



US Shale Gas Revolution–Economic, Commercial and Environmental/ Carbon Implications

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Shale gas production has swamped North American markets, changing pipeline flows.



Source: EIA Administrator Adam Sieminski, 9/22/2014; from state administrative data collected by DrillingInfo Inc. Data are through July 2014 and represent EIA's official tight oil & shale gas estimates, but are not survey data. State abbreviations indicate primary state(s).



Increasingly productive Marcellus/Utica shales "suddenly" supply 24% US market.



Source: EIA, Drilling Productivity Report, January 12, 2015; resource data from http://www.eia.gov/analysis/studies/usshalegas/ (Northeast excl. Antrim); Yamal data from Gazprom, http://www.gazprom.com/about/production/projects/mega-yamal/, incl. explored and provisionally estimated; Qatar data from EIA, BP statistical review.



The US Energy Dept. has approved enough LNG exports to place US first, globally.



Source: BSA 2015, from BP 2014 Statistical Review.

Issue: How high will US LNG export volumes actually get?

- DOE has now approved about 85 mtpa of exports to non-FTA countries and South Korea.
 - Deprived of grounds for rejection by its own studies, DOE recently announced suspension of further LNG export approvals to projects that have not been granted facilities certification from the FERC.
 - FERC is likely to approve environmentally acceptable projects for which bone fide sponsors will assume commercial risk.
- <u>The market, not the regulators, will decide:</u> Global markets, with low oil-indexed prices, may reduce US LNG exports well below approved levels.



But market expectations of oil price uncertainty have increased in recent months.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Short-Term Energy Outlook, January 2015 Note: Confidence interval derived from options market information for the five trading days ending Jan. 8, 2015. Intervals not calculated for months with sparse trading in near-the-money options contracts.



Shale gas has cratered North American gas prices in most regions.



Source: BSA 2015, from Platts Inside FERC's Gas Market Report, January 1, 2015 Spot Gas Prices; Dominion refers to Dominion Appalachia (South Point), New England refers to Tennessee Gas Pipeline, Zone 6.



Great environmental & carbon advantages of natural gas include shale gas.

- US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) investigations show groundwater contamination usually pre-exists fracking.
- Over 500 drillers report fluids on Frac-Focus, as required by top producing states.
- Replacing old coal boilers with new gas CCGT reduces CO₂ emissions by 63-72%.
- Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) studies show initial fears of high methane leakage rates (from over-flights) greatly overstated.
- Obama Administration and producing states are adopting "green completions" regulations based on EDF-Univ. of Texas studies.



Hydraulic Fracturing Job Circa 1950

Source: BSA 2015, from FracFocus.com; EPA testimony before US House Subcommittee on Energy and Environment (February 1, 2012), Siemens data; EIA Natural Gas Issues and Trends (1998); Jenner & Lamadrid, Energy Policy 53 (2013) 442-453.



Global shale gas development potential is estimated to exceed 200 Tcm.



Source: United States basins from U.S. Energy Information Administration and United States Geological Survey; other basins from ARI based on data from various published studies.





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Extra Slides



Natural gas burns 2x up to 2,590x cleaner than coal, and cleaner than oil as well.



Source: EIA - Natural Gas Issues and Trends 1998



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- First hydraulic fracturing in the 1940s.
- Since then, the process has become routine, used on <u>over 1 million</u> <u>producing wells</u>.
- As the technology continues to develop and improve, operators now fracture as many as 35,000 wells of all types (vertical and horizontal, oil and natural gas) each year.
- 55,978 well sites report fluid contents to FracFocus.



EPA investigations show nearly all groundwater contamination pre-exists fracking.

- Shale seams co-located with conventional gas, but lie far below groundwater tables.
- Shell, Range Resources and other drillers are recycling return waters in TX, PA.
- Drillers in arid regions are increasingly using waterless and air fracking systems.
- State environmental laws and the CWA prevent dumping of return wastes.
- What pathways are left?
 Operator error! Well bores?



Marcellus Mapped Frac Treatments/TVD

Frac stages (sorted on Perf Midpoint)



Some near-term surplus gas is replacing coal in aging power plants.

Coal-Fired Plants, MW



Retiring Coal-Fired Plants



Demand for gas pipeline and storage capacity is intensifying.

Source: BSA 2012, coal plants in 20 Northeast and Mid-West states from EIA, plus Ontario; map from AEP.



The good news: Replacing old coal with new gas reduces CO_2 emissions by 63-72%.

	Average Age of Plants at Retire- ment	No. of Plants Retired in Each Year	Total Net Summer Capacity, GW	CO2 Reduction Replacing Bituminous Coal with Gas
2009	50	12	0.5	67.7%
2010	54	35	1.5	69.4%
2011	62	31	2.5	63.3%
2012	56	57	8.9	63.9%
2013	55	14	2.1	71.7%
2014	57	34	4.7	64.4%
2015	57	61	9.9	63.1%

- GHG reduction due to:
 - <u>Chemical</u> advantage: Gas burning emits 46% less CO_2 than coal.
 - <u>Efficiency</u> advantage of new gas CCGTs versus old coal boilers: 55-60% vs. 31-33%.
 - Carbon emissions savings from fuel cycle as well.
- Other criteria air emissions reduced/prevented, especially sulfur, particulates, oxidants.
- But the "low-hanging fruit" might all be picked by 2020.



Natural gas (CNG and LNG) has begun to find markets trucking, rail and ships.



But natural gas demand in vehicles will take decades to evolve in the US.

Source: Westport Innovations Inc., Vancouver, BC.



Issue: Why doesn't America have 20 million NGVs by now?



Source: BSA 2014, from NYMEX, Gas Buddy, BSA estimates.

- Economics have been highly favorable for 3 decades!
- Natural gas is best used in large vehicles, high-mileage fleets:
 - Municipal trucks, buses
 - UPS, Dulles Flyer
 - Forklifts, compressors
- Lower mileage personal vehicles are headed toward electricity:
 - \$4 pipeline gas vs. \$26 gasoline, both per MMBtu
 - 61% efficient CCCTs vs. 26% efficient piston engines
 - No wonder electricity = 79 c/gal!



Gas-fired electricity means battery EVs are, in effect, just very high-efficiency NGVs.



 Production of methanol and gasoline from natural gas (GTL) will also become options, as price differentials remains favorable.



Global firms plan to spend more than \$110 billion on new US gas-based industries.

- 175 new manufacturing plants in development:
 - Chemicals & petrochemicals
 - Fertilizers
 - Steel & aluminum
 - Tires, plastics
 - Gas to liquids
- Most sited near shales (see count of # plants at right).
- Increased gas demand will range from 2.1-3.2 Bcf/day by 2025.





Newer LNG delivery concepts can deliver surplus shale gas to under-served areas.



Floating Storage and Regasification Unit

-Terminal is a specially designed moored vessel -LNG storage and regasification done on board -Natural gas piped to shore



Moored Buoy System with pipeline to

<u>shore</u>

-Special ships moor to buoy -Regasification done on board the ship -Ship departs once LNG regasified



Gravity Based Structure

- Terminal is submerged concrete structure
- LNG storage and regasification done on terminal
 - Natural gas piped to shore

Source: Center for LNG.