price of natural gas in region r and projection year $yr + lookyr$, where yr is the current projection year (1987\$/MMBtu)

$LAST_PRICE_SUP_{(yr+lookyr),r}$ = supply price of natural gas in region r for projection year $yr + lookyr$, where yr is the current projection year, for the last NEMS cycle (1987\$/MMBtu)

$FACTOR_LNG_{(yr+lookyr),r}$ = factor to scale the supply price from the last NEMS cycle to account for the difference in non-associated production from the last NEMS cycle and the expected non-associated production associated with the volume of LNG being evaluated for projection year $yr + lookyr$, where yr is the current projection year, and region r

$LAST_PROD_{(yr+lookyr),r}$ = total NA natural gas production in region r and projection year $yr + lookyr$, where yr is the current projection year, for the last NEMS cycle (Bcf)

$LNG_CAP_{(yr+lookyr),r}$ = total LNG export capacity in region r for projection year $yr + lookyr$, where yr is the current projection year (Bcf)

$LAST_LNG_CAP_{(yr+lookyr),r}$ = total LNG export capacity in region r and projection year $yr + lookyr$, where yr is the current projection year, for the last NEMS cycle (Bcf)

$PROD_ACT_{yr}$ = total U.S. realized NA natural gas production as solved for by the NGMM in the current projection year yr (Bcf)

$PROD_EXP_{yr}$ = total U.S. expected NA natural gas production in the current projection year yr as provided by NEMS (HSM) (Bcf)

$lookyr$ = number of years after the current projection year to consider in assessing the net present value of signing a contract for U.S. LNG versus an alternative

yr = current projection year

r = U.S. region being assessed for the economic feasibility of added LNG export capacity

For years that extend beyond the last model year, we set the price by applying a growth rate to regional supply price in the last model year that is consistent with the growth trend in the last years of the model.

The total, fully loaded⁴⁷ price of U.S. LNG that is supplied to the global market over the range of the lifespan of the LNG export facility is calculated:

$$\begin{aligned} PRICE_USLNG_{(yr+lookyr),r,d} &= PRICE_SUP_{(yr+lookyr),r} * (1 + PCT_LIQ_r) + COST_LIQ_r + COST_REGAS_r \\ &+ COST_SHIP_{r,d} \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

where

$PRICE_USLNG_{(yr+lookyr),r,d}$ = price of U.S. LNG from region r to global demand market d for projection year $yr + lookyr$, where yr is the current projection year (1987\$/MMBtu)

$PRICE_SUP_{(yr+lookyr),r}$ = supply price of natural gas in U.S. region r in projection year $yr + lookyr$, where yr is the current projection year (1987\$/MMBtu)

PCT_LIQ_r = percent of fuel used in the transport of natural gas to the export facility from the supply hub for U.S. region r and fuel used to liquefy natural gas

$COST_LIQ_r$ = assumed cost for U.S. region r to liquefy natural gas, including any capacity charges or capital investment charges applied to the per unit cost (1987\$/MMBtu)

$COST_REGAS_r$ = assumed fixed charges for U.S. region r to regasify the LNG after it reaches its destination (1987\$/MMBtu)

$COST_SHIP_{r,d}$ = assumed shipping costs to transport LNG from U.S. region r to a specified world demand region (1987\$/MMBtu)

yr = current projection year

⁴⁷ The fully loaded price includes the price of natural gas feedstock, losses during liquefaction and transportation, regasification, shipping costs, and any charges applied by a liquefaction terminal to cover the capital expenditure required to build the facility.

lookyr = number of years after the current projection year to consider in assessing the net present value of signing a contract for U.S. LNG versus an alternative

r = U.S. region assessed for the economic feasibility of added LNG export capacity

d = demand regions considered as destinations for LNG exports (currently Europe and Asia)

Alaska

The potential of building an LNG export facility in Alaska, which would bring North Slope natural gas to market, is assessed for its economic viability compared with other U.S. LNG export projects. Instead of considering each additional train individually, we assume Alaska to have a fixed number of trains, all of which will be built if the project goes forward (*LNG_AKTrainTotal*). In addition, Alaska's natural gas supply price is an exogenous assumption based on the estimated cost of extracting natural gas that was previously produced and reinjected into the formation with oil produced in northern Alaska; the total LNG price includes this per-unit cost of extracting, the combined cost of transporting it via pipeline to the south coast and liquefying it, and the international shipping costs.

Net present value of LNG export capacity

Once prices are established for Europe and Asia over the assumed lifespan of a liquefaction plant, we compare it with the expected future prices for LNG exports from the United States to these destinations. The differences in these two prices represents the added value to the consumer (or to whomever can capture the economic return) of purchasing LNG from the United States over other potential supply options. These price differences are accumulated over the lifetime of the plant and set in terms of the present projection year using an assumed discount rate to reflect the time value of money (*LNG_DCFDiscountRate*) :

$$NPV_USLNG_{yr,r,d} = \sum_{yr+1}^{yr+lookyr} \frac{PRICE_LNG_{(yr+lookyr),d} - PRICE_USLNG_{(yr+lookyr),r,d}}{(1 + DCF_RATE)^{lookyr}} \quad (64)$$

where

$NPV_USLNG_{yr,r,d}$ = net present value of LNG sourced from region *r* in the United States relative to the market cost of LNG in global demand region *d* assuming the decision to build LNG export capacity is made in projection year *yr* (1987\$/MMBtu)

$PRICE_LNG_{(yr+lookyr),d}$ = price of LNG in global demand region *d* for projection year *yr* + *lookyr*, where *yr* is the current projection year (1987\$/MMBtu)

$PRICE_USLNG_{(yr+lookyr),r,d}$ = price of U.S. LNG from region *r* to global demand region *d* for projection year *yr* + *lookyr*, where *yr* is the current projection year (1987\$/MMBtu)

DCF_RATE = the discount rate, i.e. the return that could be earned per unit of time on an investment with similar risk

lookyr = number of years after the current projection year *yr* to consider in assessing the net present value of signing a contract for U.S. LNG versus an alternative

yr = current projection year

r = U.S. region being assessed for the economic feasibility of added LNG export capacity

d = demand regions considered as destinations for LNG exports

The region with the resulting highest net present economic value is assumed to be the location of the next liquefaction train, presuming other assumptions are not limiting factors. These include:⁴⁸

- earliest potential start year in that region ($LNG_FirstYear$)
- maximum allowed export volume in that region ($LNG_MaxExports$)
- maximum number of trains built in a year in the United States, reflecting practical limits on the necessary resources/manpower for such specialized construction ($LNG_MaxTrainsYr$)
- another LNG export facility has already been built that is high-risk, which is defined as having a net present value lower than the risk threshold ($LNG_RiskThreshold$)

Construction is assumed to take a specified number of years ($LNG_YrsUntilBuild$) before the trains are operational, and these additional volumes are phased in over time ($LNG_PhaseInYrs$).

Alaska

Because Alaska is not part of the North American natural gas transmission system, it is modeled outside of the quadratic program (QP). The NGMM projects Alaska's production and consumption in NEMS. Using historical data, the model code projects demand by sector. It then calculates Alaska's natural gas by assuming that production fulfills the projected demand.

The NEMS demand modules projects natural gas consumption for the total Pacific Census Division, which includes Alaska. So, the NGMM derives annual estimates of contiguous Pacific Division consumption levels by first estimating Alaska natural gas consumption for all sectors and then subtracting these from the core market consumption levels in the Pacific Division. The series of equations for specifying natural gas consumption by Alaska residential and commercial customers follows ([Appendix G](#)):

$$AK_Q_RES_{yr} = \alpha_{RES} * AK_POP_{yr} + \beta_{RES} * UNEMP_{yr} + \gamma_{RES} * AK_PRICE_CG_{yr} \quad (65)$$

$$AK_Q_COM_{yr} = \alpha_{COM} * AK_POP_{yr} + \beta_{COM} * UNEMP_{yr} + \gamma_{COM} * (AK_Q_COM_{yr-1} - \alpha_{COM} * AK_POP_{yr-1} + \beta_{COM} * UNEMP_{yr-1}) \quad (66)$$

where

$AK_Q_RES_{yr}$ = consumption of natural gas by residential customers in Alaska in projection year yr (Bcf)

$AK_Q_COM_{yr}$ = consumption of natural gas by commercial customers in Alaska in projection year r (Bcf)

⁴⁸[Assumptions to the Annual Energy Outlook 2022: Natural Gas Market Module](#)

AK_POP_{yr} = exogenously specified projection of the population in Alaska⁴⁹ in projection year yr

$UNEMP_{yr}$ = U.S. unemployment rate (percent) from NEMS Macroeconomic Activity Module in year yr

$AK_PRICE_CG_{yr}$ = natural gas citygate price in Alaska in projection year yr (\$1987/Mcf)

α_{SEC} = estimated coefficient for Alaska population for sector $sec \in \{res, com\}$

β_{SEC} = estimated coefficient for unemployment for sector $sec \in \{res, com\}$

γ_{RES} = estimated coefficient for Alaska citygate price

γ_{COM} = estimated year-to-year autocorrelation coefficient for variable $AK_Q_COM_{yr}$

yr = projection year

Alaska natural gas consumption for the industrial sector is an exogenous assumption signifying small volumes of natural gas, and it remains constant across the projection period. Natural gas consumption for compressed or liquefied natural gas vehicles in Alaska is assumed to be negligible or nonexistent. The Electricity Market Module (EMM) provides a value for natural gas consumption by Alaska's electric generators. Although this approach projects the total natural gas consumption in the state given the current pipeline infrastructure in Alaska, if a pipeline is built to bring North Slope natural gas to the south, it is possible that the projected volumes could be higher. This could be particularly true for the industrial sector because consumption growth is currently hindered by declining supplies in southern Alaska. This potential growth is not currently modeled.

Natural gas production in Alaska is set equal to the sum of the volumes consumed in and transported out of Alaska, plus what is consumed for lease, plant, and pipeline operations, and the balancing item. If a new LNG export facility is built (we assume Kenai will no longer export LNG), production also includes the volume of exported natural gas plus any related liquefaction fuel that is consumed. Lease and plant fuel is primarily consumed in northern Alaska during crude oil extraction and is estimated as ([Appendix G](#)):

$$AK_LAP_{yr} = \alpha_{LAP} * AK_PROD_OIL_{yr} + \beta_{LAP} * AK_LAP_{yr-1} + C_{LAP} \quad (67)$$

where

AK_LAP_{yr} = quantity of natural gas consumed for lease and plant operations in year yr , excluding that related to pipeline fuel (Bcf)

$AK_PROD_OIL_{yr}$ = crude oil production in Alaska (thousand barrels per day—Mbpd) in year yr , from HSM

α_{LAP} = estimated coefficient for Alaska crude oil production

β_{LAP} = estimated coefficient for prior year's lease and plant fuel consumption in Alaska

⁴⁹ State of Alaska, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, [Alaska Population Projections](#)

C_{LAP} = estimated constant term

yr = projection year

Pipeline fuel, along with total consumption, is expected to be consumed in southern Alaska and is set as a percentage of total consumption. Total production is assigned for both northern and southern Alaska, according to the equations below:

$$AK_PROD_N_{yr} = AK_LAP_{yr} + (1 + PCT_LIQ) * AK_LNG_EXP_{yr} \quad (68)$$

$$AK_PROD_S_{yr} = (1 + PCT_PIP) * AK_{Q_TOTAL_{yr}} + AK_DISC_{yr} \quad (69)$$

where, for year yr ,

$AK_PROD_N_{yr}$ = dry gas production in north Alaska (Bcf)

$AK_PROD_S_{yr}$ = dry gas production in south Alaska (Bcf)

AK_LAP_{yr} = quantity of natural gas consumed for lease and plant operations in projection year yr ; excluding that related to either pipeline (Bcf)

$AK_LNG_EXP_{yr}$ = total LNG exports out of Alaska in projection year yr (see [LNG Exports](#))

$AK_Q_TOTAL_{yr}$ = total Alaska end use consumption in projection year yr

AK_DISC_{yr} = balancing item (discrepancy) calculated for Alaska (see [Balancing Item](#))

PCT_LIQ = percent of fuel used for liquefaction in export facilities

PCT_PIP = pipeline fuel as a percentage of natural gas consumption

yr = projection year

5. Post-processing routines

After the quadratic program (QP) solves, the solution values can be pulled directly to set output variables for the NGMM to pass to other modules or to the report writer in the NEMS. Several NGMM output variables require further calculations. Most volumes are set by simply aggregating to derive annual values at the regional level required, or they require a relatively simple calculation. Volumes that are set include:

- Nonassociated (NA) and total dry gas production
- Natural gas import and export volumes
- Region-to-region flows
- Lease and plant fuel
- Pipeline fuel
- Fuel used for liquefaction

Some volumes that are reported to the NEMS are already set in the pre-processing routines, such as supplemental supplies, LNG imports, and associated-dissolved (AD) production. A more extensive process with further assumptions is required for setting module output prices, which include:

- Spot prices
- Wellhead prices
- Citygate prices
- Import and export prices
- Delivered prices to residential, commercial, industrial, electric generator, and natural gas vehicle (including rail and marine) customers

For all variables defined in this chapter:

- [Appendix C](#) provides a reference to the full identifier name used in the NGMM
- [Appendix D](#) identifies where to find specific equations within the code
- [Appendix E](#) indicates which input files contain input assumptions or parameters

Production and supply prices

Production by month and supply region is assigned using the QP decision variable *QProduction*. This volume is assigned to a demand region using mapping parameters and aggregated to an annual total for reporting to NEMS ([Appendix E](#)).

For all supply regions where NA supply volumes exist in a given model year, the monthly supply price is set to the shadow price⁵⁰ of the constraint [SupplyAccounting](#). Unlike the supply mass balance constraint (which ensures that the total supply—independent of its supply step and associated price—equals the flow from a supply region to its hub) the supply accounting constraint defines total production as the sum underneath all supply curve steps (for example, the area under the curve). So, its shadow price represents the marginal price corresponding to this constructed supply curve. The annual supply price is the average of all monthly prices weighted by production volume.

⁵⁰ The difference between the optimized value of the objective function and the value of the objective function, evaluated at the optional basis, when the right hand side of a constraint is increased by one unit.

For supply regions without supply volumes, the prior year's price is assigned. The Henry Hub spot price is assigned the supply price corresponding to its location (*HenryHubRegion*, or onshore south Louisiana) plus an assumed gathering charge (*GatheringCharge*).

LNG exports

LNG export volumes are solved for endogenously within the QP (*QLNGexp*); however, this decision variable also includes the natural gas consumed during liquefaction. These two volumes are calculated as:

$$LNGEXP_{yr,lngexp_qp} + Q_LIQ_{yr,lngexp_qp} = \sum_{step} \sum_{mon}^{LSMAX} LNG_{mon,step,lngexp_qp} \quad \forall (mon,step,lngexp_{qp}) | (mon \subseteq yr) \quad (70)$$

$$Q_LIQ_{yr,lngexp_qp} = LNGEXP_{yr,lngexp_qp} * PCT_LIQ \quad \forall (yr,lngexp_{qp}) \quad (71)$$

where

LNGEXP_{yr,lngexp_qp} = total annual LNG export volumes in projection year *yr* from LNG export region *lngexp_qp*, solved for in the QP (Bcf)

Q_LIQ_{yr,lngexp_qp} = total volume of natural gas consumed during the liquefaction process in projection year *yr* in LNG export region *lngexp_qp* (Bcf)

LNG_{mon,step,lngexp_qp} = decision variable containing the total volume of LNG associated with a given LNG export volume associated with a given step of the LNG export demand curve in projection month *mon* for LNG export region *lngexp_qp* (Bcf)

LSMAX = maximum step defining the LNG export demand curve (*LNGExpCrv_MaxStep*)

PCT_LIQ = percentage of LNG volume consumed during liquefaction

mon = projection month within projection year *yr*

yr = projection year

step = price-quantity pair that defines the LNG export demand curve

lngexp_qp = region that contains a LNG export capacity whose utilization is determined within the QP

For the two regions where LNG exports are not considered part of the QP, western Canada and Alaska, the NGMM assumes that the LNG export capacity is fully utilized and assigns this value to the total exports. In both of these cases, it is not the supply price of natural gas that determines market competitiveness; rather, it is the comparatively high capital cost of the liquefaction projects, including the new pipeline infrastructure required, that would make building new LNG export capacity uneconomic. Their locations on the Pacific coast also mean that shipping costs to Asia are much less

than LNG exports from the Gulf Coast. So, once LNG export facilities are built, we expect LNG from Alaska or western Canada to out-compete all other global LNG supplies on a variable cost basis. The corresponding fuel used for liquefaction in Alaska is included in the U.S. total; fuel used for liquefaction is not explicitly calculated for western Canada.

Imports and exports

The NGMM reports to the NEMS total pipeline imports and exports to and from Canada and Mexico and annual LNG imports and exports. LNG imports are set in pre-processing as a historical average that is held constant, and LNG exports are calculated as described above, using the LNG demand curve represented in the QP. The next section describes the procedure for determining pipeline imports and exports as well as import and export prices (where applicable).

Pipeline import and export volumes

Pipeline import and export volumes are assigned using the decision variable *FlowHubToHub*. By treating the border crossings between individual states and Canada's or Mexico's regions as hubs, and only allowing flows to and from the U.S. state and Canada or Mexico into or out of the border crossing hub, the flows directly correspond to how imports and exports are defined (that is, not as volumes sent from or to a state at its market hub, but as volumes as measured at a physical point on the border). The equations corresponding to total annual imports and exports to Canada and Mexico are:

$$IMP_CN_{yr} = \sum_{bx_{cn}} \sum_{cn} \sum_{mon} FLOWH2H_{mon,cn,bx_{cn}} \quad \forall (mon, cn, bx_{cn}) | (mon \subseteq yr) \quad (72)$$

$$EXP_CN_{yr} = \sum_{bx_{cn}} \sum_{st} \sum_{mon} FLOWH2H_{mon,st,bx_{cn}} \quad \forall (mon, st, bx_{cn}) | (mon \subseteq yr) \quad (73)$$

$$IMP_MX_{yr} = \sum_{bx_{mx}} \sum_{mx} \sum_{mon} FLOWH2H_{mon,mx,bx_{mx}} \quad \forall (mon, mx, bx_{mx}) | (mon \subseteq yr) \quad (74)$$

$$EXP_MX_{yr} = \sum_{bx_{mx}} \sum_{st} \sum_{mon} FLOWH2H_{mon,st,bx_{mx}} \quad \forall (mon, st, bx_{mx}) | (mon \subseteq yr) \quad (75)$$

where

IMP_CN_{yr} = total imports from Canada to the United States for projection year yr (Bcf)

EXP_CN_{yr} = total annual exports from the United States to Canada for projection year yr (Bcf)

IMP_MX_{yr} = total annual imports from Mexico to the United States for projection year yr (Bcf)

EXP_MX_{yr} = total annual exports from the United States to Mexico for projection year yr (Bcf)

$FLOWH2H_{mon,h,h1}$ = flow from hub h to hub $h1$ in projection month mon (Bcf); in equations above, h and $h1$ one refer to flows to or from border-crossing hubs

yr = projection year

mon = projection month

cn = Canadian hub (western or eastern Canada)

mx = Mexican hub (one of 5 regions)

st = lower 48 state (+ DC)

bx_{cn} = Canadian border-crossing hub

bx_{mx} = Mexican border-crossing hub

Import and export prices

The NGMM assigns import and export prices for pipeline volumes to the shadow prices of the constraints that require mass balance at the border crossing hub: *HubBalance_BXtoUS* and *HubBalance_USToBX*. So, imports and exports are priced at the marginal cost of natural gas at that hub. Because flows to or from border crossings are uniquely defined in the NGMM, the hub balancing constraints must be formulated differently from those representing a supply or demand region. Unlike all other flows between hubs, flows to or from border crossings are not defined as flow measured at the boundary delineating the two regions. They are defined as the flow from that boundary to a specific region. So, for imports to the United States, the flow out of the international region into the border crossing minus pipeline fuel losses must equal the flow out of the border crossing—the import volume. For exports from the United States, the flow into the border crossing, minus pipeline fuel losses incurred as defined by the pipeline fuel loss factor for the state exporting natural gas, must equal the flow out of the border crossing—the export volume. So, the shadow prices of the mass balance constraints directly correspond to the volumes at the borders.

The LNG export prices are calculated in the pre-processing routine. Because the LNG imports are fixed to a historical average and not determined endogenously, no LNG import price is currently being reported.

Delivered end-use prices

Spot prices

At each hub or node in the simplified pipeline network represented in the NGMM, the natural gas flows into and out of the node must balance, as forced by the constraint labeled as *HubBalance* in the QP. The shadow prices⁵¹ associated with this constraint represent the marginal price at hub h , which is the variable cost of supplying one more unit to the node. The assumption in the NGMM is that this price indicates the spot price at this representative node. This assumption is also supported by the construction of the variable tariff curves and the pipeline fuel loss factors, which together are intended to reflect historically observed basis differentials between reported spot prices as a function of the pipeline utilization rate. Balancing constraints, and therefore spot prices, are set for each state and month, as well as at each supply point and border crossing. At production nodes, these prices are

⁵¹ The difference between the optimized value of the objective function and the value of the objective function, evaluated at the optional basis, when the right hand side of a constraint is increased by one unit.

assumed to reflect the wellhead or supply price. The NGMM does not report prices at state hubs, except the Henry Hub price, but uses these prices to generate citygate and delivered prices. The Henry Hub price (*NGTDMREP_OGHHPRNG*) is set at the wellhead price in South Louisiana, plus an assumed gathering charge (*GatheringCharge*).

