

Volume 505 December 5, 2013

Market- Natural gas traded higher this week as continued below normal weather across the country increased demand. Coal to natural gas switching and winter cold weather expectations also continues to keep prices supported in addition to global increasing demand for new natural gas LNG. There was a large withdrawal from storage reported this morning. The once over-supply of gas in storage is now at average levels as seen on the graph to the right; storage right now is below last year levels and below five-year average. The US gas traditional rotary rig count decreased 2 rigs and horizontal drilling increased 0 rigs. Gas production levels due mostly to shale drilling are still strong. Natural gas is very attractive to fix at this time.

The Crude oil price for Jan is higher this week at \$97.67 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$3.06 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are higher this week at \$2.73 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.19...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was a withdrawal of **162BCF**; storage is **200BCF lower** than last year and **104BCF below** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – Jan 2014 NYMEX gas futures

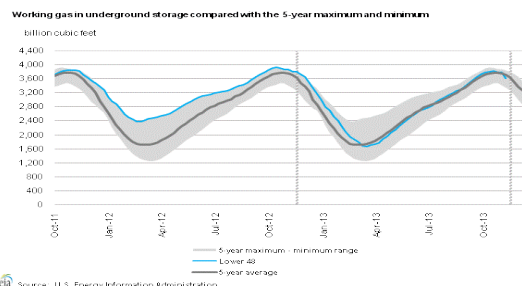
Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
High	32	23	22	29	26
Low	17	13	19	25	10

Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft

This Week	Last Year	5 Year Ave.
3,614	3,814	3,718

The total is a decrease of 162 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of December 5

Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for Jan

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	\$ 4.069	\$ 4.069
Propane (gal)	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.33
Crude Oil (barrel)	\$ 97.67	
Heating Oil (gal)	\$ 3.06	\$ 2.20
Unleaded Gas (gal)	\$ 2.73	

North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:

This week	367
Last week	369
Year Ago this week	424

US Horizontal Rig Count:

This week	1127
Last week	1127
Year Ago this week	1110

NGI Chicago for December 2013 \$3890

