NATURAL GAS MARKET UPDATE



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NATURAL GAS FUTURES SETTLEMENT PRICES:

4/6/22	NYMEX NATURAL GAS							
May22	6.029	May22-Oct22		6.136	Cal 23	4.792		
Jun22	6.107		Nov22-Mar23	6.238	Cal 24	4.042		
Jul22	6.172		Apr23-Oct23	4.279	Cal 25	4.009		
Aug22	6.176		Nov23-Mar24	4.538	Cal 26	4.087		
Sep22	6.157		Apr24-Oct24	3.841	Cal 27	4.127		
Oct22	6.177		Nov24-Mar25	4.241	Cal 28	4.187		
TTF - HOLLAND			NBP - UNITED KINGDOM JKI			M - ASIA		
May-22	\$34.231	May-22		\$31.331	May-22	\$33.440		
Jun-22	\$34.392		Jun-22	\$32.495	Jun-22	\$30.485		
Jul-22	\$34.528		Jul-22	\$33.120	Jul-22	\$29.990		
Aug-22	\$34.621	Aug-22		\$33.482	Aug-22	\$30.705		
Sep-22	\$34.717		Sep-22	\$34.264	Sep-22	\$31.555		
EASTERN GAS SOUTH FIXED-PRICE SETTLES (NYMEX + BASIS):								
May-22	5.2815	,	May22-Oct22			5.2280		
Jun-22	5.3545	,	Nov22-Mar23			5.4372		
Jul-22	5.4195	,	Apr23-Oct23			3.1666		
Aug-22	5.4035		Nov23-Mar24			3.6744		
Sep-22	5.0070)	Apr24-Oct24			2.8096		
Oct-22	4.9020)	Nov24-Mar25			3.4476		
Nov-22	5.2390)	May22-Apr23 (1-Year)			5.1778		
Dec-22	5.5280)	Calendar 2023			3.7940		
Jan-23	5.7670)	Calendar 2024			3.1260		

FRONT-MONTH NYMEX NG FUTURES CHART:



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DAILT CASH MARKET HICES (IOF GD7).					
Algonquin, citygates	6.385				
Columbia Gas Transmission (TCO)	5.920				
Eastern Gas South (formerly Dominion South)	5.945				
Henry Hub	6.245				
Tetco M2 (Receipts)	5.950				
Tetco M3	6.175				
Transco Zone 5 South	6.315				
Waha	5.740				



WORKING NATURAL GAS IN STORAGE, LOWER 48 STATES:

As of Week Ending:	4/1/2022	Build/ <mark>(Draw)</mark>	
Current Storage	1,382 Bcf	(33) Bcf	
		Surplus/(Deficit)	
Last Year Storage	1,781 Bcf	(399) Bcf	
5-Year Average	1,667 Bcf	(285) Bcf	
Prelim. Estimate for: 04/2	+28 Bcf		
End of NG Storage Withdrav	1,420 Bcf		
End of NG Storage Injectio	3,500 Bcf		

Market Commentary: The natural gas market continues to defy gravity and punish those attempting to pick the top of this explosive rally, with May Nymex having jumped ~\$1 since becoming the prompt contract, and cash markets have been along for the ride as well. Last week's storage report came in at +26 Bcf, which was just a couple of Bcf below consensus, but prices used that as a launch pad nonetheless, though on that occasion the rally above 5.80 was sold into and prices finished up last week in the mid-5.70's. That's where prices kicked off for this week as well, and we have remained above 5.65 since Sunday night's open, with that low touched on Monday morning ahead of the open, and it has been all upside from there. Prices had achieved a \$6 handle just 24 hours later, and got up to 6.20 by late morning on Tuesday before moving back down to 6.00. Again vesterday morning prices were on the upswing, this time topping out at our week-to-date high of 6.394 which is a new all-time high for the May22 Nymex contract, taking out the prior contract high of from 2013 by about 25 cents, but was still about 7 cents shy of the 6.466 continuation high from early October (and about \$1 below the Feb22 spike high from Jan 27th on that contract's settlement day, but that was confined to that one contract with not even another Nymex \$5 handle anywhere on the forward curve on Jan 27th). Global NG benchmarks have been quieter in recent weeks and trickled slightly lower from last week, with May22 delivery between \$31 and \$34/MMBtu as of last night's close. Russia has attempted to coerce its natural gas customers from "unfriendly countries" to pay for their natural gas in Russian rubles instead of the US dollars and Euros that were agreed to in the contract documents, threatening to cut off supplies to those who do not comply. It is unclear how that will play out, but TTF prices don't appear to reflect an imminent concern with European prices more than 50% below their early March highs above \$70 (while Asian JKM futures topped \$50 that same day). Production in the US has dropped slightly from last week, with a 7-day average of 93.1 Bcf/day according to Platts, which is down from 94.5 Bcf/day the week prior, and that has helped keep prices well bid in an attempt to reduce demand and free up molecules to be injected in storage. The extent to which these prices do impact demand remains to be seen, but last summer the market did an admirable job of illustrating that demand elasticity is not what it once was before all of the coal-fired generation that has been retired over the past several years. "The best cure for high prices is high prices", as the saying goes, and the forward curve reflects the market's current belief that \$6 natural gas will not last into 2024 and even the summer of 2023 Nymex is more than 2.00 lower at 4.30 vs. May22-Oct22 Nymex trading at 6.35 intraday today.

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