Citygate prices

Citygate prices are the prices local distribution companies (LDCs) and utilities pay for natural gas from the pipeline transmission system. They include the cost of the commodity (spot or contract price) as well as any additional costs of transporting natural gas in the pipeline system, applicable taxes, storage fees, and net losses from hedging. The NGMM calculates citygate prices for each projection year by state and month using econometrically estimated equations. With several exceptions (described below), the average monthly spot price is a reasonable approximation for a commodity cost at the citygate. Other components of the citygate price are fixed at a constant monthly fee (loosely estimated as β in the equation below) and unitized by dividing by the sum of residential and commercial consumption (the bulk of LDC deliveries). Any other variable fees (for example, storage injection/withdrawals costs) should be captured in the constant term as:

$$PRICE_CG_ST_{mon,st} = \alpha_{per(mon),st} * PRICE_SPOT_{mon,st} + \frac{\beta_{per(mon),st}}{(Q_RES_{mon,st} + Q_COM_{mon,st})} + C_{per(mon),st} \quad (76)$$

where

$PRICE_CG_ST_{mon,st}$ = citygate price in state st and projection month mon (1987\$/Mcf)

$PRICE_SPOT_{mon,st}$ = spot price in state st and projection month mon (1987\$/Mcf)

$Q_RES_{mon,st}$ = residential sector consumption of natural gas in state st and projection month mon (Bcf)

$Q_COM_{mon,st}$ = commercial sector consumption of natural gas in state st and projection month mon (Bcf)

$\alpha_{per(mon),st}$ = estimated coefficient for spot price for state st and the period of the year that includes month mon , expected to be close to 1.0 (unitless)

$\beta_{per(mon),st}$ = estimated coefficient, reflecting fixed monthly charges for state st and the period of the year that includes month mon (MM 1987\$)

$C_{per(mon),st}$ = estimated constant term for state st and the period of the year that includes month mon (1987\$/Mcf)

mon = projection month

st = state (including DC, excluding AK and HI)

$per(mon)$ = maps parameter values for each month to correspond to one of three periods of the year: either all months of the year, the winter months, or the non-winter months

Historical monthly citygate prices, spot prices, and consumption in the residential and commercial sectors are used to estimate the parameters in the above equation, as described in [Appendix G](#). For most states the estimated parameters do not vary by month or season. However, this simplification did not always produce reasonable results.

Due to regulations requiring utilities to meet demand for natural gas for their customers during peak periods of consumption, natural gas volumes are typically contracted; therefore, while citygate prices will rise during periods of high demand, they will often not see the same volatility as spot prices during extreme conditions. This phenomena is particularly evident in places such as New England, where pipeline constraints limit flows into the area. For four states (Arizona, Oregon, Nevada, and New York), the equation was estimated separately for the winter months (November through February) and the non-winter months to improve the estimate. For the states in New England, Utah, and Delaware, an estimation by season still did not provide a reasonable predictor, so prices for the winter months were estimated by setting the November and December price to October's value and setting the January and February price to the average of the year's March price and the previous year's October price.

End-use natural gas prices

Delivered natural gas prices are set by adding a markup to the average citygate or the average spot price at the appropriate regional level. An annual quantity-weighted average city natural gas price is calculated for each census division, averaging across all months and relevant states using the residential plus commercial sector consumption levels as weights. The residential and commercial prices, as well as some of the vehicle fuel prices, are based on these average citygate prices. Prices to the industrial and electric generator sectors are based on average spot prices using the industrial and electric generator consumption levels, respectively, as weights.⁵² The residential and commercial prices are benchmarked to the annual census division price forecasts from STEO for the first (*NumberOfSTEOYears*) years of the projection, and the prices to electric generators are benchmarked to align with the national annual prices in the STEO. This process is done by multiplying the initially calculated price by a factor that will align the result to the STEO value. The STEO factors calculated in the last STEO year are phased out over an assumed number of years (*NumberOfSTEOPhaseOutYears*) to a value of 1.0 after the last STEO year.

Residential sector

Prices charged to residential customers are set annually for each census division to the average regional citygate price, plus an estimated residential distribution markup, multiplied by a calculated STEO benchmark factor. The markup is a function of consumption per household, which captures fixed distribution charges, and has a constant term to capture variable charges:

$$MARKUP_RES_{yr,r} = C_r^{RES} + \alpha^{RES} * \frac{QCD_RES_{yr,r}}{HOUSE_{yr,r}} + \beta^{RES} * \frac{QCD_RES_{yr,r}}{HDD_{yr,r}} \quad (77)$$

$$PRICE_RES_{yr,r} = (PRICE_CG_CD_{yr,r} + MARKUP_RES_{yr,r}) * STEO_RES_{yr,r} \quad (78)$$

where

⁵² Although the model is structured to allow the user to calculate delivered prices using different markups and different base prices, as relevant, the particular options used for the AEO are generally the only ones described in this documentation.

$MARKUP_RES_{yr,r}$ = Markup from citygate price to delivered price to residential customers for Census division r in projection year yr (1987\$/Mcf)

$PRICE_RES_{yr,r}$ = Delivered price to residential customers for census division r in projection year yr (1987\$/Mcf)

$PRICE_CG_CD_{yr,r}$ = Quantity-weighted average citygate prices for Census division r in projection year yr , set using state/month level citygate prices and residential plus commercial consumption as weights (1987\$/Mcf)

$QCD_RES_{yr,r}$ = natural gas consumed by residential customers in census division r in projection year yr (Bcf)

$HOUSES_{yr,r}$ = Number of residential households in census division r that consume natural gas in projection year yr

$HDD_{yr,r}$ = Number of heating degree days in census division r in projection year yr

$STEO_RES_{yr,r}$ = factor to align initially calculated residential prices to prices forecasted in the STEO for census division r in projection year yr , phased to 1.0 after a user-specified number of years after the last STEO year ($NumberOfSTEOPhaseOutYears$)

C_r^{RES} = estimated constant term for census division r (1987\$/Mcf) ($DIV_RES(option1)$)

α^{RES} = estimated parameter ($PAR1_RES(option1)$)

β^{RES} = estimated parameter ($PAR2_RES(option1)$)

r = census division

yr = projection year

Historical annual average residential and citygate prices, residential consumption, and the number of residential households using natural gas were used to estimate the parameters in the above equation by census division ([Appendix G](#)).

Commercial sector

Average annual prices charged to commercial customers are set similarly to the residential sector prices, using the same average citygate prices but with the following equation for commercial distribution markups:

$$MARKUP_COM_{yr,r} = C_r^{COM} + \alpha^{COM} * \frac{QCD_COM_{yr,r}}{FLOORSPACE_{yr,r}} + \beta^{COM} * QCD_COM_{yr,r} \quad (79)$$

$$PRICE_COM_{yr,r} = (AVG_PRICE_CG_{yr,r} + MARKUP_COM_{yr,r}) * STEO_COM_{yr,r} \quad (80)$$

where

$MARKUP_COM_{yr,r}$ = Markup from citygate price to delivered price to commercial customers in Census division r in projection year y (1987\$/Mcf)

$PRICE_COM_{yr,r}$ = Delivered price to commercial customers in census division r in projection year y (1987\$/Mcf)

$AVG_PRICE_CG_{yr,r}$ = Quantity-weighted average citygate prices in census division r in projection year y , set using state/month level citygate prices and residential plus commercial consumption as weights (1987\$/Mcf)

$QCD_COM_{yr,r}$ = natural gas consumed by commercial customers in census division r in projection year y (Bcf) $FLOORSPACE_{yr,r}$ = total commercial floorspace in census division r in projection year y (million square feet)

$STEO_COM_{yr,r}$ = factor to align initially calculated commercial prices to prices forecast in the STEO in census division r in projection year y , phased to 1.0 after a user-specified number of years after the last STEO year (NumberOfSTEOPhaseOutYears)

C_r^{COM} = estimated constant term for census division r (1987\$/Mcf) (DIV_COM (Option 1))

α^{COM} = estimated parameter ($PAR1_COM$ (Option 1))

β^{COM} = estimated parameter ($PAR2_COM$ (Option 1))

r = census division

yr = projection year

Historical annual average commercial and citygate prices, commercial consumption, and commercial floorspace were used to estimate the parameters in the above equation by census division ([Appendix G](#)).

Industrial sector

The average annual prices charged to the industrial sector are set based on the quantity-weighted average spot price in each census division, averaged from state and monthly spot prices using industrial consumption as weights. Average markups by census division are set based on the historical difference between delivered prices to the industrial sector and this average spot price and held constant through the projection period. Historical prices for the industrial sector are estimated rather than extracted directly from annual- and state-level published EIA prices. These prices only reflect revenues received from industrial customers who purchase natural gas from local distribution companies, or about 15% of the sector's consumption. However, price data from our *Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey* (MECS) are assumed to better approximate prices seen by the whole sector, even though they do not include nonmanufacturing industries. Because the survey only provides prices every four years and by the four census regions, an estimate was necessary to fill in the missing years and regional detail ([Appendix G](#)). Furthermore, because prices from the STEO are based on our annual- and state-level prices, the NGMM did not benchmark the industrial prices to align with STEO. Industrial prices are set as:

$$PRICE_IND_{yr,r} = (AVGind_PRICE_SPOT_{yr,r} + MARKUP_IND_{yr,r}) * STEO_IND_{yr,r} \quad (81)$$

where

$PRICE_IND_{yr,r}$ = Delivered price to industrial customers in census division r in projection year yr (1987\$/Mcf)

$MARKUP_IND_{yr,r}$ = Historically based markup from quantity-weighted average spot price to delivered price to industrial customers in census division r in projection year yr (1987\$/Mcf), set as average over user-specified historical years ($Year_IND$).

$AVGind_PRICE_SPOT_{yr,r}$ = Quantity-weighted average spot prices in census division r in projection year yr , using state- and month-level spot prices and industrial consumption as weights (1987\$/Mcf)

$STEO_IND_{yr}$ = factor to align industrial prices to STEO results in projection year yr (set to 1.0 since not used)

r = census division

yr = projection year

Although the price to the industrial sector in NEMS is separately categorized for core and noncore customers, we are no longer using this distinction, and the same price is assigned to both NEMS variables.

Electric generation sector

The NGMM provides delivered prices to electric generators to, and receives consumption levels by electric generators from, the Electricity Market Module (EMM) in the NEMS by 17 regions (one of which is Alaska) and three seasons. For the regions in the Lower 48 states, these prices are based on the average regional and seasonal spot prices, calculated by averaging over state and month spot prices, with state and month electric generator consumption levels as weights. The base markup, or the lagged markup, in the first projection year is set to a historical average difference between the delivered price and spot price in each region and season. The projected markup in each year is allowed to increase or decrease, depending on how much the electric generator consumption increases or decreases compared with consumption in the other sectors.⁵³ This allowance is intended to reflect that electric generators will likely need to reserve more space on the pipeline system as their market share increases. Because these markups can theoretically be negative, the spot price is added to the markup to ensure it is positive and then subtracted after the scaling is applied. Because the STEO only forecasts a single national price for electric generators, the model code only sets and uses one STEO benchmark factor for each STEO year to ensure that the quantity-weighted average annual and national prices to electric generators aligns with the annual and national STEO values. These factors are phased to 1.0 after the last STEO year as is done for the residential and commercial sectors. The relevant equations are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 MARKUP_ELEC_{yr,p,e} = & (MARKUP_ELEC_{yr-1,p,e} + AVGelec_PRICE_SPOT_{yr,p,e}) \\
 & * \left[1 + \frac{QEMM_ELEC_{yr,p,e} - QEMM_ELEC_{yr-1,p,e}}{QEMM_ELEC_{yr,p,e}} \right]^{Factor_EL} - AVGelec_PRICE_SPOT_{yr,p,e}
 \end{aligned} \tag{82}$$

⁵³ This ratio is represented in brackets in the equation below and is limited to fall between 0.5 and 2.0.

$$PRICE_ELEC_{yr,p,e} = (AVGelec_PRICE_SPOT_{yr,p,e} + MARKUP_ELEC_{yr,p,e}) * STEO_ELEC_{yr} \quad (83)$$

where

$PRICE_ELEC_{yr,p,e}$ = delivered price to electric generators in projection year yr , season p , and NGEMM region e (1987\$/Mcf)

$MARKUP_ELEC_{yr,p,e}$ = historically based markup from quantity-weighted average spot price to delivered price to electric generators in projection year yr , season p , and NGEMM region e (1987\$/Mcf), set as average over user-specified historical years ($Year_EL$).

$AVGelec_PRICE_SPOT_{yr,p,e}$ = quantity-weighted average spot prices in projection year yr , season p , and NGEMM region e , using state/month level spot prices and electric generator consumption as weights (1987\$/Mcf)

$QEMM_ELEC_{yr,p,e}$ = electric generator consumption in projection year yr , season p , and NGEMM region e (Bcf)

$QEMM_TOT_{yr,p,e}$ = total delivered consumption across all sectors in projection year yr , season p , and NGEMM region e (Bcf)

$STEO_ELEC_{yr}$ = factor to align national average electric generator prices to STEO results in projection year yr

$Factor_EL$ = assumed parameter, set exogenously

p = seasonal period (peak – December to March, offpeak – June to September, shoulder – remaining months)

e = sixteen NGEMM regions in the Lower 48 states

yr = projection year

The price to electric generators in Alaska does not vary by season and is set by adding a historically based markup to an estimated citygate price for Alaska ([Appendix G](#)):

$$AK_PRICE_CG_{yr} = e^{\alpha} * (WOP_{yr})^{\beta} \quad (84)$$

$$PRICE_ELEC_{yr,p,AK} = (AK_PRICE_CG_{AK_{yr}} + AK_MARKUP_ELEC_{yr}) * STEO_ELEC_{yr} \quad (85)$$

where

$PRICE_ELEC_{yr,p,AK}$ = delivered price to electric generators in Alaska in projection year yr and season p (1987\$/Mcf)

$AK_PRICE_CG_{yr}$ = citygate price in Alaska in projection year yr (1987\$/Mcf)

$AK_MARKUP_ELEC_{yr}$ = historically based markup from city gas price in Alaska to delivered price to electric generators for projection year yr (1987\$/Mcf), exogenously specified (*PriceMarkup*)

$STEO_ELEC_{yr}$ = factor to align national average electric generator prices to STEO results for projection year yr

WOP_{yr} = U.S. crude oil imported refinery acquisition cost for projection year yr (1987\$/barrel)

α = estimated parameter, constant term in log-log regression ($x_AK_Citygate1$)

β = estimated parameter ($x_AK_Citygate2$)

p = seasonal period (peak – December to March, offpeak – June to September, shoulder – remaining months)

AK = NGEMM region 17, representing Alaska

yr = projection year

Transportation sector

End-use, or delivered, natural gas prices to the transportation sector (that is, to natural gas-fueled vehicles) are calculated for two fuel types (compressed natural gas-CNG, liquefied natural gas-LNG) and four modes of transportation: personal vehicles (cars and trucks), fleet vehicles (cars, trucks, and buses), rail, and marine. These eight prices have four components:

- Price of natural gas delivered to the dispensing station or an LNG facility (either citygate price plus historical markup, industrial gas price, or electric gas price)
- For LNG, the cost of liquefying and transporting fuel to the dispensing station
- Retail markup, or the cost of delivered CNG or LNG at the dispensing station above the base price (includes per-unit cost of dispensing fuel)
- Federal and state motor fuels taxes

The base price of natural gas is a model assumption; all three options can be used. Using the citygate price as the basis for fuel prices to vehicles implies that dispensing stations buy from a local distribution company (LDC) and incur the additional cost of reserving firm capacity on pipelines as part of the end use price. Personal and fleet vehicles use the citygate price as their base prices. The historical markup is calculated based on the historical difference between the price of CNG from either public stations (that is, personal vehicles) or private stations (that is, fleet vehicles) reported in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's quarterly *Clean Cities Alternative Fuels Price Report*⁵⁴ and the historical citygate price. Using the industrial or electric prices⁵⁵ as a base price indicates that stations or LNG facilities buy natural gas and reserve pipeline space similarly to these sectors (that is, on an interruptible basis and in large volumes).

⁵⁴ U.S. Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, [Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Price Report](#).

⁵⁵ All but CNG vehicles are assumed to see prices based on the industrial price.

The fuel cost, represented as a loss factor, associated with liquefying and transporting LNG to the dispensing station is assumed to be the same as that assumed for LNG export facilities plus an additional loss factor similar to that for CNG.

Retail markups at dispensing stations for the eight categories of natural gas vehicle fuel were calculated based on assumed sizes and costs of generic dispensing facilities, short of motor fuel taxes.⁵⁶ The series of equations to derive these retail markups are:

$$CAPEX_YR_{f,v} = WACC_{f,v} * \frac{(1 + WACC_{f,v})^{YRS_INVEST_{f,v}}}{[(1 + WACC_{f,v})^{YRS_INVEST_{f,v}}] - 1} \quad (86)$$

$$CAPEX_MCF_{f,v} = \frac{CAPEX_TOT_{f,v}}{CAP_DAY_{f,v} * 365 * CAP_UTIL_{f,v}} * CAPEX_YR_{f,v} \quad (87)$$

$$COST_RETAIL_{f,v} = CAPEX_MCF_{f,v} + OPEX_MCF_{f,v} \quad (88)$$

where, for fuel f and vehicle type v ,

$CAPEX_YR_{f,v}$ = cost that must be recovered each year in order to recover the capital expenditures necessary to build a dispensing station (1987\$)

$CAPEX_MCF_{f,v}$ = cost added to the price per unit of fuel dispensed in order to recover the capital costs (1987\$/Mcf)

$COST_RETAIL_{f,v}$ = total markup, or cost added, to the retail price in order to recover all capital and operational costs of a dispensing station (1987\$/Mcf)

$WACC_{f,v}$ = weighted average cost of capital for the construction of a dispensing station, representing the discount rate for calculating net present value (%); represents the minimum rate of return required to satisfy investors

$YRS_INVEST_{f,v}$ = number of years over which the total capital expenditures are expected to be fully recovered for the dispensing station

$CAPEX_TOT_{f,v}$ = total capital expenditure required to construct a dispensing station (1987\$)

$CAP_DAY_{f,v}$ = daily capacity, or total volume of fuel able to be dispensed, of a dispensing station (Mcf/d)

$CAP_UTIL_{f,v}$ = expected utilization of a dispensing station (%)

$OPEX_MCF_{f,v}$ = cost required to operate a dispensing station per unit of fuel dispensed (1987\$/Mcf)

⁵⁶ [Assumptions to the Annual Energy Outlook 2025: Natural Gas Market Module](#)

f = fuel type (CNG, LNG)

v = vehicle type (personal, fleet, rail, marine)

Finally, appropriate federal and state motor fuels taxes, net of credits, are added to the price. Federal taxes are held constant in nominal dollars throughout the projection period, consistent with the federal tax code. Although the laws for adjusting state taxes vary, we applied a simplifying assumption in the NGMM that state taxes are constant in real dollars of the first model year; therefore, we assume only federal taxes rise with inflation while state taxes do not.

The following equations are used to set transportation prices:

For markups from industrial sector price:

$$PRICE_TRANS_{yr,f,v,r} = COST_RETAIL_{f,v} + \frac{TAX_FED_{yr,f}}{GDP_87_{yr}} + \frac{TAX_STATE_{f,r}}{GDP_87_{2016}} + [(1 + LOSS_{f,v}) * PRICE_IND_{yr,r}] \quad (89)$$

For markups from the electric power sector price:

$$PRICE_TRANS_{yr,f,v,r} = COST_RETAIL_{f,v} + \frac{TAX_FED_{yr,f}}{GDP_87_{yr}} + \frac{TAX_STATE_{f,r}}{GDP_87_{2016}} + [(1 + LOSS_{f,v}) * PRICE_ELEC_{yr,r}] \quad (90)$$

For markups from the citygate price, used for CNG fleet and personal vehicles:

$$PRICE_TRANS_{yr,f,v,r} = COST_RETAIL_{f,v} + HIST_TARIFF_{f,v,r} + \frac{TAX_FED_{yr,f}}{GDP_87_{yr}} + \frac{TAX_STATE_{f,r}}{GDP_87_{2016}} + [(1 + LOSS_{f,v}) * PRICE_CG_{yr,r}] \quad (91)$$

where

$PRICE_TRANS_{yr,f,v,r}$ = delivered price of transportation fuel to consumers at dispensing station in projection year yr for fuel type f , vehicle type v , and census division r (1987\$/Mcf)

$COST_RETAIL_{f,v}$ = assumed additional charge related to dispensing fuel f to customers for vehicle type v (1987\$/Mcf)

$TAX_FED_{yr,f}$ = Federal motor vehicle fuel tax in year yr for fuel f , excluded when setting prices for marine vehicles (nominal\$/Mcf)

$TAX_STATE_{f,r}$ = average state motor vehicle fuel tax in year yr for census division r excluded when setting prices for marine and rail vehicles (2016\$/Mcf)

GDP_87_{yr} = GDP conversion from year yr dollars to 1987 dollars (from the NEMS macroeconomic module)

$LOSS_{f,v}$ = fuel loss associated with converting natural gas to fuel f and transporting it to dispensing station for vehicle type v ($Trans_PctFuelLoss$)⁵⁷

$PRICE_IND_{yr,r}$ = delivered price natural gas to industrial sector in census division r and projection year yr (1987\$/Mcf)

$PRICE_ELEC_{yr,r}$ = average annual delivered price of natural gas to the electric power sector in census division r and projection year yr (1987\$/Mcf)

$HIST_TARIFF_{f,v,r}$ = average historical tariff for the transportation sector to deliver natural gas from the citygate to the station for fuel f and vehicle type v in census division r over the last user- specified number of years ($NumberOfYearsforAverage_Trans$) (1987\$/ Mcf)

$PRICE_CG_{yr,r}$ = citygate price in census division r and projection year yr , (1987\$/Mcf)

yr = projection year

f = fuel type (CNG, LNG)

v = vehicle type (personal, fleet, rail, marine)

r = ensus division

Reporting to the NEMS

During post-processing, several additional values must be calculated for reporting to the NEMS, which include:

- Lease fuel consumption
- Plant fuel consumption
- Pipeline fuel consumption
- Annual and regional flows of natural gas

You can find details on how they are assigned in the [pre-processing](#) section of the NGMM documentation.

