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## **Energy Market Report**

Report Date: March 15, 2019

Report Week: March 6, 2019 to March 13, 2019

Newstracker:

-Natural gas spot prices fell at most locations for the Report Week of Wednesday, March 6 to Wednesday, March 13. Henry Hub spot prices fell from \$2.94/MMBtu to \$2.81/MMBtu from open to close of the Report Week.

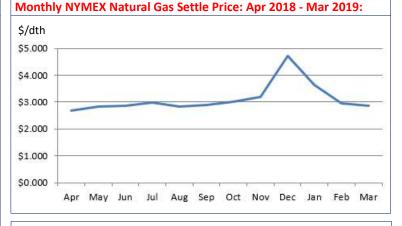
-At the New York Mercantile Exchange (Nymex), the price of the April 2019 natural gas futures contract decreased 2¢, from \$2.841/MMBtu to \$2.82/MMBtu from start to finish of the Report Week. The price of the 12-month strip averaging April 2019 through March 2020 futures contracts remained the same Wednesday to Wednesday at \$2.975/MMBtu.

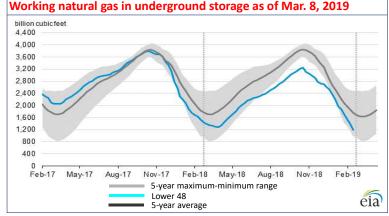
-Net natural gas withdrawals from storage totaled 204 Bcf for the week ending March 8, compared with the five-year (201418) average net withdrawals of 99 Bcf and last year's net withdrawals of 88 Bcf during the same week. Working gas stocks totaled 1,186 Bcf, which is 569 Bcf (32%) lower than the five-year average and 359 Bcf (23%) lower than last year at this time.

-After heightened demand for space heating with cold weather during the previous report week, total US consumption of natural gas fell by 19% week on week, according to data from PointLogic Energy. In the residential and commercial sectors, consumption declined by 26%. Natural gas consumed for power generation declined by 15% week over week. Industrial sector consumption decreased by 8% week over week. Natural gas exports to Mexico decreased 1%.

-The natural gas plant liquids composite price at Mont Belvieu, Texas, rose by 8¢/MMBtu, averaging \$6.70/MMBtu for the week ending March 13. The price of natural gasoline, ethane, propane, and butane rose by 2%, 1%, 1%, and 1%, respectively. The price of isobutane remained flat week over week.

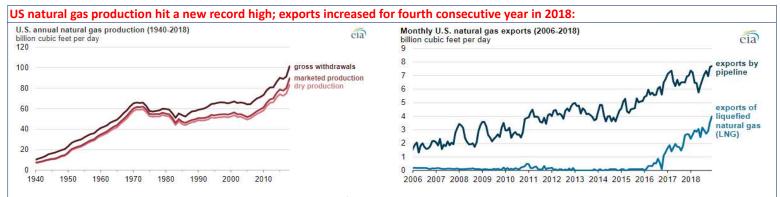
-According to Baker Hughes, for the week ending Tuesday, March 5, the natural gas rig count decreased by 2 to 193. The number of oil-directed rigs fell by 9 to 834. The total rig count decreased by 11, and it now stands at 1,027.





## Forward 12-month NYMEX natural gas strip price - Apr19-Mar20:

Process Load-weighted 2.975/dth - w/o/w = 0.001Typical Heat Load-weighted 3.028/dth - w/o/w = 0.003



US natural gas production grew by 10.0 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) in 2018, an 11% increase from 2017. The growth was the largest annual increase in production on record, reaching a record high for the second consecutive year. US natural gas production measured as gross withdrawals averaged 101.3 Bcf/d in 2018, the highest volume on record. As natural gas production increased, the volume of natural gas exportsboth through pipelines and as liquefied natural gas (LNG)increased for the fourth consecutive year, reaching 9.9 Bcf/d. Total natural gas exports grew 14% in 2018, and LNG exports grew by 53% to 3.0 Bcf/d. Both pipeline and LNG exports reached record monthly highs in December 2018 of 7.7 Bcf/d and 4.0 Bcf/d, respectively. The US continued to export more natural gas than it imported in 2018, after being a net exporter in 2017 for the first time in nearly 60 years. In September 2018, the United States exports class of the fourth consecutive by a net exporter in 2017 for the first time in nearly 60 years. In September 2018, the United States export class of the fourth consecutive by a net export in 2017 for the first time in nearly 60 years.

"I'm a firm believer that character is overrated.

Character is a trick that we do with the audience's collusion." -William H. Macy<sup>1</sup>

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