The final step in the NGMM (for all iterations except the NEMS reporting loop) is filling the NEMS global arrays (within the NGMM, all NEMS variables are renamed and mapped to NGMM indexes to adhere to the model code's naming conventions and units). In the procedure *Write_to_NEMS*, NGMM parameters are assigned to the corresponding NEMS global variable; in addition, any aggregations unique to NEMS variables (that is, assigning a total U.S. value to the final position of an array) are calculated here.

⁵⁷ Currently this is only associated with LNG, so the value for CNG is zero.

Appendix A

Model Abstract

Model name

Natural Gas Market Module

Acronym

NGMM

Description

The NGMM models the North American natural gas transmission and distribution network that links the suppliers and consumers of natural gas (including global LNG markets), and in so doing, determines the regional market clearing natural gas end-use and supply prices. Model outputs include:

- Average annual natural gas end-use price levels by sector and census division
- Average annual natural gas production volumes and prices by HSM region
- Average annual natural gas import and export volumes (pipeline and LNG) and prices (pipeline) by census division
- Annual pipeline fuel consumption by census division
- Annual lease and plant fuel consumption by census division
- Annual flow of natural gas between regions
- Annual pipeline capacity additions and utilization levels by arc

Purpose

The NGMM is the component of the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) that represents the mid-term natural gas market. The NGMM derives natural gas supply and end-use prices and flow patterns for transporting natural gas through the regional interstate network. The prices and flow patterns are derived by obtaining a market equilibrium across the three main components of the natural gas market: the supply component, the demand component, and the transmission and distribution network that links them.

Date of last update

This version is the first updated documentation published for the NGMM. The first version of this documentation was published in [October 2018](#). Documentation for its predecessor, the Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Module, was last published in 2014.

Part of another model

NEMS

Model interfaces

Model receives input from the:

- Macroeconomic Activity Module
- International Energy Module

- Liquid Fuels Market Module
- Hydrocarbon Supply Module
- Residential Demand Module
- Commercial Demand Module
- Industrial Demand Module
- Transportation Demand Module
- Integrating Module
- Electricity Market Module
- Hydrogen Market Module

The model provides outputs to the:

- Macroeconomic Activity Module
- Liquid Fuels Market Module
- Hydrocarbon Supply Module
- Residential Demand Module
- Commercial Demand Module
- Industrial Demand Module
- Transportation Demand Module
- Integrating Module
- Electricity Market Module
- Hydrogen Market Module

Documentation

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Archive media and manuals

- The NGMM is archived as a component of NEMS, which is available from our Github page <https://github.com/EIAgov/NEMS>.
- You can find more information and detailed instructions on the [Annual Energy Outlook Archive](#) page.

Energy system described

North American natural gas market transmission and distribution

Coverage

Geographic

The NGMM represents the natural gas transmission system within the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The Lower 48 states are represented at the state level. Canada is represented by an eastern and western region. Mexico is represented by five regions: Northwest, Northeast, Interior-West, Central, and South-Southeast. Destinations for LNG exports are represented as Atlantic Basin (Europe) or Pacific Basin (Asia). Supply and demand regions are defined by their respective NEMS modules.

Time unit and frequency

The model is solved on a monthly level from a user-defined first model year to a user-defined last model year (2050). Time is represented from 1990 through 2080.

Products

Natural gas, liquefied natural gas (LNG)

Economic sectors

Residential, commercial, industrial, electric generators, and transportation

Modeling features

Model structure

The NGMM is a quadratic mathematical program that maximizes consumer plus producer surplus, minus transportation costs, subject to linear mass balance and capacity constraints.

Model technique

Natural gas supply and demand markets are balanced, and the marginal price sets market prices. Demands are held constant and disaggregated according to historical data. Expected variable supply is modeled as a short-term supply curve. Storage injections and withdrawals are set to historical levels, scaled to equal zero net injections in all projection years. Liquefied natural gas export capacity is built if the model determines the new capacity's net present value over the projection period is economically favorable, given global LNG prices.

Special features

The NGMM can run stand-alone in AIMMS or within NEMS, but it should always be run with the HSM for best results. We developed report pages in AIMMS within a graphical user interface to visualize model results at a disaggregated level. Complete run results are saved in case files for each NEMS cycle and can be loaded into AIMMS independent of NEMS. The model can be run either with AIMMS open throughout the entire run (if sufficient AIMMS licenses are available) or by opening and closing the AIMMS each time the model is called (lengthening runtime considerably).

Non-DOE Input Sources

- Natural Gas Intelligence
- Historical spot prices
- Secretaría de Energía de México/Sistema de Información Energética
- Historical annual Mexico gross natural gas production by supply type and field
- Historical Mexico consumption by month, sector, and region
- Historical dry natural gas balance and distribution
- Historical annual LNG imports to Mexico by terminal
- Historical annual natural gas pipeline capacities
- Comisión Reguladora de Energía (Mexico)
- Historical natural gas spot prices by month for Mexico's market regions
- Statistics Canada
- Historical storage injections and withdrawals by month and province for Canada

- National Energy Board of Canada
- Historical annual natural gas pipeline capacities and flows within Canada by region
- Historical consumption by month, sector, and province for Canada
- Historical LNG imports into Canada by month
- Alberta Energy Regulator
- Historical annual bitumen production from oil sands in Alberta by mining type
- Historical annual natural gas produced, consumed, and purchased for oil sands production by mining type
- Internal Revenue Service
- Federal natural gas vehicle taxes by fuel type
- State of Alaska, Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- Alaska population projections by year

DOE Input Sources

- U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Natural Gas Annual/Natural Gas Monthly*
- Natural gas consumption and delivered prices by month, state, and sector
- Natural gas pipeline import and export volumes and prices by month, state, and border crossing
- Natural gas storage injections and withdrawals by month and state
- Balancing item by state and year
- Interstate flows of natural gas by state and year
- Citygate prices by state and month
- Number of residential customers for natural gas by state and year
- Supplemental supply volumes by state and year
- Pipeline fuel consumption, lease fuel consumption, and plant fuel consumption by state and year
- Natural gas plant liquid volumes processed, extraction losses, and total condensate by state and year
- U.S. Energy Information Administration, natural gas pipeline data
- Historical U.S. state-to-state natural gas pipeline capacity by year and state
- Planned natural gas pipeline projects by year and state
- U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Electric Power Monthly*
- Natural gas consumption and prices to electric generators by state and month
- U.S. Energy Information Administration, EIA-846, *Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey*
- Base year core and non-core industrial end use prices by census region
- U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Short-Term Energy Outlook*
- Natural gas delivered end use price forecasts by census division for the first 2 years beyond history
- National natural gas market forecast for the first two years beyond history
- U.S. Energy Information Administration, *International Energy Outlook*
- Natural gas consumption projections for Canada and Mexico by sector and year
- Natural gas production projection for Mexico by year

- Projected flexible liquefied natural gas supplies (that is, liquefied natural gas volumes not sold under contracts) available to the global market by year
- Liquefied natural gas imports into Europe and Asia by year
- Office of Fossil Energy
- Liquefied natural gas export capacity planned and under construction by facility
- Import and export volumes and prices by border crossing
- Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Price Report
- Delivered compressed natural gas prices to the transportation sector at public and private dispensing stations
- Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Alternative Fuels Data Center
- State natural gas vehicle taxes by fuel type

Computing Environment

- Hardware Used: PC
- Operating System: UNIX simulation (in NEMS), Windows (Stand-alone)
- Language/Software Used: AIMMS
- Memory Requirement: Unknown
- Storage Requirement: Unknown
- Estimated Run Time: 45 minutes (within NEMS running with the Hydrocarbon Supply Module and opening and closing AIMMS each time the model is called)

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Status of Evaluation Efforts by Sponsor

We continue to evaluate and improve historical calibration. Future goals include running the NGMM in historical years to set model input parameters.

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Appendix C

Table C.1 Documentation variables mapped to model identifiers

Section	Name in documentation	Name in model
Capacity expansion		
	Q_CAPEX	ConsumptionForCapExp
	Q_MONTH	Cons_State_Mon
	f^1	WeatherFactor1
	f^2	WeatherFactor2
Supply		
	PROD_GOM	ImpliedStateGOMproduction
	PROD	AnnualSupply
	$\alpha(\text{st})$	GOM_OGDIST2StateShare
	$\beta(\text{st})$	GOM_OGDIST2StateShare
Pipeline fuel		
	PIP_DIST	DistributionLosses
	Q_RES	Cons_State_Mon
	Q_COM	Cons_State_Mon
	PCT_DIST	DistributionLossFactor
	PIP_STORE	StorageLosses
	STORE_INJ	StorageInjections
	STORE_WTH	StorageWithdrawals
	PCT_STORE	StorageLossFactor
	PIP_INTRA	IntrastatePipeFuelLosses
	PROD_DRY	ActualProductionMonthly
	PCT_INTRA	IntrastatePipeFuelFactor
	PIP_TRANS	TranFuelLosses
	P_LOSS	Ploss
	FLOW	HistoricalFlowAnnual
	FLOW_IN	HistoricalFlowIn
	FLOW_OUT	HistoricalFlowOut
	TOTAL	Intersum
Balancing item		
	DISC	BalanceItem
	Q_TOT	TotalConsumption
	Q_PIP	HistoricalAnnualPipeFuel
	Q_LAP	LeaseAndPlantFuelAnnual
	PCT_LIQ	(historically in pipe fuel)
	LNG_EXP	LNGExports
	STORE_INJ	StorageInjections
	STORE_WTH	StorageWithdrawals

Section	Name in documentation	Name in model
	SUP_TOT	Supply
	FLOW_IN	HistoricalFlowAnnual
	FLOW_OUT	HistoricalFlowAnnual
Storage		
	AVE_YR_INJ	AnnualAverageStorageInjections
	AVE_YR_WTH	AnnualAverageStorageWithdrawals
	$\alpha(\text{storage})$	StorageScalingParameter
	AVE_INJ	AverageStorageInjections
	AVE_WTH	AverageStorageWithdrawals
Mexico		
	PROD_MX_AD	MX_Oil_Production
	WOP	WorldOilPrice
	α_{Oil}	x_MX_Oil_Prod1_2
	β_{Oil}	x_MX_Oil_WOP2_2
	PROD_MX_AD	AnnualSupply
	α_{AD}	x_MX_AD_Prod1
	β_{AD}	x_MX_AD_WOP1
	γ_{AD}	x_MX_AD_OilProd
	PROD_MX_NA	AnnualSupply
	HH_PRICE	HenryHubPrice
	$\alpha(\text{NA},t)$	x_MX_NA_Prod1_1, x_MX_NA_Prod1_2
	$\beta(\text{NA},t)$	x_MX_NA_HH1_1, x_MX_NA_HH1_2
	Cons_MX_PEMEX	Cons_MX_PEMEX
	α_{PEMEX}	x_MX_Cons_PEMEX_1
	β_{PEMEX}	x_MX_Cons_PEMEX_Oil
	Cons_MX_Ind_other	Cons_MX_Industrial
	α_{Ind}	x_MX_Cons_Industrial_1
	β_{Ind}	x_MX_Cons_Industrial_HH
	C_Ind	c_MX_Cons_Industrial
	Cons_MX_Ind	IEO_MX_Consumption
LNG exports		
	PRICE_LNG	WorldLNGPrice
	FLEX	LNG_WorldFlex
	LNG_USA	LNG_USFlex
	LNG_ADD	LNG_Increment
	Q_LNG	LNG_Demand
	α_d	LNG_ExpOil
	β_d	LNG_ExpFlexLNGYr
	PRICE_SUP	USLNGSupplyPrice
	LAST_PRICE_SUP	LastCycle_USLNGSupplyPrice

Section	Name in documentation	Name in model
	FACTOR_LNG	LNG_ConvergenceFactor
	LAST_PROD	LastCycle_Production
	LNG_CAP	LNG_ExportCapacity
	LAST_LNG_CAP	LastCycle_LNGExports
	γ	LNG_Gamma_Adj
	γ_1	x_LNG_Gamma1
	γ_2	x_LNG_Gamma2
	PROD_ACT	ActualProductionAnnual
	PROD_EXP	AnnualSupply
	PRICE_USLNG	LNG_USLookAheadPrice
	PCT_LIQ	LNG_PctFuelCharge
	COST_LIQ	LNG_Liquefaction
	COST_REGAS	LNG_Regasification
	COST_SHIP	LNG_ShippingCost
	NVP_USLNG	LNG_USDiscount
	DCF_RATE	LNG_DCDiscountRate
Alaska		
	AK_PROD_N	AK_Production
	AK_PROD_S	AK_Production
	AK_LAP	AK_LeasePlant
	AK_LNG_EXP	AK_LNG_Exports
	AK_Q_TOTAL	AK_Cons_EndUse
	PCT_LIQ	Pct_Liquifaction_Fuel
	PCT_PIP	AK_PIP_Percent
	α^{LAP}	x_AK_N_LAP2
	β^{LAP}	x_AK_N_LAP3
	C^{LAP}	x_AK_N_LAP1
	AK_PROD_OIL	AK_Prod_Crude_Total
	AK_Q_RES	AK_Cons_EndUse
	AK_Q_COM	AK_Cons_EndUse
	AK_POP	Population
	UNEMP	Unemployment
	α^{RES}	x_AK_Cons_Residential1
	β^{RES}	x_AK_Cons_Residential2
	γ^{RES}	x_AK_Cons_Residential3
	α^{COM}	x_AK_Cons_Commercial1
	β^{COM}	x_AK_Cons_Commercial2
	γ^{COM}	x_AK_Cons_Commercial3
	AK_DISC	AK_Discrepancy

Section	Name in documentation	Name in model
Imports and exports		
	LNGEXP	AnnualLNGExports
	Q_LIQ	LNGFuelForLiquefaction
	LNG	QTotalLNGExports
	PCT_LIQ	Pct_Liquifaction_Fuel
	LSMAX	LNGExpCrv_MaxStep
	IMP_CN	Imports_Canada
	EXP_CN	Exports_Canada
	IMP_MX	Imports_Mexico
	EXP_MX	Exports_Mexico
	FLOWH2H	FlowHubToHub
Delivered prices		
	PRICE_CG_ST	Price_Citygate
	PRICE_CG_CD	PriceCitygateAnnualforMarkups
	PRICE_SPOT	Price_Spot
	Q_RES	Cons_State_Mon
	Q_COM	Cons_State_Mon
	$\alpha_{\text{per(mon),st}}$	pspot_peak, pspot_offpeak
	$\beta_{\text{per(mon),st}}$	PQ_peak, PQ_offpeak
	$C_{\text{per(mon),st}}$	Inter_peak, inter_offpeak
Residential		
	PRICE_RES	Price_Enduse
	MARKUP_RES	Markups_Enduse
	QCD_RES	NEMS_Consumption
	HOUSES	Households
	C^{RES}_r	DIV_RES
	α^{RES}	PAR1_RES
	ρ^{RES}	PAR2_RES
	STEO_RES	STEOEndUsePriceFactor
Commercial		
	PRICE_COM	Price_Enduse
	MARKUP_COM	Markups_Enduse
	QCD_COM	NEMS_Consumption
	FLOORSPEACE	Floorspace
	C^{COM}_r	DIV_COM
	α^{COM}	PAR1_COM
	ρ^{COM}	PAR3_COM
	β^{COM}	PAR2_COM

Section	Name in documentation	Name in model
	STEO_COM	STEOEndUsePriceFactor
Industrial		
	PRICE_IND	Price_Enduse
	MARKUP_IND	AverageMarkupIND
	AVGind_PRICE_SPOT	PriceCitygateAnnualforMarkups
	STEO_IND	STEOEndUsePriceFactor
Electric		
	PRICE_ELEC	Price_EnduseElectric
	MARKUP_ELEC	Markups_Enduse_Electric
	AVGelec_PRICE_SPOT	PriceSpotAnnualElectric
	QEMM_ELEC	NEMS_Consumption_EMM
	QEMM_TOT	QOTHER
	FACTOR_EL	Factor_EL
	STEO_ELEC	STEOElectricPriceFactor
	AK_PRICE_CG	AK_Citygate
	WOP	WorldOilPrice
	α	x_AK_Citygate1
	β	x_AK_Citygate2
	AK_MARKUP_ELEC	PriceMarkup
Transportation		
	PRICE_TRANS	Price_EndUseTransportation
	CAPEX_YR	Trans_PctCapexPerYr
	WACC	Trans_WACC
	YRS_INVEST	Trans_YrsRecover
	CAPEX_MCF	Trans_CapexPerMcf
	CAPEX_TOT	Trans_Capex
	CAP_DAY	Trans_DailyCapacity
	CAP_UTIL	Trans_Utilization
	COST_RETAIL	Trans_CostMarkup
	OPEX_MCF	Trans_Opex
	COST_RETAIL	Trans_CostMarkup
	TAX_FED	Tax_Federal
	TAX_STATE	Tax_State
	GDP_87	GDPPriceDeflator87
	HIST_TARIFF	Trans_Tariff

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

Appendix D

Table D.1 Documentation equations mapped to procedures in the NGMM code

Equation in documentation	Procedure in the NGMM
Model structure and design	
(1)	CurveDefinitions, SupplyCurveParameters
(2)-(5)	SupplyCurveParameters
(6)	CurveDefinitions
(7)-(28)	individual identifiers
(29)	DefineConsumptionForCapExp
Pre-processing	
(30)-(33)	Calculate_GOMProductionShares
(40)-(42)	Losses_InitializeData
(43)	PipefuelFactors_Initialize
(44),(45)	Flow_InitializeData
(46),(47)	PipefuelFactors_Initialize
(48)	BalancingItem_Initialize
(49)-(51)	Storage_InitializeData
(52)-(58)	Mexico_Run
(54)	Calculate_WorldLNGPrices
(55)-(64)	Calculate_USLNGExportPrices
(65)-(69)	Alaska_Subroutine_Run
Post-processing	
(70)-(71)	LNGAnnualExports_PostProcess
(72)-(75)	Import_Export_Run
(76)	CityGatePrice
(77)	EndUseMarkups_Residential
(78)	EndUsePrice
(79)	EndUseMarkups_Commercial
(80),(81)	EndUsePrice
(82)	EndUsePrice_Electric
(83)	EndUsePrice
(84),(85)	Alaska_Subroutine_Run
(86)-(88)	EndUsePrice_TransCost_Initialize
(89)-(94)	EndUsePrice_Transportation

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

Appendix E

Table E.1 Model variables mapped to input files

Input file	Identifier	Identifier type
ngassumptions	AK_ANGTS_Min_WHPrice	Parameter
ngassumptions	AK_Cons_Industrial	Parameter
ngassumptions	AK_LSE_Percent	Parameter
ngassumptions	AK_PIP_Percent	Parameter
ngassumptions	AK_PLT_Percent	Parameter
ngassumptions	Calibration_Option	Parameter (binary)
ngassumptions	c_MX_Cons_Industrial	Parameter
ngassumptions	DistributionLossFactor	Parameter
ngassumptions	Error_PriceCheck	Parameter (binary)
ngassumptions	FlowsZeroOut	Parameter
ngassumptions	GatherCharge_Add	Parameter
ngassumptions	GatheringCharge	Parameter
ngassumptions	IEO_CN_Bitumen	Parameter
ngassumptions	IEO_CN_Consumption	Parameter
ngassumptions	IEO_LastHistoricalYear	Parameter
ngassumptions	IEO_LNGExport	Parameter
ngassumptions	IEO_MX_Consumption	Parameter
ngassumptions	IEO_MX_Production	Parameter
ngassumptions	LastDataYear	Element Parameter
ngassumptions	LastNGAYear	Element Parameter
ngassumptions	map_SupCrvOption	Parameter
ngassumptions	MaxSteolter	Parameter
ngassumptions	MX_OilRecoveryYear	Element Parameter
ngassumptions	MX_Sector_PEMEX	Element Parameter
ngassumptions	MX_Sector_Industrial	Element Parameter
ngassumptions	NoBuildYear	Element Parameter
ngassumptions	NumberOfSTEOPhaseOutYears	Parameter
ngassumptions	NumberOfSTEOWords	Parameter
ngassumptions	NumberOfYearsForAverage_Demand_	Parameter
ngassumptions	NumberOfYearsForAverage_Discrepancy_	Parameter
ngassumptions	NumberOfYearsForAverage_Discrepancy_CN_	Parameter
ngassumptions	NumberOfYearsForAverage_GOMprod_	Parameter
ngassumptions	NumberOfYearsForAverage_LeaseFuel_	Parameter
ngassumptions	NumberOfYearsForAverage_PlantFuel_	Parameter
ngassumptions	NumberOfYearsForAverage_SNG_	Parameter
ngassumptions	NumberOfYearsForAverage_LNG_	Parameter
ngassumptions	NumberOfYearsForAverage_Storage_	Parameter

Input file	Identifier	Identifier type
ngassumptions	NumberOfYearsForAverage_Trans_	Parameter
ngassumptions	NumberOfYearsForLookAhead_LNG_	Parameter
ngassumptions	OilSandsSwitch	Parameter (binary)
ngassumptions	Param_SupCrv	Parameter
ngassumptions	Param_SupElas	Parameter
ngassumptions	Parameter_LNGExpPrc	Parameter
ngassumptions	Parameter_LNGExpQty	Parameter
ngassumptions	Parameter_PrcElasticity	Parameter
ngassumptions	Parameter_SupCrv	Parameter
ngassumptions	Parameter_SupElasticity	Parameter
ngassumptions	Pct_Liquifaction_Fuel	Parameter
ngassumptions	PercentOfProductionMovedForPlantFuel	Parameter
ngassumptions	Population	Parameter
ngassumptions	PriceMarkup	Parameter
ngassumptions	PriceSpot_Add	Parameter
ngassumptions	SaveEachCycle_Switch	Parameter (binary)
ngassumptions	SaveEachIteration_Switch	Parameter (binary)
ngassumptions	STEOCNExportPercent	Parameter
ngassumptions	STEOCNImportPercent	Parameter
ngassumptions	STEONGIND	Parameter
ngassumptions	STEOScaleNG	Parameter
ngassumptions	StorageLossFactor	Parameter
ngassumptions	WeatherFactor1	Parameter
ngassumptions	WeatherFactor2	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_AK_Citygate1	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_AK_Citygate2	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_AK_Cons_Commercial1	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_AK_Cons_Commercial2	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_AK_Cons_Commercial3	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_AK_Cons_Residential1	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_AK_Cons_Residential2	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_AK_Cons_Residential3	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_AK_N_LAP1	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_AK_N_LAP2	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_AK_N_LAP3	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_MX_AD_OilProd	Parameter
ngassumptions	x_MX_AD_Prod1	Parameter
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ngassumptions	x_MX_Cons_Industrial_HH	Parameter

Input file	Identifier	Identifier type
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ngassumptions	x_MX_Cons_PEMEX_Oil	Parameter
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ngassumptions	x_MX_NA_HH1_2	Parameter
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ngassumptions	x_MX_NA_Prod1_2	Parameter
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ngcanada	HistoricalFlowAnnual	Parameter
ngcanada	HistoricalStorageInjections	Parameter
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ngcanada	HistoricalSupply	Parameter
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ngcapacity	PlannedCapacity	Parameter
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ngeia	HistoricalAnnualEndUsePrice	Parameter
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ngeia	HistoricalExportsPrice	Parameter
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ngeia	HistoricalLNGImportsPrice	Parameter
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Input file	Identifier	Identifier type
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nglngexp	LNG_ExportCapacity	Parameter
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nglngexp	LNG_GrowthRateYr	Element Parameter
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nglngexp	LNG_YrsUntilBuild	Parameter
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Input file	Identifier	Identifier type
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ngmarkups	HistoricalAnnualPriceEERE	Parameter
ngmarkups	HistoricalAnnualRoadPriceEERE	Parameter
ngmarkups	HistoricalIndustrialPrice_MESC	Parameter
ngmarkups	IndustrialOption	Element Parameter
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ngmarkups	Inter_peak	Parameter
ngmarkups	Inter_peak, inter_offpeak	Parameter
ngmarkups	Inter_year	Parameter
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ngmarkups	pspot_peak	Parameter
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ngmarkups	pspot_year	Parameter
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ngmarkups	Trans_Capex	Parameter
ngmarkups	Trans_CostsYrDollars	Element Parameter

Input file	Identifier	Identifier type
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ngmarkups	Trans_WACC	Parameter
ngmarkups	Trans_YrsRecover	Parameter
ngmarkups	TransportationOption	Element Parameter
ngmexico	HistoricalAnnualSupply	Parameter
ngmexico	HistoricalCapacity	Parameter
ngmexico	HistoricalConsumptionSENER	Parameter
ngmexico	HistoricalSpotPrice	Parameter
ngmexico	PlannedCapacity	Parameter
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ngsetmap	Canada_	Set
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ngsetmap	CanadaWest	Set
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ngsetmap	CD_ESCentral	Element Parameter
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Input file	Identifier	Identifier type
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ngsetmap	HenryHubRegion	Element Parameter
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ngsetmap	map_SupplyArcs	Parameter (binary)
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Input file	Identifier	Identifier type
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ngsetmap	NEMScase_	Set
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ngsetmap	OhioState	Element Parameter
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ngsetmap	States_	Set

Input file	Identifier	Identifier type
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ngsetmap	SupplyType_	Set
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ngsetmap	Vehicle_Personal	Element Parameter
ngsetmap	Vehicle_Rail	Element Parameter
ngsetmap	VehicleRoad_	Set
ngsetmap	VehicleType_	Set
ngsetmap	WesternGOM	Element Parameter
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ngspotprc	HistoricalAnnualSpotPrice	Parameter
ngspotprc	HistoricalAnnualWellhdPrice	Parameter
ngspotprc	HistoricalSpotPrice	Parameter
ngspotprc	HistoricalSubstateSpotPricecDifferential	Parameter
ngvartar	GenericTariffCurve	Parameter
ngvartar	VariableTariffCurve	Parameter

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

Appendix F

Global data transferred between the NEMS and the NGMM

This table lists all global data transferred between NEMS and the NGMM. Variables in **bold** identify data that are both sent from NEMS and then sent back to NEMS by the model (that is, output from the NGMM that is then sent to other NEMS modules). This table includes:

- The name of the global datum identifier in the NGMM, which consists of the common block name, an underscore, and then the variable name itself
- A brief description of the variable
- The main NEMS module communicating with the NGMM for that variable, if applicable (Full names are on the [Abbreviations](#) page.)

Unless otherwise stated, all variables are annual totals or consumption-weighted annual average prices.

Table F.1 Global data transferred between the NEMS and the NGMM

Identifier in the NGMM	Description	NEMS module
COMMREP_CMTTotalFlspc	Commercial floor space	CDM
COMMREP_DegreeDays	Heating degree days	CDM
CONVFACT_CFNGC	Average conversion factor (Bcf to TBtus)	
CONVFACT_CFNGCL	Conversion factor (Bcf to TBtus) for synthetic natural gas from coal	
CONVFACT_CFNGN	Conversion factor (Bcf to TBtus) for non-utility consumption	
CONVFACT_CFNGU	Conversion factor (Bcf to TBtus) for utility consumption	
INTOUT_IT_WOP	Brent crude oil price (\$/bbl, \$/MMBtu)	IEM
INTOUT_Q_NON_US_DEMAND	Total non-United States demand for crude oil by type	IEM
LFMMOUT_Q_CRUDE_IMPORTS	Crude oil delivered into PADDs by type	LMFF
MACOUT_MC_JPGDP	Chain-linked price index- gross domestic product (base year=2009)	MAM
MACOUT_MC_RUC	Unemployment rate	MAM
MPBLK_PGFIN	Delivered price to firm industrial customers by census division	IDM
MPBLK_PGIIN	Delivered price to interruptible industrial customers by census division	IDM
MPBLK_PNGCM	Delivered price to the commercial sector by census division	CDM
MPBLK_PNGEL	Delivered price to the electric power sector by census division	EMM

Identifier in the NGMM	Description	NEMS module
MPBLK_PNGIN	Delivered price to the industrial sector by census division	IDM
MPBLK_PNGRS	Delivered price to the residential sector by census division	RDM
MPBLK_PNGTR	Delivered price to the transportation sector by census division	TDM
MPBLK_XSTART_PRICE	Brent crude oil prices through 2080	IEM
NCNTRL_CURCALYR	Current NEMS calendar year	
NCNTRL_CURITR	Current NEMS iteration	
NCNTRL_CURIYR	Current NEMS year by index (1-61)	
NCNTRL_FCRL	NEMS flag indicating convergence check	
NCNTRL_NCRL	NEMS flag indicating report loop	
NGRPT_NGCAPS	Total capacity between regions	
NGRPT_NGFLWS	Regional flows of natural gas	
NGTDMOUT_PGFTRFV	Delivered price of CNG to fleet vehicles by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_PGFTRPV	Delivered price of CNG to personal vehicles by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_PGFTRRAIL	Delivered price of CNG to rail vehicles by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_PGFTRSHP	Delivered price of CNG to marine vessels by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_PGLTRFV	Delivered price of LNG to fleet vehicles by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_PGLTRPV	Delivered price of LNG to personal vehicles by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_PGLTRRAIL	Delivered price of LNG to rail vehicles by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_PGLTRSHIP	Delivered price of LNG to marine vessels by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_PNGELGR	Annual average delivered price to electric power sector by NGEMM region	EMM
NGTDMOUT_QGFTRFV	Consumption of CNG by fleet vehicles by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_QGFTRPV	Consumption of CNG by personal vehicles by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_QGFTRRAIL	Consumption of CNG by rail vehicles by census division	TDM

Identifier in the NGMM	Description	NEMS module
NGTDMOUT_QGFTRSHIP	Consumption of CNG by marine vessels by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_QGLTRFV	Consumption of LNG by fleet vehicles by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_QGLTRPV	Consumption of LNG by personal vehicles by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_QGLTRRAIL	Consumption of LNG by rail vehicles by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_QGLTRSHIP	Consumption of LNG by marine vessels by census division	TDM
NGTDMOUT_SPNGELGR	Seasonal delivered price to electric power sector by NGEMM region	EMM
NGTDMREP_ACGPR_RESCOM	Citygate price by census division	
NGTDMREP_EL_MRKUP_BETA	Seasonal consumption coefficient for electric power	EMM
NGTDMREP_NALNGEXP	Total LNG exports by LNG export region	
NGTDMREP_NGBAL	Balancing item by census division	
NGTDMREP_NGEXPPRC	Export prices (Canada, Mexico, LNG, Total)	
NGTDMREP_NGEXPVOL	Export volumes (Canada, Mexico, LNG, Total)	
NGTDMREP_NGIMPPRC	Import prices (Canada, Mexico, LNG, Total)	
NGTDMREP_NGIMPVOL	Import volumes (Canada, Mexico, LNG, Total)	
NGTDMREP_NGSCRV_ELAS	Elasticity for approximated national supply curve	EMM
NGTDMREP_NGSCRV_MAX	National supply curve maximum quantity	EMM
NGTDMREP_NGSCRV_MIN	National supply curve minimum quantity	EMM
NGTDMREP_NGSCRV_P	National supply curve solution price	EMM
NGTDMREP_NGSCRV_P0	National supply curve base price	EMM
NGTDMREP_NGSCRV_PER	National supply curve segment percent deviation	EMM
NGTDMREP_NGSCRV_Q	National supply curve solution quantity	EMM
NGTDMREP_NGSCRV_Q0	National supply curve base quantity	EMM
NGTDMREP_NGSPOT_EMM	Electric power sector consumption-weighted spot price by NGEMM region	EMM
NGTDMREP_OGHHPRNG	Henry Hub spot price	
NGTDMREP_OGPRCNG	Supply price by oil and natural gas region	HSM
NGTDMREP_OGPRDNG	Total production by oil and natural gas region	HSM
NGTDMREP_OGPRSUP	Total supplemental supplies	
NGTDMREP_OGSUPGAS	Supplemental supplies by type and census division	

Identifier in the NGMM	Description	NEMS module
NGTDMREP_OGWPRNG	Supply price by oil and natural gas district	HSM
NGTDMREP_PINTLNG	World LNG price by destination	
NGTDMREP_PTRANSNG	Total markup from supply price to LNG export price by destination and LNG export region	
NGTDMREP_UDTAR	Distributor tariff applied to electric power delivered price by NGEMM region	
OGSMOUT_CNADGPRD	Canada's AD production (East, West Canada)	HSM
OGSMOUT_CNENAGPRD	Expected Canada NA production (East, West Canada)	HSM
OGSMOUT_CNRNAGPRD	Realized Canada NA production (East, West Canada)	HSM
OGSMOUT_OGADGPRD	AD production by oil and natural gas district	HSM
OGSMOUT_OGCNPPRD	Canada's supply price (East, West Canada)	HSM
OGSMOUT_OGENAGPRD	Expected NA production by oil and natural gas district	HSM
OGSMOUT_OGNGPLPRD	NGPL production by oil and natural gas district	HSM
OGSMOUT_OGPRCOAK	Alaska's crude oil production by Alaska region	HSM
OGSMOUT_OGRNAGPRD	Realized NA production by oil and natural gas district	HSM
OGSMOUT_OGSHALENG	Production from oil shale plants (WY)	HSM
QBLK_QGFIN	Firm industrial consumption by census division	IDM
QBLK_QGIIN	Interruptible industrial consumption by census division	IDM
QBLK_QGPTR	Pipeline fuel consumption by census division	TDM
QBLK_QLPIN	Lease and plant fuel consumption by census division	IDM
QBLK_QNGCM	Commercial sector consumption by census division	CDM
QBLK_QNGEL	Electric power sector consumption by census division	EMM
QBLK_QNGHM	Fuel consumed for hydrogen production by census division	IDM
QBLK_QNGRS	Residential sector consumption by census division	RDM
QBLK_QNGTR	Transportation sector consumption by census division	TDM
QMORE_QGTLRF	Gas-to-liquids consumption (production) by census division	LFMM

Identifier in the NGMM	Description	NEMS module
QMORE_QGTLSN	Gas-to-liquids consumption (heat and power) by census division	LFMM
QMORE_QNGLQ	Fuel used for liquefaction by census division	IDM
RESREP_RSGASCUST	Number of residential customers by census division	RDM
UEFDOUT_SQNGELGR	Seasonal electric power sector consumption by NGEMM region	EMM

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

Note: NEMS=National Energy Modeling System, NGMM=Natural Gas Market Module

Appendix G

Documentation of estimations

The following description includes regression statistics for all econometric estimations used in the NGMM. The descriptions are presented in the order in which they appear in the documentation.

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- G-2 Mexico associated-dissolved natural gas production
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- G-6 Alaska lease and plant fuel consumption
- G-7 Citygate prices by month for the Lower 48 states
- G-8 Distributor tariff markup for delivered prices to the residential sector by census division
- G-9 Distributor tariff markup for delivered prices to the commercial sector by census division
- G-10 Historical delivered prices to the industrial sector by census division

G-1. Mexico crude oil production

Data

Parameter estimates for Mexico's crude oil production from 2025–2050 for associated dissolved natural gas production and industrial consumption

Source

Crude oil production in Mexico, *International Energy Outlook*; oil price AEO2022

Variables

P_Oil_{yr} = Mexico's crude oil production for the historical year yr (million barrels)

WOP_{yr-2} = average annual Brent crude oil price for the year that is two prior to the historical year yr ($yr - 2$) (1987\$/MMBtu)

yr = historical year

Derivation

Initial upstream inputs into our *International Energy Outlook 2019* for Mexico were obtained and smoothed for the period from 2025–2050 using a catmull-rom spline interpolation. We estimated this production path as a logarithmic function of Brent world oil price and the prior year's crude oil price so that Mexico's crude oil production would respond to varying oil price paths in AEO side cases. We assumed that Mexico's crude oil production through 2025 would continue to decline from historical levels.

We used projected Brent crude oil prices for 2025–2050 and Mexico's crude oil production for 2025–2050 to estimate crude oil production as a function of crude oil price from two years prior and last year's crude oil production. Years that had an inflection in the data (2033, 2044) were excluded. The equation follows:

$$\log P_Oil_{yr} = \alpha * \log P_Oil_{yr-1} + \beta * \log WOP_{yr-2}$$

Regression diagnostics and parameter estimates

Dependent Variable: LOG_OIL_IEO_SM2

Method: Least Squares

Date: 03/25/19 Time: 13:45

Sample: 2025 2032 2034 2043 2046 2050

Included observations: 23

Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	t-Statistic	Probability
LOG_OIL_IEO_SM2(-1)	1.003	0.020	50.359	0.000
LWOP(-2)	2.187	2.388	0.916	0.370

R-squared	0.997902	Mean dependent var	844.2377
Adjusted R-squared	0.997802	S.D. dependent var	179.4289
S.E. of regression	8.4114	Akaike info criterion	7.179994

Sum squared resid	1485.785	Schwarz criterion	7.278733
Log likelihood	-80.5699	Hannan-Quinn criter.	7.204827
Durbin-Watson stat	0.524254		

Table G.1.1 Mexico crude oil production regression data

Year	P_oil (initial)	P_oil(smoothed)
2016	708.53	708.53
2017	698.73	698.73
2018	664.7	664.7
2019	617.2	617.2
2020	619.61	619.61
2021	647.82	623.1365
2022	667.94	626.3701
2023	686.3	629.5717
2024	664.11	633.0025
2025	644.51	636.9235
2026	625.62	641.5956
2027	647.28	647.28
2028	669.83	669.83
2029	693.66	693.66
2030	698.17	698.17
2031	702.12	702.12
2032	703.21	703.21
2033	704.26	704.26
2034	694.16	726.9794
2035	691.01	750.0538
2036	707.3	773.5153
2037	737.63	797.3961
2038	763.46	821.7284
2039	781	846.5445
2040	787.19	871.8764
2041	749.61	897.7566
2042	826.13	924.217
2043	951.29	951.29
2044	1005.55	1005.55
2045	1070.39	1070.39
2046	1063.46	1095.1
2047	1000.69	1116.162
2048	934.78	1134.488
2049	955.04	1150.99
2050	1166.58	1166.58

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System

G-2. Mexico associated-dissolved natural gas production

Data

Parameter estimates for Mexico's production of associated-dissolved natural gas production, assigned to the South-Southeast region of Mexico

Source

Associated-dissolved production of natural gas in Mexico and crude oil production in Mexico – PEMEX;
Oil price – Refinitiv

Variables

$P_{SS_{yr-1}}$ = Mexico's AD dry natural gas production in the South-Southeast region for historical year yr (minus lease fuel, plant fuel, and reinjected volumes) (Bcf)

$P_{Oil_{yr-1}}$ = Mexico's crude oil production for historical year yr (million barrels)

$P_{Oil_{yr-2}}$ = Mexico's crude oil production for historical year $yr - 2$ (million barrels)

WOP_{yr-1} = average annual Brent crude oil price for the year prior to the historical year yr ($yr - 1$) (1987\$/MMBtu)

WOP_{yr-2} = average annual Brent crude oil price for the year prior to the historical year yr ($yr - 2$) (1987\$/MMBtu)

yr = historical year

Derivation

We used the following factors to estimate total dry associated-dissolved natural gas production—or total production for the South-Southeast region of Mexico:

- Brent crude oil prices
- Mexico's crude oil production
- Mexico's total annual associated-dissolved natural gas production, minus natural gas reinjected into wells, lease fuel, and plant fuel

The year 2008 was excluded as an outlier due to the global economic downturn and commodity price spike. The equation follows:

$$P_{SS_{yr}} = \beta_1 * P_{SS_{yr-1}} + \beta_2 * WOP_{yr-1} + \beta_3 * WOP_{yr-2} + \beta_4 * P_{Oil_{yr-1}} + \beta_5 * P_{Oil_{yr-2}}$$

Regression diagnostics and parameter estimates

Dependent Variable: AD_AEO_2024

Method: Least Squares

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Sample (adjusted): 2001 2022

Included observations: 22 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	t-Statistic	Probability
AD_AEO_2024(-1)	0.630022	0.106021	5.942400	0.0000
WOP_MMBTU(-1)	8.193442	8.257423	0.992252	0.3350
WOP_MMBTU(-2)	17.45741	9.225389	1.892322	0.0756
OIL_PROD_AEO2024(-1)	0.461827	0.331899	1.391467	0.1820
OIL_PROD_AEO2024(-2)	-0.317464	0.341945	-0.928405	0.3662

R-squared	0.893907	Mean dependent var	735.7130
Adjusted R-squared	0.868943	S.D. dependent var	153.9408
S.E. of regression	55.72926	Akaike info criterion	11.07560
Sum squared resid	52797.76	Schwarz criterion	11.32357
Log likelihood	-116.8316	Hannan-Quinn criter.	11.13402
Durbin-Watson stat	1.487301		

Table G.2.1 Mexico associated-dissolved natural gas production regression data

Year	WOP_MMBTU	AD_AEO_2024	OIL_PROD_AEO2024
1993	2.243	618.490	975.791
1994	2.116	613.250	980.062
1995	2.291	600.412	955.278
1996	2.703	698.438	1043.291
1997	2.379	770.087	1103.110
1998	1.536	786.990	1120.716
1999	2.172	730.967	1060.700
2000	3.399	741.033	1099.367
2001	2.630	589.276	1141.368
2002	2.796	611.430	1159.641
2003	3.205	657.624	1230.377
2004	4.034	695.858	1234.757
2005	5.331	689.680	1216.672
2006	6.242	733.810	1188.286
2007	6.909	731.122	1122.634
2008	9.336	714.310	1018.925
2009	5.917	732.721	949.541
2010	7.509	922.180	940.612
2011	9.921	951.979	931.705
2012	9.353	962.386	929.988
2013	9.154	956.087	920.576
2014	8.186	953.977	886.500
2015	4.175	909.415	827.393
2016	3.460	847.838	786.037

Year	WOP_MMBTU	AD_AEO_2024	OIL_PROD_AEO2024
2017	4.303	745.834	711.116
2018	5.253	632.667	669.153
2019	4.886	587.132	620.755
2020	3.083	523.339	607.192
2021	5.255	462.197	579.219
2022	6.956	574.824	551.124

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

G-3. Mexico non-associated natural gas production

Data

Parameter estimates for Mexico's production of nonassociated natural gas, both before and after the onset of shale gas development, assigned to the Northeast region of Mexico

Source

Historical non-associated natural gas production in Mexico – Petróleos Mexicanos. Projected Henry Hub spot price – EIA's *Annual Energy Outlook* Reference case.

Variables

$P_{NE_{yr}}$ = Mexico's NA dry natural gas production in the Northeast region for historical year yr (minus lease and plant fuel) (Bcf)

HH_{yr-1} = average annual Henry Hub natural gas spot price for the year prior to historical year yr (1987\$/MMBtu)

yr = historical year

Derivation

We estimated total non-associated natural gas production in the projection—or total production for the Northeast region of Mexico—as a function of the last two years' non-associated natural gas production and last year's Henry Hub spot price. The equation follows:

$$P_{NE_{yr}} = \alpha_{yr-1} * P_{NE_{yr-1}} + \alpha_{yr-2} * P_{NE_{yr-2}} + \beta * HH_{yr-1}$$

Regression diagnostics and parameter estimates

Non-associated natural gas production without shale gas development

Dependent variable: P_{NE}

Method: least squares

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Sample: 2026 2050

Included observations: 25

Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	t-Statistic	Probability
HH(-1)	44.36910	36.30725	1.222045	0.2346

P_NE(-1)	1.271841	0.343793	3.699433	0.0013
P_NE(-2)	-0.481785	0.177385	-2.716043	0.0126

R-squared	0.961593	Mean dependent var	359.1965
Adjusted R-squared	0.958102	S.D. dependent var	25.32324
S.E. of regression	5.183439	Akaike info criterion	6.240981
Sum squared resid	591.0969	Schwarz criterion	6.387246
Log likelihood	-75.01226	Hannan-Quinn criter.	6.281549
Durbin-Watson stat	1.082113		

Non-associated natural gas production with shale gas development

Dependent Variable: P_NE

Method: least squares

Variable	Coefficient
HH(-1)	40.15738
P_NE(-1)	0.161177

Table G.3.1 Non-associated natural gas production with shale gas development regression data

Year	HH	P_NE	Year	HH	P_NE
2015	1.479	1.758	2033	1.758	355.886
2016	1.391	1.770	2034	1.770	358.907
2017	1.625	1.769	2035	1.769	361.925
2018	1.680	1.767	2036	1.767	364.515
2019	1.332	1.774	2037	1.774	366.439
2020	1.083	1.786	2038	1.786	367.917
2021	1.617	1.794	2039	1.794	369.264
2022	1.688	1.796	2040	1.796	370.574
2023	1.616	1.808	2041	1.808	371.745
2024	1.497	1.812	2042	1.812	373.020
2025	1.471	1.793	2043	1.793	374.306
2026	1.494	1.789	2044	1.789	374.898
2027	1.530	1.786	2045	1.786	374.901
2028	1.593	1.797	2046	1.797	374.476
2029	1.648	1.829	2047	1.829	374.140
2030	1.690	1.830	2048	1.830	374.784
2031	1.707	1.831	2049	1.831	375.941
2032	1.718	1.845	2050	1.845	402.361

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

G-4. Mexico industrial natural gas consumption

Data

Parameter estimates for Mexico's consumption of natural gas in the industrial sector, split into consumption by PEMEX and by other industries

Source

Historical consumption and production data for Mexico – SENER, Sistema de Información Energética.
Historical Henry Hub spot price – Thompson Reuters

Variables

$Q_PEMEX_SIE_{yr}$ = Mexico's consumption of natural gas by PEMEX (for example, oil and natural gas production, exploration, refining) for historical year yr (Bcf)

$MX_Oil_Production_{yr}$ = Mexico's crude oil production for historical year yr (million barrels)

Q_IND_{yr} = Mexico's industrial consumption for all other industries outside of PEMEX for historical year yr (Bcf)

HH_{yr-1} = average annual Henry Hub natural gas spot price for the year prior to historical year yr (1987\$/MMBtu)

yr = historical year

Derivation

We assume Mexico's natural gas consumption in its industrial sector has two components: natural gas consumed by Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) in its exploration, production, refining, and petrochemical activities (excluding natural gas reinjected into oil wells); and natural gas consumed in other industries, such as manufacturing.

We estimated these components separately, using historical data from SENER. We estimated the coefficients using historical data from 1996–2017, relating PEMEX consumption and oil production (see [Appendix G-1](#)):

$$Q_PEMEX_SIE_{yr} = \alpha * Q_PEMEX_SIE_{yr-1} + \beta * MX_Oil_Production_{yr}$$

Other industrial natural gas use in Mexico was estimated as a function of the prior year's natural gas use, the Henry Hub spot price, and a constant term. Because of the recent (2015–2018) rapid growth in the industrial sector, the estimation was done using an extended data series for other industrial natural gas consumption through 2023, which allows for slower growth moving forward (see data below).

A unit root test indicated that the econometric estimation be determined as a first-difference of the equation below:

$$Q_IND_{yr} = \alpha * Q_IND_{yr-1} + \beta * HH_{yr-1} + C$$

*Regression diagnostics and parameter estimates***Industrial consumption associated with oil and natural gas exploration and production (PEMEX)**

Dependent variable: Q_PEMEX_SIE

Method: least squares

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Sample: 2000 2019

Included observations: 20

Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	t-Statistic	Probability
Q_PEMEX_SIE(-1)	0.873	0.036	24.424	0.000
MX_OIL_PRODUCTION	0.100	0.023	2.892	0.002

R-squared	0.820873	Mean dependent var	753.9915
Adjusted R-squared	0.810921	S.D. dependent var	63.33134
S.E. of regression	27.53849	Akaike info criterion	9.563686
Sum squared resid	13650.63	Schwarz criterion	9.663259
Log likelihood	-93.63686	Hannan-Quinn criter.	9.583124
Durbin-Watson stat	2.363329		

Other industrial consumption

Dependent variable: Q_IND

Method: least squares

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Sample (adjusted): 2001 2023

Included observations: 23 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	t-Statistic	Probability
Q_IND(-1)	0.973	0.051	18.927	0.000
HH(-1)	-18.128	8.829	-2.053	0.053
C	94.508	51.573	1.832	0.082

R-squared	0.973635	Mean dependent var	644.3747
Adjusted R-squared	0.970999	S.D. dependent var	251.0545
S.E. of regression	42.75380	Akaike info criterion	10.46990
Sum squared resid	36557.75	Schwarz criterion	10.61801
Log likelihood	-117.4039	Hannan-Quinn criter.	10.50715
F-statistic	369.2970	Durbin-Watson stat	1.874596
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000		

Table G.4.1 Industrial consumption associated with oil and natural gas exploration and production (PEMEX) regression data

Year	Q_PEMEX_SIE	MX_OIL_PRODUCTION	Q_IND	HH
2000	649.027	1099.367	414.073	3.221
2001	668.622	1141.368	335.118	2.913
2002	683.429	1159.641	396.753	2.422
2003	729.270	1230.377	407.368	3.887
2004	749.176	1234.757	430.457	4.065
2005	740.946	1216.672	420.546	5.956
2006	788.256	1188.286	454.952	4.379
2007	775.759	1122.634	469.091	4.421
2008	793.853	1018.925	463.889	5.524
2009	784.545	949.541	423.312	2.430
2010	816.351	940.612	481.849	2.664
2011	797.974	931.705	509.200	2.377
2012	829.671	929.988	528.055	1.607
2013	829.366	920.576	562.840	2.144
2014	830.586	886.500	610.813	2.484
2015	803.004	827.393	659.869	1.479
2016	774.519	786.037	758.723	1.391
2017	734.418	711.116	867.151	1.625
2018	639.752	669.153	979.544	1.680
2019	661.305	636.499	935.860	1.332
2020	493.562	607.192	986.960	1.083
2021		579.219	1015.795	1.617
2022		551.124	1045.725	1.688
2023		521.862	1076.750	1.616

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

G-5. Alaska residential and commercial sector consumption and Alaska citygate price

Data

Parameter estimates for Alaska's natural gas consumption equations for the residential and commercial customers and Alaska's natural gas citygate price

Source

Consumption and citygate price – *Natural Gas Annual* Alaska population – U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division; Heating degree days – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Anchorage International Airport). National unemployment rate – NEMS Macroeconomic Activity Module; *Oil price*.

Variables

For historical year *yr*,

$CONS_R_{yr}$ = residential natural gas consumption in Alaska (MMcf)

$CONS_C_{yr}$ = commercial natural gas consumption in Alaska (Bcf)

POP_AK_{yr} = thousands of people in Alaska (Bcf)

HDD_DVN_{yr} = deviation from normal heating degree days (0 in projection)

$UNEMP_{yr}$ = U.S. civilian unemployment rate as a percent (MC_RUC in NEMS Macroeconomic Activity Module)

$PRICE_CITYGATE_{yr}$ = natural gas citygate price in Alaska (1987\$/Mcf)

$IRAC1987_{yr}$ = U.S. crude oil imported acquisition cost by refiners (1987\$/bbl)

L1982_4 = dummy variable with value of one for years 1982–1984, zero elsewhere

L1985_94 = dummy variable with value of one for years 1985–1994, zero elsewhere

L1995_00 = dummy variable with value of one for years 1995–2000, zero elsewhere

L2008 = dummy variable with value of one for year 2008, zero elsewhere

Derivation

Residential sector consumption

We used annual data for population, heating degree days, national unemployment rate, and citygate prices in the range 1985–2013 to estimate Alaska residential consumption:

$$CONS_R_{yr} = C + (\alpha_1 * POP_AK_{yr}) + (\alpha_2 * HDD_DVN_{yr}) + (\alpha_3 * UNEMP_{yr}) + (\alpha_4 * PRICE_CITYGATE_{yr})$$

Regression diagnostics and parameter estimates

Dependent variable: CONS_R

Method: least squares

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Sample (adjusted): 1985 2013

Included observations: 29 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	t-Statistic	Probability
C	-321.577	1766.384	-0.182054	0.8571
POP_AK	27.02888	3.097776	8.725253	0
HDD_DVN	1.257146	0.157816	7.96588	0
UNEMP	-254.648	56.77627	-4.485115	0.0002
PRICE_CITYGATE	577.5681	139.5432	4.138991	0.0004

R-squared	0.981609	Mean dependent var	16478.72
Adjusted R-squared	0.978543	S.D. dependent var	2845.665
S.E. of regression	416.8361	Akaike info criterion	15.05885
Sum squared resid	4170056	Schwarz criterion	15.29459
Log likelihood	-213.353	Hannan-Quinn criter.	15.13268
F-statistic	320.2384	Durbin-Watson stat	1.860195
Prob(F-statistic)	0		

Commercial sector consumption

We used annual data for population, heating degree days, and the national unemployment rate from 1984–2013 to estimate Alaska commercial consumption. A visual display of the consumption data showed clear discontinuities in the series. We didn't identify the particular reasons, but used dummy variables in the estimate to account for the shifts:

$$CONS_C = C + (\alpha_1 * POP_AK) + (\alpha_2 * HDD_DVN) + (\alpha_3 * UNEMP) + (\alpha_4 * L1982_4) + (\alpha_5 * L1985_94) + (\alpha_6 * L1995_00) + (\alpha_7 * L2008) + AR(1)$$

Regression diagnostics and parameter estimates

Dependent variable: CONS_C

Method: ARMA conditional least squares (Marquardt-EViews legacy)

Date: 07/13/15

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Sample: 1984 2013

Included

observations: 30

Convergence achieved after 60 iterations

Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	t-Statistic	Probability
C	3211.041	5415.784	0.592904	0.5596
POP_AK	24.06646	8.656774	2.780073	0.0112
HDD_DVN	0.914788	0.277139	3.300831	0.0034
UNEMP	-369.309	180.5575	-2.04538	0.0535
L1982_4	11846.88	1737.303	6.81912	0
L1985_94	6444.171	1134.411	5.680631	0
L1995_00	10353.29	740.55	13.98055	0
L2008	-1759.78	809.041	-2.175141	0.0412
AR(1)	0.374087	0.212914	1.756986	0.0935

R-squared	0.965492	Mean dependent var	20752.33
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Adjusted R-squared	0.952346	S.D. dependent var	3667.556
S.E. of regression	800.6205	Akaike info criterion	16.45198
Sum squared resid	13460857	Schwarz criterion	16.87234
Log likelihood	-237.78	Hannan-Quinn criter.	16.58645
F-statistic	73.44406	Durbin-Watson stat	1.747117
Prob(F-statistic)	0		
Inverted AR Roots	0.37		

Citygate price

We used annual data for the international refinery acquisition price for 1994–2013 to estimate the citygate price in Alaska:

$$\text{LOG}(\text{PRICE_CITYGATE}_{yr}) = C + (\alpha_1 * \text{LOG}(\text{IRAC1987}_{yr}))$$

Regression diagnostics and parameter estimates

Dependent variable: LOG(PRICE_CITYGATE)

Method: least squares

Date: 01/15/17 Time:
19:05

Sample: 1994 2013

Included observations: 20

Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	t-Statistic	Probability
C	-1.82408	0.276787	-6.590174	0
LOG(IRAC1987)	0.807019	0.08474	9.52347	0

R-squared	0.834401	Mean dependent var	0.769816
Adjusted R-squared	0.825201	S.D. dependent var	0.526927
S.E. of regression	0.220303	Akaike info criterion	-0.09299
Sum squared resid	0.873597	Schwarz criterion	0.006582
Log likelihood	2.929908	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-0.07355
F-statistic	90.69648	Durbin-Watson stat	1.772905
Prob(F-statistic)	0		

Table G-5.1 Alaska residential, commercial, and citygate regression data

Year	CONS_R	CONS_C	POP_AK	HDD_DVN	UNEMP	PRICE_CITYGATE	IRAQ1987
1984	11833	24654	513.7	-625	7.50		31.18
1985	13256	20344	532.5	351	7.20	0.35	28.24
1986	12091	20874	544.3	-431	7.00	0.34	14.36
1987	12256	20224	539.3	-475	6.20	0.33	18.13
1988	12529	20842	542.0	-236	5.50	0.32	14.07
1989	13589	21738	547.2	343	5.30	0.31	16.81
1990	14165	21622	550.0	657	5.62	0.30	19.52
1991	13562	20897	569.3	24	6.85	0.28	16.23
1992	14350	21299	587.1	477	7.49	0.29	15.44
1993	13858	20003	597.0	-867	6.91	0.27	13.38
1994	14895	20698	600.6	92	6.10	1.31	12.59
1995	15231	24979	601.3	-191	5.59	1.33	13.63
1996	16179	27315	604.9	784	5.41	1.23	16.12
1997	15146	26908	608.8	-475	4.94	1.39	14.22
1998	15617	27079	615.2	334	4.50	1.31	9.14
1999	17634	27667	619.5	1398	4.22	0.99	12.91
2000	15987	26485	628.0	170	3.97	1.17	20.26
2001	16818	15849	633.7	405	4.74	1.66	15.73
2002	16191	15691	642.3	-234	5.78	1.66	16.70
2003	16853	17270	648.4	-30	5.99	1.61	19.13
2004	18200	18373	659.3	103	5.54	2.05	24.12
2005	18029	16903	666.9	-95	5.08	2.43	31.81
2006	20616	18544	675.3	1074	4.61	3.32	37.28
2007	19843	18756	680.3	620	4.62	4.15	41.25
2008	21439	17025	687.5	1435	5.80	4.07	55.98
2009	19978	16620	698.9	830	9.28	4.92	35.43
2010	18714	15920	710.2	431	9.63	3.95	44.88
2011	20262	19399	723.4	716	8.93	3.79	59.49
2012	21380	19898	730.3	1509	8.07	3.50	55.87
2013	19215	18694	735.1	204	7.35	3.38	50.19

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

G-6 Alaska lease and plant fuel consumption

Data

Alaska lease and plant fuel consumption

Author

Arthur Dai, EIA, 2015

Source

Lease and plant fuel – *Natural Gas Annual*, DOE/EIA-0131; oil production – *Petroleum Supply Annual*, DOE/EIA-0340

Variables

For historical year yr ,

$CONS_LP_{yr}$ = annual historical lease and plant fuel consumption in Alaska (Bcf)

$OILPROD_{yr}$ = annual historical crude oil production in Alaska (Mbl/d)

Derivation

We used annual data for lease and plant fuel consumption and crude oil production in Alaska to estimate Alaska lease and plant fuel consumption:

$$CONS_LP_{yr} = C + (\alpha_1 * OILPROD_{yr}) + (\alpha_2 * CONS_LP_{yr-1})$$

Regression diagnostics and parameter estimates

Dependent variable: $CONS_LP$

Method: least squares

Date: 07/13/15 Time:

14:45

Sample: 2003 2013

Included observations: 11

Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	t-Statistic	Probability
C	259.8324	48.58907	5.347548	0.0007
OILPROD	0.432398	0.089434	4.834852	0.0013
CONS_LP(-1)	-0.39235	0.242663	-1.616836	0.1446

R-squared	0.827496	Mean dependent var	265.6656
Adjusted R-squared	0.78437	S.D. dependent var	20.55004
S.E. of regression	9.542621	Akaike info criterion	7.576414
Sum squared resid	728.493	Schwarz criterion	7.684931
Log likelihood	-38.6703	Hannan-Quinn criter.	7.50801
F-statistic	19.18782	Durbin-Watson stat	1.525552

Prob(F-statistic) 0.000886

Table G-6.1 Alaska lease and plant fuel regression data

Year	CONS_LP	OILPROD
2002	285.477	359.382
2003	300.463	355.603
2004	281.546	332.441
2005	303.215	315.387
2006	257.091	270.481
2007	268.571	263.595
2008	252.164	249.874
2009	258.608	235.491
2010	249.234	218.904
2011	243.87	204.829
2012	251.732	192.368
2013	255.828	187.954

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

G-7. Lower 48 states natural gas citygate prices by month

Data

Equations for citygate prices

Source

The source for monthly citygate prices and residential and commercial consumption was our *Natural Gas Monthly*. Monthly spot prices were aggregated from daily reported spot prices from selected hubs used to represent each state. Daily spot prices at the hubs listed in Table G.7.5 were taken from *Natural Gas Intelligence*. Data for January and February 2014 are excluded as outliers resulting from extreme cold weather.

Variables

$PRICE_CG_{mon,st}$ = citygate price in state st and historical month mon (1987\$/Mcf)

$PRICE_SPOT_{mon,st}$ = spot price in state st and historical month mon (1987\$/Mcf)

$Q_RES_{mon,st}$ = residential sector consumption of natural gas in state st and historical month mon (Bcf)

$Q_COM_{mon,st}$ = commercial sector consumption of natural gas in state st and historical month mon (Bcf)

α_{st} = estimated coefficient for spot price for state st (unitless)

β_{st} = estimated coefficient for reciprocal of consumption for state st (Bcf*1987\$/Mcf)

C_{st} = estimated constant term for state st (1987\$/Mcf)

mon = historical month

st = state (including DC, excluding AK and HI)

Derivation

We estimated citygate prices by state and month for 48 states and the District of Columbia (DC) for the 2013–2018 time period. We first estimated the following equation in Eviews as a balanced pool estimate with cross-section weights using the estimated generalized least squares (EGLS) method:

$$PRICE_CG_{mon,st} = \alpha_{st} * PRICE_SPOT_{mon,st} + \frac{\beta_{st}}{(Q_RES_{mon,st} + Q_COM_{mon,st})} + C_{st}$$

After we analyzed the 48 states' and DC's estimates (Group 1, Table G.7.1), we re-estimated states that had either an α -coefficient of less than 0.4, indicated a weak correlation, or a β -coefficient that was either less than -2.5 or greater than 10 , indicated an anomalous correlation to consumption. In our re-estimation, we used different coefficients for winter months (November–March) and non-winter months (April–October) (Group 2, Table G.7.2 and Table G.7.3). We re-estimated states in New England, where there are known issues with correlating spot and citygate prices, and states where the overall estimate is of poor quality (Washington, DC; Delaware, and Utah) using only non-winter months (Group 3, Table G.7.4). For November and December in all projection years, citygate prices are set to equal the

October value. For January through March, prices are extrapolated between the December citygate price of the prior year and the estimated April price of the current projection year.

Five states do not follow this prescription. For Minnesota, Mississippi, and Oregon, we used a seasonal (summer and winter) set of estimates to project citygate price for these states—despite having estimated coefficients within the thresholds—due to prior identified issues in their data. For Florida and Texas, which have estimated coefficients that do not meet the threshold, there are known market issues that explain the estimates. We determined that seasonal variations would not explain markets in these states or improve the projections.

Regression diagnostics and parameter estimates

Group 1

Dependent variable: P_CG?

Method: pooled EGLS (Cross-section weights)

Date: 08/25/21 Time: 08:52

Sample: 2013M01 2013M12 2014M03 2019M12

Included observations: 82

Cross-sections included: 49

Total pool (balanced) observations: 4018

Iterate weights to convergence

White cross-section standard errors & covariance (d.f. corrected)

Convergence achieved after 1 weight iterations

Note: estimated coefficient covariance matrix is of reduced rank

Table G.7.1 Regression results for Lower 48 states and DC (estimated using all months) from Eviews

State	C	std. error	t-stat	P-value	α	std. error	t-stat	P-value	β	std. error	t-stat	P-value
AL	0.669	0.090	7.440	0.000	0.827	0.046	18.069	0.000	0.273	0.107	2.552	0.011
AZ	0.195	0.216	0.901	0.367	0.900	0.109	8.221	0.000	6.132	0.507	12.105	0.000
AS	1.299	0.243	5.338	0.000	0.560	0.112	5.002	0.000	-0.458	0.599	-0.764	0.445
CA	0.764	0.218	3.512	0.001	0.509	0.073	6.943	0.000	4.665	6.570	0.710	0.478
CO	0.339	0.149	2.278	0.023	1.050	0.084	12.487	0.000	3.398	0.418	8.134	0.000
CT	1.550	0.225	6.890	0.000	0.122	0.046	2.657	0.008	5.495	0.785	6.998	0.000
DE	2.166	0.228	9.480	0.000	-0.018	0.072	-0.258	0.796	1.871	0.163	11.503	0.000
DC	1.152	0.171	6.747	0.000	0.346	0.067	5.194	0.000	2.259	0.141	16.032	0.000
FL	3.802	0.474	8.016	0.000	-0.210	0.138	-1.517	0.129	-2.893	2.337	-1.238	0.216
GA	1.334	0.138	9.701	0.000	0.411	0.059	6.995	0.000	1.583	0.610	2.594	0.010
ID	0.423	0.098	4.305	0.000	0.870	0.047	18.364	0.000	6.812	1.167	5.836	0.000
IL	0.838	0.070	12.057	0.000	0.642	0.035	18.548	0.000	3.006	0.232	12.971	0.000
IN	0.623	0.131	4.765	0.000	0.902	0.062	14.542	0.000	0.956	0.279	3.432	0.001
IA	0.801	0.191	4.197	0.000	0.526	0.096	5.470	0.000	0.257	0.190	1.352	0.176
KS	0.643	0.148	4.332	0.000	0.881	0.083	10.616	0.000	3.625	0.307	11.822	0.000

State	C	std. error	t-stat	P-value	α	std. error	t-stat	P-value	β	std. error	t-stat	P-value
KY	0.815	0.079	10.357	0.000	0.815	0.042	19.303	0.000	-0.203	0.100	-2.031	0.042
LA	1.035	0.088	11.816	0.000	0.681	0.041	16.402	0.000	-0.451	0.202	-2.237	0.025
ME	1.187	0.219	5.429	0.000	0.243	0.041	5.894	0.000	20.451	1.529	13.377	0.000
MD	1.343	0.162	8.276	0.000	0.305	0.066	4.632	0.000	10.248	0.636	16.101	0.000
MA	2.999	0.330	9.100	0.000	0.270	0.057	4.747	0.000	-0.042	0.127	-0.332	0.740
MI	1.021	0.105	9.754	0.000	0.648	0.048	13.391	0.000	-2.561	0.941	-2.723	0.007
MN	0.755	0.092	8.191	0.000	0.794	0.043	18.346	0.000	2.087	0.390	5.353	0.000
MS	0.717	0.111	6.446	0.000	0.701	0.057	12.261	0.000	7.978	0.298	26.777	0.000
MO	1.067	0.102	10.479	0.000	0.706	0.051	13.811	0.000	-0.056	0.100	-0.561	0.575
MT	0.435	0.179	2.432	0.015	0.792	0.094	8.394	0.000	0.400	0.151	2.655	0.008
NE	1.650	0.284	5.802	0.000	0.406	0.055	7.340	0.000	0.600	0.120	5.020	0.000
NV	0.975	0.141	6.935	0.000	0.389	0.057	6.824	0.000	4.903	0.396	12.375	0.000
NH	2.126	0.167	12.699	0.000	0.206	0.053	3.893	0.000	3.760	2.048	1.836	0.066
NJ	0.678	0.049	13.706	0.000	0.789	0.027	29.587	0.000	0.174	0.096	1.813	0.070
NM	0.420	0.146	2.879	0.004	0.328	0.039	8.365	0.000	78.037	3.639	21.447	0.000
NY	0.640	0.145	4.421	0.000	0.952	0.073	13.123	0.000	0.134	0.056	2.414	0.016
NC	0.887	0.102	8.720	0.000	0.807	0.054	14.991	0.000	0.412	0.129	3.192	0.001
ND	0.622	0.142	4.383	0.000	0.879	0.064	13.729	0.000	1.092	0.356	3.065	0.002
OH	1.253	0.126	9.935	0.000	0.603	0.067	8.980	0.000	-2.955	0.840	-3.519	0.000
OK	0.887	0.107	8.309	0.000	0.781	0.058	13.436	0.000	2.005	0.219	9.160	0.000
OR	1.056	0.137	7.726	0.000	0.480	0.068	7.039	0.000	2.469	0.203	12.179	0.000
PA	1.089	0.140	7.788	0.000	0.561	0.073	7.671	0.000	17.542	1.055	16.630	0.000
RI	1.099	0.130	8.439	0.000	0.124	0.028	4.463	0.000	0.140	0.089	1.583	0.114
SC	1.378	0.164	8.406	0.000	0.405	0.064	6.351	0.000	0.612	0.234	2.612	0.009
SD	0.576	0.112	5.139	0.000	0.898	0.055	16.182	0.000	0.268	0.047	5.707	0.000
TN	0.614	0.081	7.599	0.000	0.909	0.043	21.126	0.000	0.686	0.164	4.175	0.000
TX	1.033	0.135	7.634	0.000	0.941	0.069	13.635	0.000	-3.559	1.704	-2.088	0.037
UT	2.490	0.206	12.098	0.000	0.422	0.108	3.901	0.000	-2.558	0.431	-5.935	0.000
VT	1.018	0.145	7.035	0.000	0.447	0.060	7.465	0.000	9.662	0.561	17.235	0.000
VA	1.644	0.230	7.147	0.000	0.442	0.067	6.571	0.000	0.177	0.084	2.120	0.034
WA	0.897	0.180	4.978	0.000	0.559	0.074	7.535	0.000	4.537	0.715	6.344	0.000
WV	0.519	0.117	4.450	0.000	0.932	0.053	17.569	0.000	4.470	0.530	8.442	0.000
WI	0.708	0.109	6.478	0.000	0.707	0.061	11.681	0.000	1.627	0.107	15.193	0.000
WY	0.973	0.122	7.964	0.000	0.755	0.067	11.206	0.000	-0.032	0.056	-0.574	0.566

Threshold $\alpha < 0.45$ $\beta < -2.5$ or $\beta > 10$

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

Note: Data in bolded red text indicate coefficients surpass given threshold.

Group 2**Non-winter months**

Dependent Variable: P_CG?

Method: Pooled EGLS (Cross-section weights)

Date: 08/25/21 Time: 13:55

Sample: 2013M01 2013M12 2014M03 2019M12 IF

@MONTH>=4 AND @MONTH<=10

Included observations: 49

Cross-sections included: 49

Total pool (balanced) observations: 2401

Iterate weights to convergence

Convergence achieved after 1 weight iterations

Winter months

Dependent Variable: P_CG?

Method: Pooled EGLS (Cross-section weights)

Date: 08/25/21 Time: 14:45

Sample: 2013M01 2013M12 2014M03 2019M12 IF

@MONTH<=3 OR @MONTH>=11

Included observations: 33

Cross-sections included: 49

Total pool (balanced) observations: 1617

Iterate weights to convergence

Convergence achieved after 1 weight iterations

Table G.7.2 Regression results Group 2 Lower 48 states from Eviews using 2 estimations (non-winter months)

Non winter months (Apr-Oct)												
State	C	std. error	t-stat	P-value	α	std. error	t-stat	P-value	β	std. error	t-stat	P-value
FL	4.787	0.935	5.118	0.000	-	0.188	-1.810	0.070	-6.946	5.148	-1.349	0.177
					0.341							
GA	0.739	0.129	5.741	0.000	0.845	0.047	17.954	0.000	0.522	0.705	0.741	0.459
MD	0.974	0.342	2.848	0.004	0.439	0.143	3.077	0.002	11.001	1.374	8.004	0.000
MI	0.360	0.103	3.499	0.001	0.974	0.047	20.834	0.000	-1.297	0.811	-1.599	0.110
MN	0.099	0.093	1.060	0.289	0.984	0.045	21.759	0.000	4.090	0.370	11.055	0.000
MS	0.607	0.212	2.864	0.004	0.821	0.090	9.092	0.000	7.619	0.643	11.854	0.000
NV	0.188	0.168	1.119	0.263	0.939	0.064	14.596	0.000	4.361	0.493	8.846	0.000
NH	1.101	0.276	3.989	0.000	0.937	0.115	8.174	0.000	4.589	2.602	1.763	0.078
NM	-	0.217	-	0.000	1.078	0.087	12.433	0.000	86.770	4.478	19.377	0.000
	1.009		4.652									
OH	1.275	0.206	6.206	0.000	0.613	0.097	6.354	0.000	-3.376	1.519	-2.222	0.026
OR	0.658	0.156	4.225	0.000	0.785	0.077	10.154	0.000	2.275	0.243	9.377	0.000
PA	0.707	0.205	3.454	0.001	0.854	0.103	8.309	0.000	17.951	1.624	11.053	0.000
SC	0.417	0.159	2.617	0.009	1.179	0.059	19.831	0.000	-0.126	0.259	-0.487	0.626
TX	1.138	0.242	4.711	0.000	0.969	0.074	13.028	0.000	-6.540	3.760	-1.739	0.082
VT	0.295	0.235	1.256	0.209	0.947	0.102	9.325	0.000	9.588	0.923	10.393	0.000

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

Table G.7.3 Regression results Group 2 Lower 48 states from Eviews using 2 estimations (winter months)

Winter months (Jan-Mar, Nov-Dec)												
state	C	std. error	t-stat	P-value	α	std. error	t-stat	P-value	β	std. error	t-stat	P-value
CT	1.932	0.361	5.354	0.000	0.101	0.033	3.067	0.002	5.495	0.785	6.998	0.000

Winter months (Jan-Mar, Nov-Dec)												
state	C	std. error	t-stat	P- value	α	std. error	t-stat	P- value	β	std. error	t-stat	P- value
DE	1.838	0.193	9.501	0.000	0.082	0.025	3.326	0.001	1.871	0.163	11.503	0.000
FL	2.183	1.222	1.787	0.074	0.049	0.223	0.220	0.826	-2.893	2.337	-1.238	0.216
GA	1.758	0.405	4.343	0.000	0.189	0.101	1.867	0.062	1.583	0.610	2.594	0.010
ME	1.204	0.381	3.161	0.002	0.245	0.030	8.228	0.000	20.451	1.529	13.377	0.000
MD	1.553	0.380	4.081	0.000	0.245	0.076	3.234	0.001	10.248	0.636	16.101	0.000
MA	4.372	0.926	4.720	0.000	0.151	0.066	2.278	0.023	-0.042	0.127	-0.332	0.740
MI	1.114	0.334	3.334	0.001	0.510	0.073	7.006	0.000	-2.561	0.941	-2.723	0.007
MN	0.677	0.215	3.156	0.002	0.698	0.053	13.231	0.000	2.087	0.390	5.353	0.000
MS	0.946	0.161	5.863	0.000	0.565	0.058	9.774	0.000	7.978	0.298	26.777	0.000
NE	2.739	0.628	4.362	0.000	0.308	0.057	5.416	0.000	0.600	0.120	5.020	0.000
NV	1.640	0.372	4.416	0.000	0.169	0.079	2.136	0.033	4.903	0.396	12.375	0.000
NH	2.473	0.414	5.981	0.000	0.109	0.061	1.769	0.077	3.760	2.048	1.836	0.066
NM	0.956	0.274	3.490	0.001	0.219	0.032	6.910	0.000	78.037	3.639	21.447	0.000
OH	1.333	0.295	4.523	0.000	0.581	0.101	5.758	0.000	-2.955	0.840	-3.519	0.000
OR	0.758	0.338	2.242	0.025	0.290	0.095	3.054	0.002	2.469	0.203	12.179	0.000
PA	1.173	0.371	3.160	0.002	0.376	0.106	3.557	0.000	17.542	1.055	16.630	0.000
RI	0.396	0.361	1.096	0.273	0.150	0.029	5.154	0.000	0.140	0.089	1.583	0.114
SC	2.024	0.384	5.276	0.000	0.152	0.078	1.940	0.053	0.612	0.234	2.612	0.009
TX	0.648	0.266	2.433	0.015	0.938	0.125	7.526	0.000	-3.559	1.704	-2.088	0.037
UT	2.721	0.293	9.278	0.000	0.035	0.104	0.336	0.737	-2.558	0.431	-5.935	0.000
VT	1.576	0.360	4.375	0.000	0.259	0.073	3.545	0.000	9.662	0.561	17.235	0.000
VA	0.726	0.434	1.674	0.094	0.331	0.059	5.649	0.000	0.177	0.084	2.120	0.034

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

Group 3

Non-winter months

Dependent Variable: P_CG?

Method: Pooled EGLS (Cross-section weights)

Date: 08/06/19 Time: 14:03

Sample: 2013M01 2013M12 2014M03 2018M12 IF @MONTH>=4 AND @MONTH<=10

Included observations: 42

Cross-sections included: 49

Total pool (balanced) observations: 2058

Iterate weights to convergence

Convergence achieved after 1 weight iterations

Table G.7.4 Regression results from Eviews estimating only non-winter months

Non winter months (Apr-Oct)												
state	C	std. error	t-stat	P-value	α	std. error	t-stat	P-value	β	std. error	t-stat	P-value
CT	1.385	0.564	2.457	0.014	0.322	0.206	1.562	0.119	4.864	1.582	3.075	0.002
DC	0.386	0.361	1.068	0.286	0.568	0.133	4.260	0.000	2.696	0.302	8.927	0.000
DE	3.740	0.541	6.914	0.000	-0.503	0.297	-1.695	0.090	1.254	0.308	4.068	0.000
MA	1.308	0.515	2.539	0.011	0.499	0.149	3.343	0.001	0.460	0.165	2.792	0.005
NE	-0.148	0.688	-0.215	0.830	0.956	0.251	3.812	0.000	1.005	0.190	5.278	0.000
RI	0.337	0.237	1.421	0.155	0.662	0.098	6.768	0.000	0.069	0.102	0.678	0.498
SC	0.417	0.159	2.617	0.009	1.179	0.059	19.831	0.000	-0.126	0.259	-0.487	0.626
TX	1.138	0.242	4.711	0.000	0.969	0.074	13.028	0.000	-6.540	3.760	-1.739	0.082
UT	1.688	0.301	5.617	0.000	0.767	0.151	5.083	0.000	-1.741	0.727	-2.396	0.017
VA	0.589	0.363	1.621	0.105	1.071	0.173	6.179	0.000	0.133	0.140	0.954	0.340

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

Data:

Spot price data from Natural Gas Intelligence were used for the following hubs to generate a monthly average spot price by state. Up to 3 hubs per state were chosen using analysts' judgements and are given in the table below.

Table G.7.5 Natural Gas Intelligence trading hub prices used for Lower 48 states

State	Hub 1	Hub 2	Hub 3
AL	Florida Gas Zone 3	Transco Zone 4	
AZ	SoCal Border Avg.	El Paso S. Mainline/N. Baja	El Paso non-Bondad
AR	Texas Gas Zone 1	Texas Eastern, M1, 24	Enable South
CA	PG&E Citygate	SoCal Citygate	
CO	Northwest S. of Green River	White River Hub	
CT	Algonquin Citygate	Iroquois Zone 2	
DE	Transco Zone 6 non-NY		
DC	Columbia Gas	Transco Zone 5	
FL	FGT Citygate		
GA	Transco Zone 4	Transco Zone 5	Florida Gas Zone 3
ID	Stanfield	Northwest Wyoming Pool	Kingsgate
IL	Chicago Citygate		
IN	Chicago Citygate	Lebanon	Michigan Consolidated
IA	Northern Natural Ventura	Chicago Citygate	
KS	Panhandle Eastern	NGPL Midcontinent	
KY	Texas Gas Zone 1	Lebanon	Columbia Gas
LA	Henry Hub	Texas Gas Zone 1	Transco Zone 3
ME	Dracut		

State	Hub 1	Hub 2	Hub 3
MD	Columbia Gas	Transco Zone 5	
MA	Algonquin Citygate	Tenn Zone 6 200L	Dracut
MI	Consumers Energy	Michigan Consolidated	ANR ML7
MN	Northern Natural Ventura	Emerson	
MS	Tennessee Line 500	Florida Gas Zone 3	Texas Eastern M-1, 30
MO	Texas Eastern, M1, 24	Chicago Citygate	Panhandle Eastern
MT	Empress	Stanfield	Opal
NE	NGPL Amarillo Mainline	Cheyenne Hub	
NV	Opal	Malin	Kern Delivery
NH	Tenn Zone 6 200L	Dracut	
NJ	Texas Eastern M-3, Delivery	Transco Zone 6 non-NY	
NM	El Paso non-Bondad	El Paso Permian	Transwestern
NY	Transco Zone 6 NY	Tenn Zone 5 200L	
NC	Transco Zone 5	Columbia Gas	
ND	Emerson	Cheyenne Hub	Northern Natural Ventura
OH	Lebanon	Columbia Gas	Clarington (non-Tenn)
OK	NGPL Midcontinent	OGT	Panhandle Eastern
OR	Stanfield	Malin	
PA	Tennessee Zn 4 Marcellus	Dominion South	Texas Eastern M-3, Delivery
RI	Algonquin Citygate		
SC	Transco Zone 4	Transco Zone 5	
SD	Emerson	Cheyenne Hub	Northern Natural Ventura
TN	Texas Eastern M-1, 30	Transco Zone 4	Texas Gas Zone 1
TX	Carthage	Houston Ship Channel	Waha
UT	Questar	Northwest Wyoming Pool	
VT	Iroquois Waddington		
VA	Transco Zone 5	Dominion South	
WA	Northwest Sumas	Stanfield	Kingsgate
WV	Dominion South	Columbia Gas	
WI	ANR ML7	Emerson	
WY	Opal	Cheyenne Hub	CIG

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

G-8. Distributor tariff markup for delivered prices to the residential sector by Census division

Data: Residential distributor tariffs

Source: Residential delivered prices, citygate prices, and residential and commercial consumption from EIA's Natural Gas Monthly (NGM). Number of households and heating degree days (HDD) were provided via the NEMS Residential Module by Census division (RSGASCUST), with the original data based on EIA's Residential Energy Consumption Survey. The NEMS Residential Module data was supplemented by the number of residential gas consumers from the Natural Gas Annual (NGA).

Variables:

For historical year yr and Census division r ,

$HOUSEHOLDS_{yr,r}$ = Number of households

$NUM_GASCONSUMERS_{yr,r}$ = Number of residential gas consumers from the NGA

$R_MARKUP_{yr,r}$ = Residential distributor markups or Census division level average residential delivered prices (averaged over states using residential consumption as weights) minus the average citygate prices (averaged over states using residential plus commercial consumption as weights) (1987\$/Mcf) [MARKUP_RES in documentation]

$QPERRESNUM_{yr,r}$ = Consumption per household or residential consumption [QCD_RES in documentation] divided by the number of residential natural gas customers [HOUSES in documentation] (Bcf/household)

$QPERHDD_{yr,r}$ = Consumption per heating degree day (Bcf/HDD)

C_r = estimated constant term for Census division r (1987\$/Mcf)

For some regions, yearly dummy variables were also used, and in the form $DYYYY$.

Derivation:

The household data in NEMS for the nine Census divisions for 2009 and subsequent years were used. For years prior to 2009, the NEMS data was supplemented by the number of residential gas consumers from the NGA. Ratio of households to residential gas consumers was assumed to be constant each year:

$$HOUSEHOLDS_{yr<2009,r} = NUM_GASCONSUMERS_{yr<2009,r} * \frac{HOUSEHOLDS_{yr=2009,r}}{NUM_GASCONSUMERS_{yr=2009,r}}$$

The estimated equation is used to generate plausible markups for the residential sector based on available price data, namely the residential end use prices from the NGM and citygate prices in the division. The estimated equation follows:

$$R_MARKUP_{yr,r} = \alpha * QPERRESNUM_{yr,r} + \beta * QPERHHD_{yr,r} + C$$

The equation was estimated for each Census division individually.

Regression diagnostics and parameter estimates:

For every Census division X:

Dependent Variable: RESIDENTIAL_MARKUP

Method: Panel Least Squares

Date: 08/04/21 Time: 10:58

Sample: 1990 2019 IF @CROSSID=X

Periods included: 30

Cross-sections included: 1

Total panel (balanced) observations: 30

Parameter estimates:

Cross ID	Census division	Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
1	East North Central	C	6.741	0.475	14.189	0.000
1	East North Central	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD	-15.759	2.720	-5.793	0.000
1	East North Central	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	-10798.960	2116.015	-5.103	0.000
2	East South Central	C	8.304	0.473	17.557	0.000
2	East South Central	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD	-39.439	10.733	-3.675	0.001
2	East South Central	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	-34434.320	2824.227	-12.192	0.000
3	Middle Atlantic	C	5.492	0.795	6.911	0.000
3	Middle Atlantic	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD	-10.420	3.731	-2.793	0.011
3	Middle Atlantic	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	-4745.275	4670.615	-1.016	0.321
3	Middle Atlantic	D2000	-0.595	0.168	-3.546	0.002
3	Middle Atlantic	D2009	0.550	0.167	3.297	0.003
3	Middle Atlantic	D1998	0.506	0.169	2.989	0.007
3	Middle Atlantic	D2005	-0.409	0.166	-2.470	0.022
3	Middle Atlantic	D2002	-0.377	0.166	-2.264	0.034
4	Mountain	C	5.793	1.164	4.977	0.000
4	Mountain	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD	-11.347	8.655	-1.311	0.201
4	Mountain	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	-33720.630	7664.470	-4.400	0.000
5	New England	C	1.536	0.829	1.853	0.077
5	New England	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD	55.945	22.002	2.543	0.018
5	New England	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	10480.370	8063.102	1.300	0.207
5	New England	D2007	0.605	0.277	2.188	0.039
5	New England	D2006	0.622	0.295	2.110	0.046
5	New England	D1996	-0.709	0.277	-2.561	0.018
5	New England	D2000	-0.672	0.271	-2.481	0.021
6	Pacific	C	9.384	2.736	3.429	0.002
6	Pacific	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD	-16.053	12.857	-1.249	0.223
6	Pacific	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	-57930.050	13651.110	-4.244	0.000
6	Pacific	D2017	0.978	0.429	2.281	0.031
7	South Atlantic	C	5.828	1.763	3.306	0.003
7	South Atlantic	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD	8.187	7.165	1.143	0.263

Cross ID	Census division	Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
7	South Atlantic	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	-39405.010	8686.200	-4.537	0.000
8	West North Central	C	6.063	0.744	8.145	0.000
8	West North Central	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD	-30.722	12.620	-2.434	0.022
8	West North Central	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	-18749.240	2047.236	-9.158	0.000
9	West South Central	C	4.508	0.962	4.686	0.000
9	West South Central	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD	8.614	6.702	1.285	0.210
9	West South Central	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	-50199.910	6401.873	-7.841	0.000

Regression Diagnostics:

Cross-ID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Census division	ENC	ESC	MIDATL	MTN	NE	PAC	SATL	WNC	WSC
R-squared	0.871	0.932	0.727	0.724	0.591	0.510	0.730	0.873	0.731
Adjusted R-squared	0.861	0.927	0.640	0.704	0.484	0.454	0.710	0.863	0.711
S.E. of regression	0.128	0.167	0.162	0.172	0.263	0.410	0.368	0.134	0.295
Sum squared resid	0.444	0.756	0.578	0.798	1.597	4.368	3.650	0.488	2.347
Log likelihood	20.629	12.644	16.662	11.836	1.430	-13.663	-10.970	19.223	-4.350
F-statistic	90.972	185.273	8.368	35.487	5.534	9.024	36.426	92.635	36.656
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Root MSE	0.122	0.159	0.139	0.163	0.231	0.382	0.349	0.127	0.280
Mean dependent var	2.074	3.025	3.463	2.340	4.133	3.217	3.889	2.213	2.847
S.D. dependent var	0.344	0.620	0.270	0.316	0.367	0.554	0.682	0.364	0.548
Akaike info criterion	-1.175	-0.643	-0.577	-0.589	0.371	1.178	0.931	-1.082	0.490
Schwarz criterion	-1.035	-0.503	-0.204	-0.449	0.698	1.364	1.071	-0.941	0.630
Hannan-Quinn criter.	-1.130	-0.598	-0.458	-0.544	0.476	1.237	0.976	-1.037	0.535
Durbin-Watson stat	1.500	1.661	1.388	2.226	2.038	0.986	0.685	2.376	0.869

Table G.8.1 Residential sector distributor tariff markup for delivered prices regression data

Year	Census division	RESIDENTIAL_MARKUP	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD
1990	ENCentral	1.771	0.000125	0.231
1991	ENCentral	1.782	0.000128	0.232
1992	ENCentral	1.714	0.000131	0.225
1993	ENCentral	1.859	0.000136	0.224
1994	ENCentral	2.021	0.000129	0.226
1995	ENCentral	1.666	0.000133	0.228
1996	ENCentral	1.525	0.000140	0.234
1997	ENCentral	1.790	0.000130	0.231
1998	ENCentral	1.917	0.000107	0.241
1999	ENCentral	1.765	0.000114	0.233
2000	ENCentral	1.600	0.000119	0.235

Year	Census division	RESIDENTIAL_MARKUP	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD
2001	ENCentral	1.804	0.000108	0.231
2002	ENCentral	1.931	0.000113	0.234
2003	ENCentral	1.713	0.000118	0.230
2004	ENCentral	1.890	0.000109	0.227
2005	ENCentral	1.963	0.000105	0.223
2006	ENCentral	2.164	0.000094	0.215
2007	ENCentral	2.083	0.000101	0.219
2008	ENCentral	2.265	0.000106	0.210
2009	ENCentral	2.528	0.000101	0.204
2010	ENCentral	2.326	0.000096	0.203
2011	ENCentral	2.508	0.000097	0.207
2012	ENCentral	2.721	0.000085	0.207
2013	ENCentral	2.313	0.000104	0.206
2014	ENCentral	2.145	0.000111	0.203
2015	ENCentral	2.478	0.000095	0.205
2016	ENCentral	2.479	0.000090	0.210
2018	ESCentral	3.584	0.000090	0.053
2019	ESCentral	3.725	0.000102	0.054
1990	MidAtlantic	3.332	0.000100	0.143
1991	MidAtlantic	3.418	0.000104	0.140
1992	MidAtlantic	3.419	0.000106	0.135
1993	MidAtlantic	3.411	0.000109	0.137
1994	MidAtlantic	3.808	0.000115	0.141
1995	MidAtlantic	3.883	0.000107	0.137
1996	MidAtlantic	3.411	0.000108	0.145
1997	MidAtlantic	3.576	0.000117	0.141
1998	MidAtlantic	4.013	0.000104	0.150
1999	MidAtlantic	3.735	0.000092	0.148
2000	MidAtlantic	2.858	0.000091	0.148
2001	MidAtlantic	3.338	0.000099	0.152
2002	MidAtlantic	3.121	0.000095	0.149
2003	MidAtlantic	3.329	0.000094	0.148
2004	MidAtlantic	3.481	0.000094	0.149
2005	MidAtlantic	3.055	0.000087	0.149
2006	MidAtlantic	3.479	0.000086	0.146
2007	MidAtlantic	3.483	0.000076	0.150
2008	MidAtlantic	3.499	0.000077	0.146
2009	MidAtlantic	4.077	0.000084	0.145
2010	MidAtlantic	3.498	0.000081	0.151
2011	MidAtlantic	3.709	0.000090	0.152
2012	MidAtlantic	3.632	0.000081	0.152
2013	MidAtlantic	3.510	0.000065	0.152

Year	Census division	RESIDENTIAL_MARKUP	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD
2014	MidAtlantic	3.204	0.000083	0.156
2015	MidAtlantic	3.268	0.000091	0.161
2016	MidAtlantic	3.392	0.000078	0.158
2017	MidAtlantic	3.474	0.000069	0.164
2018	MidAtlantic	3.096	0.000065	0.171
2019	MidAtlantic	3.380	0.000082	0.165
1990	Mountain	1.977	0.000075	0.046
1991	Mountain	1.989	0.000096	0.050
1992	Mountain	1.923	0.000091	0.049
1993	Mountain	1.925	0.000100	0.050
1994	Mountain	1.959	0.000107	0.053
1995	Mountain	2.197	0.000109	0.054
1996	Mountain	1.809	0.000103	0.059
1997	Mountain	1.921	0.000111	0.059
1998	Mountain	2.424	0.000104	0.060
1999	Mountain	2.485	0.000090	0.064
2000	Mountain	1.948	0.000098	0.064
2001	Mountain	2.383	0.000104	0.066
2002	Mountain	2.570	0.000096	0.066
2003	Mountain	2.184	0.000094	0.069
2004	Mountain	2.367	0.000104	0.068
2005	Mountain	2.474	0.000099	0.070
2006	Mountain	2.675	0.000100	0.069
2007	Mountain	2.389	0.000084	0.073
2008	Mountain	2.154	0.000095	0.071
2009	Mountain	2.676	0.000093	0.070
2010	Mountain	2.399	0.000095	0.072
2011	Mountain	2.341	0.000092	0.071
2012	Mountain	2.762	0.000092	0.074
2013	Mountain	2.315	0.000083	0.074
2014	Mountain	2.635	0.000098	0.075
2015	Mountain	3.025	0.000107	0.075
2016	Mountain	2.781	0.000097	0.076
2017	Mountain	2.678	0.000088	0.078
2018	Mountain	2.606	0.000091	0.078
2019	Mountain	2.234	0.000102	0.079
1990	NewEngland	3.926	0.000098	0.029
1991	NewEngland	4.058	0.000094	0.027
1992	NewEngland	4.559	0.000099	0.028
1993	NewEngland	3.798	0.000092	0.028
1994	NewEngland	4.203	0.000100	0.028
1995	NewEngland	4.206	0.000091	0.026

Year	Census division	RESIDENTIAL_MARKUP	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD
1996	NewEngland	3.371	0.000089	0.028
1997	NewEngland	3.985	0.000093	0.027
1998	NewEngland	4.023	0.000094	0.028
1999	NewEngland	3.818	0.000090	0.029
2000	NewEngland	3.372	0.000085	0.028
2001	NewEngland	3.894	0.000084	0.029
2002	NewEngland	3.535	0.000083	0.029
2003	NewEngland	3.720	0.000084	0.029
2004	NewEngland	4.269	0.000079	0.028
2005	NewEngland	3.675	0.000079	0.029
2006	NewEngland	4.531	0.000076	0.029
2007	NewEngland	4.589	0.000073	0.029
2008	NewEngland	4.190	0.000075	0.032
2009	NewEngland	4.277	0.000077	0.031
2010	NewEngland	4.181	0.000074	0.033
2011	NewEngland	4.106	0.000075	0.033
2012	NewEngland	4.457	0.000077	0.033
2013	NewEngland	4.292	0.000068	0.030
2014	NewEngland	4.359	0.000077	0.032
2015	NewEngland	4.320	0.000070	0.032
2016	NewEngland	4.643	0.000062	0.032
2017	NewEngland	4.579	0.000063	0.033
2018	NewEngland	4.699	0.000063	0.034
2019	NewEngland	4.367	0.000066	0.034
1990	Pacific	2.673	0.000073	0.165
1991	Pacific	3.000	0.000090	0.167
1992	Pacific	2.804	0.000087	0.174
1993	Pacific	2.830	0.000099	0.172
1994	Pacific	3.007	0.000100	0.169
1995	Pacific	3.395	0.000095	0.173
1996	Pacific	2.927	0.000087	0.177
1997	Pacific	2.836	0.000094	0.181
1998	Pacific	3.313	0.000089	0.178
1999	Pacific	2.983	0.000079	0.191
2000	Pacific	2.862	0.000084	0.175
2001	Pacific	2.794	0.000087	0.182
2002	Pacific	2.907	0.000082	0.182
2003	Pacific	2.708	0.000082	0.184
2004	Pacific	2.623	0.000092	0.190
2005	Pacific	2.745	0.000085	0.181
2006	Pacific	3.099	0.000087	0.176
2007	Pacific	3.082	0.000074	0.182

Year	Census division	RESIDENTIAL_MARKUP	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD
2008	Pacific	2.907	0.000081	0.180
2009	Pacific	3.227	0.000095	0.178
2010	Pacific	2.976	0.000089	0.174
2011	Pacific	3.205	0.000085	0.174
2012	Pacific	3.263	0.000088	0.182
2013	Pacific	3.218	0.000079	0.187
2014	Pacific	3.392	0.000083	0.193
2015	Pacific	4.229	0.000090	0.183
2016	Pacific	4.498	0.000099	0.181
2017	Pacific	4.400	0.000088	0.187
2018	Pacific	4.285	0.000094	0.181
2019	Pacific	4.322	0.000101	0.175
1990	SAtlantic	3.150	0.000103	0.144
1991	SAtlantic	3.084	0.000067	0.135
1992	SAtlantic	3.038	0.000065	0.132
1993	SAtlantic	3.083	0.000061	0.134
1994	SAtlantic	3.244	0.000065	0.143
1995	SAtlantic	3.161	0.000066	0.138
1996	SAtlantic	2.863	0.000060	0.149
1997	SAtlantic	3.280	0.000061	0.149
1998	SAtlantic	3.233	0.000060	0.159
1999	SAtlantic	3.415	0.000068	0.150
2000	SAtlantic	3.202	0.000068	0.163
2001	SAtlantic	3.524	0.000059	0.162
2002	SAtlantic	3.673	0.000062	0.167
2003	SAtlantic	3.517	0.000060	0.166
2004	SAtlantic	3.913	0.000057	0.171
2005	SAtlantic	3.829	0.000058	0.168
2006	SAtlantic	4.817	0.000055	0.162
2007	SAtlantic	4.826	0.000055	0.170
2008	SAtlantic	4.197	0.000055	0.163
2009	SAtlantic	4.653	0.000055	0.159
2010	SAtlantic	4.337	0.000054	0.154
2011	SAtlantic	4.454	0.000054	0.166
2012	SAtlantic	4.980	0.000057	0.163
2013	SAtlantic	4.310	0.000053	0.167
2014	SAtlantic	4.002	0.000054	0.169
2015	SAtlantic	4.530	0.000046	0.179
2016	SAtlantic	4.601	0.000046	0.172
2017	SAtlantic	5.057	0.000047	0.184
2018	SAtlantic	4.137	0.000051	0.184
2019	SAtlantic	4.560	0.000049	0.188

Year	Census division	RESIDENTIAL_MARKUP	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD
1990	WNCentral	1.699	0.000053	0.068
1991	WNCentral	1.724	0.000088	0.070
1992	WNCentral	1.799	0.000091	0.067
1993	WNCentral	1.760	0.000097	0.067
1994	WNCentral	1.834	0.000101	0.069
1995	WNCentral	1.898	0.000095	0.068
1996	WNCentral	1.860	0.000096	0.070
1997	WNCentral	1.790	0.000105	0.069
1998	WNCentral	2.097	0.000093	0.071
1999	WNCentral	2.049	0.000081	0.071
2000	WNCentral	2.015	0.000080	0.069
2001	WNCentral	2.143	0.000096	0.071
2002	WNCentral	2.014	0.000083	0.070
2003	WNCentral	1.889	0.000086	0.069
2004	WNCentral	2.212	0.000092	0.068
2005	WNCentral	2.154	0.000087	0.068
2006	WNCentral	2.582	0.000085	0.066
2007	WNCentral	2.558	0.000073	0.066
2008	WNCentral	1.970	0.000077	0.065
2009	WNCentral	2.549	0.000078	0.065
2010	WNCentral	2.453	0.000080	0.065
2011	WNCentral	2.450	0.000087	0.064
2012	WNCentral	2.827	0.000075	0.063
2013	WNCentral	2.501	0.000067	0.063
2014	WNCentral	2.188	0.000081	0.065
2015	WNCentral	2.826	0.000088	0.064
2016	WNCentral	2.751	0.000064	0.065
2017	WNCentral	2.723	0.000061	0.064
2018	WNCentral	2.663	0.000058	0.067
2019	WNCentral	2.426	0.000068	0.066
1990	WSCentral	2.410	0.000063	0.188
1991	WSCentral	2.406	0.000110	0.177
1992	WSCentral	2.330	0.000117	0.175
1993	WSCentral	2.209	0.000109	0.165
1994	WSCentral	2.472	0.000121	0.180
1995	WSCentral	2.444	0.000112	0.174
1996	WSCentral	2.268	0.000115	0.181
1997	WSCentral	2.298	0.000125	0.168
1998	WSCentral	2.743	0.000112	0.178
1999	WSCentral	2.604	0.000094	0.178
2000	WSCentral	2.373	0.000098	0.165
2001	WSCentral	2.434	0.000101	0.165

Year	Census division	RESIDENTIAL_MARKUP	CONSUMPTION_PER_HOUSEHOLD	RES_CONSUMPTION_PER_HDD
2002	WSCentral	2.547	0.000099	0.161
2003	WSCentral	2.538	0.000100	0.163
2004	WSCentral	2.763	0.000099	0.161
2005	WSCentral	2.447	0.000093	0.161
2006	WSCentral	3.420	0.000090	0.158
2007	WSCentral	2.731	0.000081	0.156
2008	WSCentral	2.797	0.000088	0.156
2009	WSCentral	3.276	0.000097	0.151
2010	WSCentral	2.966	0.000092	0.153
2011	WSCentral	2.862	0.000088	0.159
2012	WSCentral	3.645	0.000087	0.168
2013	WSCentral	3.144	0.000072	0.149
2014	WSCentral	2.879	0.000093	0.159
2015	WSCentral	3.547	0.000098	0.163
2016	WSCentral	4.064	0.000071	0.161
2017	WSCentral	4.401	0.000067	0.170
2018	WSCentral	3.265	0.000068	0.162
2019	WSCentral	3.127	0.000082	0.171

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

G-9. Distributor tariff markup for delivered prices to the commercial sector by Census division

Data: Commercial distributor tariffs

Source: Commercial delivered prices, citygate prices, and residential and commercial consumption from EIA's Natural Gas Monthly (NGM). Volume of commercial floorspace was provided via the NEMS Commercial Module by Census division (CMTOTALFLSPC). The NEMS Commercial Module data was supplemented by the number of commercial gas consumers from the Natural Gas Annual (NGA).

Variables:

For historical year yr and Census division r ,

$FLOORSPACE_{yr,r}$ = Commercial floorspace (million cubic feet)

$NUM_GASCONSUMERS_{yr,r}$ = Number of commercial gas consumers from the NGA

$C_MARKUP_{yr,r}$ = Commercial distributor markups or Census-division level average commercial delivered prices (averaged over states using commercial consumption as weights) minus the average citygate prices (averaged over states using residential plus commercial consumption as weights) (1987\$/Mcf)

$QPERFLOR_{yr,r}$ = Consumption per commercial floorspace or commercial consumption [Q_COM_BCF] divided by the commercial floorspace [FLOORSPACE] (Bcf/million cubic feet)

$Q_COM_BCF_{yr,r}$ = Commercial consumption (Bcf)

C_r = estimated constant term for Census division r (1987\$/Mcf)

For some regions, yearly dummy variables were also used, and in the form $DYYYY$.

Derivation:

The floorspace data in NEMS for the nine Census divisions were used starting in 2003. Prior to 2003, the NEMS data was supplemented by the number of commercial gas consumers from the NGA. Ratio of floorspace to commercial gas consumers was assumed to be constant year to year:

$$FLOORSPACE_{yr<2003,r} = NUM_GASCONSUMERS_{yr<2003,r} * \frac{FLOORSPACE_{yr=2003,r}}{NUM_GASCONSUMERS_{yr=2003,r}}$$

The estimated equation is used to generate plausible markups for the commercial sector based on available price data, namely the commercial end use prices from the NGM and citygate prices in the division. The estimated equation follows:

$C_MARKUP_{yr,r} = C_r + (\alpha * QPERFLOOR_{yr,r}) + (\beta * Q_COM_BCF_{yr,r})$ equation was estimated using a basic ordinary least squares approach applied to the data provided below.

Regression diagnostics and parameter estimates:

For every Census division X:

Dependent Variable: C_MARKUP

Method: Panel Least Squares

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Sample: 1990 2019 IF @CROSSID=X

Periods included: 30

Cross-sections included: 1

Total panel (balanced) observations: 30

Parameter estimates:

Cross ID	Census division	Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
1	East North Central	C	2.450	0.410	5.982	0.000
1	East North Central	CONSUMPTION_PER_FLOOR	-28.718	5.849	-4.910	0.000
1	East North Central	COMMERCIAL_CONSUMPTION	0.001	0.001	1.546	0.135
1	East North Central	D2006	-0.416	0.151	-2.749	0.011
1	East North Central	D1994	0.305	0.150	2.033	0.053
1	East North Central	D2002	0.274	0.145	1.897	0.070
2	East South Central	C	3.541	0.417	8.500	0.000
2	East South Central	CONSUMPTION_PER_FLOOR	-57.300	4.155	-13.790	0.000
2	East South Central	COMMERCIAL_CONSUMPTION	0.005	0.003	1.478	0.151
3	Middle Atlantic	C	2.968	0.541	5.486	0.000
3	Middle Atlantic	CONSUMPTION_PER_FLOOR	17.105	12.739	1.343	0.191
3	Middle Atlantic	COMMERCIAL_CONSUMPTION	-0.003	0.001	-3.981	0.001
3	Middle Atlantic	D2004	0.577	0.251	2.297	0.030
3	Middle Atlantic	D2001	0.474	0.247	1.915	0.067
4	Mountain	C	3.934	0.815	4.829	0.000
4	Mountain	CONSUMPTION_PER_FLOOR	-42.036	8.783	-4.786	0.000
4	Mountain	COMMERCIAL_CONSUMPTION	-0.001	0.002	-0.628	0.536
4	Mountain	D1998	0.363	0.180	2.023	0.054
5	New England	C	2.830	0.316	8.950	0.000
5	New England	CONSUMPTION_PER_FLOOR	-27.123	9.134	-2.969	0.007
5	New England	COMMERCIAL_CONSUMPTION	0.005	0.002	2.995	0.006
5	New England	D2000	-0.795	0.251	-3.162	0.004
5	New England	D2007	0.558	0.257	2.169	0.040
6	Pacific	C	0.784	0.921	0.850	0.403
6	Pacific	CONSUMPTION_PER_FLOOR	-22.247	5.225	-4.258	0.000
6	Pacific	COMMERCIAL_CONSUMPTION	0.007	0.003	2.461	0.021

Cross ID	Census division	Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
6	Pacific	D1994	1.113	0.221	5.039	0.000
6	Pacific	D1995	0.789	0.227	3.477	0.002
7	South Atlantic	C	2.312	0.560	4.131	0.000
7	South Atlantic	CONSUMPTION_PER_FLOOR	-59.904	16.872	-3.550	0.001
7	South Atlantic	COMMERCIAL_CONSUMPTION	0.004	0.001	4.843	0.000
8	West North Central	C	2.026	0.221	9.157	0.000
8	West North Central	CONSUMPTION_PER_FLOOR	-41.451	3.594	-11.535	0.000
8	West North Central	COMMERCIAL_CONSUMPTION	0.005	0.001	5.423	0.000
9	West South Central	C	2.912	0.315	9.234	0.000
9	West South Central	CONSUMPTION_PER_FLOOR	-37.863	7.192	-5.264	0.000
9	West South Central	COMMERCIAL_CONSUMPTION	-0.001	0.001	-1.196	0.243
9	West South Central	D2001	-0.541	0.145	-3.734	0.001

Regression Diagnostics:

Cross-ID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Census division	ENC	ESC	MIDATL	MTN	NE	PAC	SATL	WNC	WSC
R-squared	0.580	0.881	0.499	0.563	0.541	0.659	0.683	0.835	0.665
Adjusted R-squared	0.493	0.873	0.419	0.513	0.467	0.605	0.659	0.822	0.627
S.E. of regression	0.142	0.149	0.238	0.173	0.247	0.212	0.167	0.093	0.141
Sum squared resid	0.483	0.597	1.413	0.780	1.520	1.128	0.751	0.231	0.514
Log likelihood	19.351	16.187	3.269	12.171	2.173	6.641	12.736	30.400	18.438
F-statistic	6.635	100.335	6.234	11.163	7.356	12.081	29.074	68.088	17.226
Prob(F-statistic)	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Root MSE	0.127	0.141	0.217	0.161	0.225	0.194	0.158	0.088	0.131
Mean dependent var	1.485	2.167	1.900	1.516	2.461	2.318	2.240	1.358	1.430
S.D. dependent var	0.199	0.417	0.312	0.248	0.338	0.338	0.286	0.220	0.230
Akaike info criterion	-0.890	-0.879	0.115	-0.545	0.188	-0.109	-0.649	-1.827	-0.963
Schwarz criterion	-0.610	-0.739	0.349	-0.358	0.422	0.124	-0.509	-1.687	-0.776
Hannan-Quinn criter.	-0.800	-0.834	0.190	-0.485	0.263	-0.035	-0.604	-1.782	-0.903
Durbin-Watson stat	1.313	1.920	1.785	2.163	1.596	1.278	1.266	2.089	0.946

Table G.9.1 Commercial sector distributor tariff markup for delivered prices regression data

Year	R_CEN	Commercial_Markup	Consumption_Per_Floor	Commercial_Consumption
1990	ENCentral	1.289959	0.061525	637.1244
1991	ENCentral	1.351472	0.061444	647.8718
1992	ENCentral	1.268031	0.06295	672.1282
1993	ENCentral	1.4412	0.064748	702.2658
1994	ENCentral	1.599765	0.064082	700.9173

Year	R_CEN	Commercial_Markup	Consumption_Per_Floor	Commercial_Consumption
1995	ENCentral	1.298636	0.06644	741.8957
1996	ENCentral	1.173508	0.069514	790.539
1997	ENCentral	1.388724	0.065446	752.0692
1998	ENCentral	1.504003	0.055827	648.9786
1999	ENCentral	1.417436	0.058439	692.2074
2000	ENCentral	1.214261	0.061504	741.3171
2001	ENCentral	1.295869	0.057344	689.715
2002	ENCentral	1.775318	0.057187	709.0312
2003	ENCentral	1.278806	0.06074	754.6138
2004	ENCentral	1.38222	0.056654	714.2407
2005	ENCentral	1.336766	0.054796	701.2169
2006	ENCentral	1.234902	0.049963	650.1819
2007	ENCentral	1.462791	0.05211	689.1208
2008	ENCentral	1.637235	0.055029	739.9757
2009	ENCentral	1.675955	0.052535	714.9298
2010	ENCentral	1.460252	0.048138	660.8328
2011	ENCentral	1.788127	0.05077	699.9912
2012	ENCentral	1.888577	0.048522	618.7011
2013	ENCentral	1.531581	0.058558	749.8705
2014	ENCentral	1.504157	0.063279	813.4923
2015	ENCentral	1.683166	0.055819	720.9962
2016	ENCentral	1.773631	0.053253	692.5439
2017	ENCentral	1.791559	0.054042	707.8755
2018	ENCentral	1.632388	0.060229	795.1873
2019	ENCentral	1.462908	0.059929	797.889
1990	ESCentral	1.580412	0.041142	117.8523
1991	ESCentral	1.681619	0.041948	121.7379
1992	ESCentral	1.668839	0.04283	126.4845
1993	ESCentral	1.640687	0.044564	134.6728
1994	ESCentral	1.901066	0.043367	133.7899
1995	ESCentral	1.802928	0.043928	138.8626
1996	ESCentral	1.455338	0.047221	152.2398
1997	ESCentral	1.830548	0.045164	150.0604
1998	ESCentral	1.902156	0.038013	132.6334
1999	ESCentral	1.882829	0.040087	136.8793
2000	ESCentral	1.657504	0.04017	141.3542
2001	ESCentral	1.982878	0.038583	137.0078
2002	ESCentral	2.163903	0.038391	137.1367
2003	ESCentral	1.767375	0.038699	143.9134
2004	ESCentral	2.082255	0.037068	140.5136
2005	ESCentral	2.464008	0.035591	137.5516
2006	ESCentral	2.439086	0.032545	128.4193

Year	R_CEN	Commercial_Markup	Consumption_Per_Floor	Commercial_Consumption
2007	ESCentral	2.17425	0.032352	130.2269
2008	ESCentral	2.358254	0.033436	137.406
2009	ESCentral	2.681109	0.031305	131.2498
2010	ESCentral	2.33285	0.033271	141.2845
2011	ESCentral	2.423615	0.030807	131.7231
2012	ESCentral	2.608196	0.023406	114.6016
2013	ESCentral	2.500062	0.027397	135.073
2014	ESCentral	2.438124	0.029463	146.3333
2015	ESCentral	2.746979	0.026401	132.3192
2016	ESCentral	2.70465	0.024578	124.4272
2017	ESCentral	2.894604	0.024	122.6969
2018	ESCentral	2.620319	0.028096	145.0946
2019	ESCentral	2.613149	0.026598	138.7867
1990	MidAtlantic	2.10604	0.050623	437.0554
1991	MidAtlantic	2.141138	0.049381	445.8602
1992	MidAtlantic	2.234208	0.053056	482.4553
1993	MidAtlantic	2.169062	0.05408	484.7517
1994	MidAtlantic	2.538313	0.054264	496.7198
1995	MidAtlantic	2.520966	0.055539	517.6666
1996	MidAtlantic	2.11194	0.059075	561.2544
1997	MidAtlantic	1.730165	0.066901	636.8177
1998	MidAtlantic	1.809522	0.061019	614.0747
1999	MidAtlantic	1.370785	0.065942	671.0205
2000	MidAtlantic	1.781546	0.064426	675.4683
2001	MidAtlantic	2.326225	0.061572	621.8677
2002	MidAtlantic	1.429557	0.063744	648.914
2003	MidAtlantic	2.188231	0.061826	651.82
2004	MidAtlantic	2.272746	0.063246	674.9288
2005	MidAtlantic	1.962275	0.055132	593.8911
2006	MidAtlantic	1.673364	0.04994	543.8511
2007	MidAtlantic	1.630999	0.05464	601.8092
2008	MidAtlantic	1.795487	0.054291	604.5619
2009	MidAtlantic	1.631417	0.053974	607.1181
2010	MidAtlantic	1.864933	0.05422	613.1447
2011	MidAtlantic	1.573545	0.055353	628.5988
2012	MidAtlantic	1.524784	0.051336	577.125
2013	MidAtlantic	1.899069	0.05599	630.7391
2014	MidAtlantic	1.900068	0.060907	687.878
2015	MidAtlantic	1.865229	0.055411	628.5989
2016	MidAtlantic	1.836964	0.052558	598.704
2017	MidAtlantic	1.925846	0.052863	605.9411
2018	MidAtlantic	1.79743	0.057437	662.8456

Year	R_CEN	Commercial_Markup	Consumption_Per_Floor	Commercial_Consumption
2019	MidAtlantic	1.383216	0.055154	641.1414
1990	Mountain	1.179696	0.055873	179.3712
1991	Mountain	1.223297	0.057013	190.602
1992	Mountain	1.116464	0.054979	183.2379
1993	Mountain	1.242046	0.059959	202.7663
1994	Mountain	1.258367	0.057136	196.3803
1995	Mountain	1.505134	0.05692	198.9912
1996	Mountain	1.112565	0.059088	210.617
1997	Mountain	1.163151	0.059333	215.5604
1998	Mountain	1.678666	0.05583	209.3356
1999	Mountain	1.71743	0.052448	203.1558
2000	Mountain	1.192012	0.053019	211.1239
2001	Mountain	1.788848	0.052151	210.6401
2002	Mountain	1.780769	0.052595	218.0674
2003	Mountain	1.416022	0.050075	210.644
2004	Mountain	1.489863	0.049758	214.9006
2005	Mountain	1.554236	0.048825	216.3356
2006	Mountain	1.791301	0.047167	215.5321
2007	Mountain	1.680747	0.046929	221.519
2008	Mountain	1.42613	0.047521	231.4625
2009	Mountain	1.804646	0.046848	235.4468
2010	Mountain	1.585446	0.045059	229.913
2011	Mountain	1.534962	0.04593	236.4883
2012	Mountain	1.72633	0.044845	219.7324
2013	Mountain	1.450324	0.049454	244.4499
2014	Mountain	1.663868	0.046749	233.1647
2015	Mountain	2.044296	0.044821	226.1707
2016	Mountain	1.749358	0.046518	238.1138
2017	Mountain	1.643511	0.046443	240.8127
2018	Mountain	1.631772	0.04772	250.9083
2019	Mountain	1.325336	0.050754	270.9056
1990	NewEngland	2.521629	0.037835	97.10592
1991	NewEngland	2.505014	0.036845	97.50098
1992	NewEngland	2.324705	0.043273	113.8194
1993	NewEngland	2.078612	0.040407	117.5803
1994	NewEngland	2.477201	0.052933	146.7967
1995	NewEngland	2.390854	0.048169	143.7758
1996	NewEngland	2.016142	0.053117	161.6452
1997	NewEngland	2.294582	0.055777	173.3265
1998	NewEngland	2.184102	0.04952	154.2978
1999	NewEngland	2.140268	0.042762	138.3846
2000	NewEngland	1.630206	0.04195	141.161

Year	R_CEN	Commercial_Markup	Consumption_Per_Floor	Commercial_Consumption
2001	NewEngland	2.066972	0.03917	132.7578
2002	NewEngland	2.038159	0.039209	134.207
2003	NewEngland	2.532759	0.037657	130.0068
2004	NewEngland	2.825593	0.034439	120.4064
2005	NewEngland	2.49755	0.033794	119.7588
2006	NewEngland	2.84783	0.030349	109.3609
2007	NewEngland	3.106002	0.034464	125.8208
2008	NewEngland	2.708714	0.037289	138.0789
2009	NewEngland	2.594786	0.037573	140.4117
2010	NewEngland	2.187329	0.037446	140.7517
2011	NewEngland	2.246414	0.041278	155.728
2012	NewEngland	2.525607	0.033537	144.3838
2013	NewEngland	2.698221	0.04168	180.1977
2014	NewEngland	2.967126	0.044297	192.3159
2015	NewEngland	2.743257	0.044431	193.6606
2016	NewEngland	2.830743	0.04278	187.785
2017	NewEngland	2.67869	0.044422	196.3639
2018	NewEngland	2.888615	0.048418	215.6921
2019	NewEngland	2.274906	0.048864	219.3921
1990	Pacific	1.937662	0.04864	367.1331
1991	Pacific	2.169092	0.047912	373.2922
1992	Pacific	2.02568	0.04778	364.6524
1993	Pacific	2.420304	0.044625	342.9932
1994	Pacific	3.184846	0.045152	349.1352
1995	Pacific	2.937229	0.047104	367.4805
1996	Pacific	2.269005	0.043454	340.2534
1997	Pacific	2.215499	0.044876	353.4971
1998	Pacific	2.581851	0.037099	389.8341
1999	Pacific	2.366077	0.043103	351.9883
2000	Pacific	2.053458	0.041393	338.3571
2001	Pacific	1.881564	0.041846	345.5895
2002	Pacific	2.152164	0.039365	328.8242
2003	Pacific	1.912608	0.037508	323.0759
2004	Pacific	1.809399	0.037069	324.3635
2005	Pacific	1.869813	0.036893	328.0029
2006	Pacific	2.195612	0.037916	342.6089
2007	Pacific	2.252598	0.038595	354.5881
2008	Pacific	2.264242	0.038171	356.4343
2009	Pacific	2.351487	0.037175	352.0654
2010	Pacific	2.117313	0.036025	343.7459
2011	Pacific	2.370476	0.036914	353.7535
2012	Pacific	2.265135	0.026484	356.2363

Year	R_CEN	Commercial_Markup	Consumption_Per_Floor	Commercial_Consumption
2013	Pacific	2.172223	0.026723	360.8413
2014	Pacific	2.199665	0.02504	339.406
2015	Pacific	2.65218	0.024386	332.6008
2016	Pacific	2.877149	0.024381	335.5102
2017	Pacific	2.700172	0.025185	349.8108
2018	Pacific	2.63834	0.025165	353.1554
2019	Pacific	2.688398	0.025878	367.2536
1990	SAtlantic	1.899949	0.022429	239.4023
1991	SAtlantic	1.814794	0.0241	266.701
1992	SAtlantic	1.80428	0.025786	290.8486
1993	SAtlantic	1.910027	0.025905	300.2571
1994	SAtlantic	1.939085	0.024994	298.7792
1995	SAtlantic	1.946752	0.025151	308.4493
1996	SAtlantic	1.809725	0.02556	325.7807
1997	SAtlantic	2.060399	0.024552	317.9415
1998	SAtlantic	2.028461	0.024184	315.4093
1999	SAtlantic	1.997389	0.019676	312.2542
2000	SAtlantic	2.041903	0.025163	348.7883
2001	SAtlantic	2.277869	0.024092	333.8784
2002	SAtlantic	2.216186	0.025194	346.7851
2003	SAtlantic	2.11212	0.025851	361.8833
2004	SAtlantic	2.273521	0.02562	367.9669
2005	SAtlantic	2.055642	0.025301	372.285
2006	SAtlantic	2.59634	0.022759	343.5564
2007	SAtlantic	2.511942	0.02304	357.4012
2008	SAtlantic	2.292986	0.022998	366.0312
2009	SAtlantic	2.599288	0.022814	371.6185
2010	SAtlantic	2.482554	0.023445	387.8602
2011	SAtlantic	2.540413	0.021925	366.4912
2012	SAtlantic	2.70038	0.019543	350.9385
2013	SAtlantic	2.620267	0.02152	389.3535
2014	SAtlantic	2.458361	0.022513	410.4913
2015	SAtlantic	2.613788	0.020987	386.0386
2016	SAtlantic	2.525753	0.020674	384.3279
2017	SAtlantic	2.506103	0.020299	382.0647
2018	SAtlantic	2.314814	0.021737	414.5627
2019	SAtlantic	2.262493	0.020838	402.8858
1990	WNCentral	0.932501	0.059566	285.4694
1991	WNCentral	1.011704	0.061947	308.102
1992	WNCentral	1.071219	0.05659	288.4864
1993	WNCentral	1.119941	0.061271	310.89
1994	WNCentral	1.160024	0.057844	303.5681

Year	R_CEN	Commercial_Markup	Consumption_Per_Floor	Commercial_Consumption
1995	WNCentral	1.150593	0.059752	315.3158
1996	WNCentral	1.228495	0.063944	342.6062
1997	WNCentral	1.054587	0.05757	304.5195
1998	WNCentral	1.272422	0.049399	271.9389
1999	WNCentral	1.235999	0.051562	278.3009
2000	WNCentral	1.288448	0.052964	290.2224
2001	WNCentral	1.27425	0.051311	284.7753
2002	WNCentral	1.248759	0.052654	296.7422
2003	WNCentral	1.206473	0.051578	292.9446
2004	WNCentral	1.402086	0.049771	287.0419
2005	WNCentral	1.374969	0.046846	274.2666
2006	WNCentral	1.563803	0.043577	259.0204
2007	WNCentral	1.619617	0.045708	275.7118
2008	WNCentral	1.508195	0.050396	308.5083
2009	WNCentral	1.361388	0.048173	299.0273
2010	WNCentral	1.542276	0.045408	284.3001
2011	WNCentral	1.606853	0.046382	292.2045
2012	WNCentral	1.594361	0.040845	251.8066
2013	WNCentral	1.549235	0.051145	317.2902
2014	WNCentral	1.362451	0.053732	336.156
2015	WNCentral	1.750634	0.046479	293.2459
2016	WNCentral	1.624008	0.044602	284.1263
2017	WNCentral	1.615651	0.045825	294.9015
2018	WNCentral	1.64719	0.052845	343.7336
2019	WNCentral	1.368661	0.052538	345.5752
1990	WSCentral	1.222199	0.032401	261.2974
1991	WSCentral	1.23198	0.033796	273.2301
1992	WSCentral	1.204447	0.032606	276.7437
1993	WSCentral	1.24397	0.031437	270.7215
1994	WSCentral	1.346745	0.030906	270.927
1995	WSCentral	1.17903	0.033348	305.0887
1996	WSCentral	1.164934	0.030664	283.6247
1997	WSCentral	1.243755	0.034189	318.8226
1998	WSCentral	1.571706	0.029288	268.4733
1999	WSCentral	1.458999	0.029705	265.4138
2000	WSCentral	1.200957	0.032776	294.0771
2001	WSCentral	0.888867	0.030068	267.7043
2002	WSCentral	1.329429	0.036552	327.4316
2003	WSCentral	1.432326	0.03474	313.4193
2004	WSCentral	1.600852	0.030907	285.2885
2005	WSCentral	1.644652	0.02714	255.8307
2006	WSCentral	1.695101	0.024556	236.6235

Year	R_CEN	Commercial_Markup	Consumption_Per_Floor	Commercial_Consumption
2007	WSCentral	1.421227	0.026174	257.7478
2008	WSCentral	1.539923	0.026485	267.4742
2009	WSCentral	1.741634	0.025967	268.6576
2010	WSCentral	1.503638	0.028414	299.434
2011	WSCentral	1.371648	0.027369	291.7897
2012	WSCentral	1.644011	0.023254	265.3037
2013	WSCentral	1.644389	0.025481	293.8861
2014	WSCentral	1.526482	0.02686	313.3324
2015	WSCentral	1.773316	0.024864	294.3674
2016	WSCentral	1.76781	0.022721	273.9161
2017	WSCentral	1.820761	0.022505	276.1062
2018	WSCentral	1.274274	0.027842	347.9498
2019	WSCentral	1.22417	0.026345	335.5451

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, National Energy Modeling System, Natural Gas Market Module

G-10. Historical delivered end use prices to the industrial sector

Data: Historical industrial sector natural gas prices by Census division, assigned exogenously to variable *HistoricalIndustrialPrice_MESC* in NGMM for the years 1990 through the last historical year in the model. Used as a basis for setting the markup to delivered industrial prices in the projection.

Source: Industrial prices by Census region for available years – EIA’s Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey (MECS); industrial prices by state as purchased from a local distribution company – EIA’s Natural Gas Monthly (NGM), DOE/EIA-0130; wellhead prices by the 17 onshore supply regions –input data in the Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Module.

Variables:

$MECSTOT87_{yr,cr}$ = historical industrial natural gas prices from MECS for available year yr and Census region cr (1987\$/Mcf)

$SUPPLY87_{yr,cr}$ = historical natural gas wellhead prices averaged to Census division from 17 supply regions using industrial consumption as a weight for available year yr and Census region cr (1987\$/Mcf). [Historical wellhead prices are a combination of published EIA wellhead prices (last provided in 2012) and average regional spot prices minus an assumed gathering charge.]

$NGAP87_{yr,cr}$ = historical industrial prices for natural gas purchased from local distribution companies for available year yr and Census region cr (1987\$/Mcf).

cr = Census region

yr = available historical years (2002, 2006, 2010, 2014)

Derivation:

While the industrial prices from the NGM only reflect natural gas purchases through local distribution companies (about 15% of the market), prices from MECS represent the majority of the market, although they still do not include the nonmanufacturing portion. However, the MECS data are only available every four years by the four Census regions. The estimated equation is used to fill in the missing data with plausible prices for the industrial sector based on available price data, namely the industrial prices from the NGM and wellhead prices in the region. The estimated equation follows:

$$MECSTOT87_{yr,r} = C + (\alpha * SUPPLY87_{yr,r}) + (\beta * NGAP87_{yr,r})$$

The equations were estimated using a basic ordinary least squares approach applied to the data provided below.

Regression diagnostics and parameter estimates:

Dependent Variable: MECSTOT87

Method: Least Squares

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Included observations: 16

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	-0.112168	0.238582	-0.470142	0.646
<i>SUPPLY87</i>	0.647965	0.152617	4.245685	0.001
<i>NGAP87</i>	0.450337	0.090602	4.970492	0.0003
R-squared	0.955979	Mean dependent var		3.745
Adjusted R-squared	0.949207	S.D. dependent var		1.066171
S.E. of regression	0.240287	Akaike info criterion		0.153395
Sum squared resid	0.750591	Schwarz criterion		0.298255
Log likelihood	1.772843	Hannan-Quinn criter.		0.160813
F-statistic	141.1572	Durbin-Watson stat		2.219504
Prob(F-statistic)	0			

Table G.10.1 Industrial Sector end-use price regression data

year	region	MECSTOT87	SUPPLY87	NGAP87
2002	Midwest	3	1.95	3.59
2006	Midwest	5.15	4.03	6.06
2010	Midwest	3.38	2.4	3.99
2014	Midwest	3.17	2.67	3.98
2002	Northeast	3.51	2.64	4.33
2006	Northeast	6.42	4.19	7.55
2010	Northeast	4.25	2.78	5.35
2014	Northeast	3.6	2.79	5.41
2002	South	2.64	2.28	2.83
2006	South	4.94	4.2	5.08
2010	South	3.05	2.39	3.23
2014	South	2.74	2.24	3.02
2002	West	2.84	2.08	3.56
2006	West	4.77	3.73	6.07
2010	West	3.35	2.31	4.12
2014	West	3.11	2.35	4.08