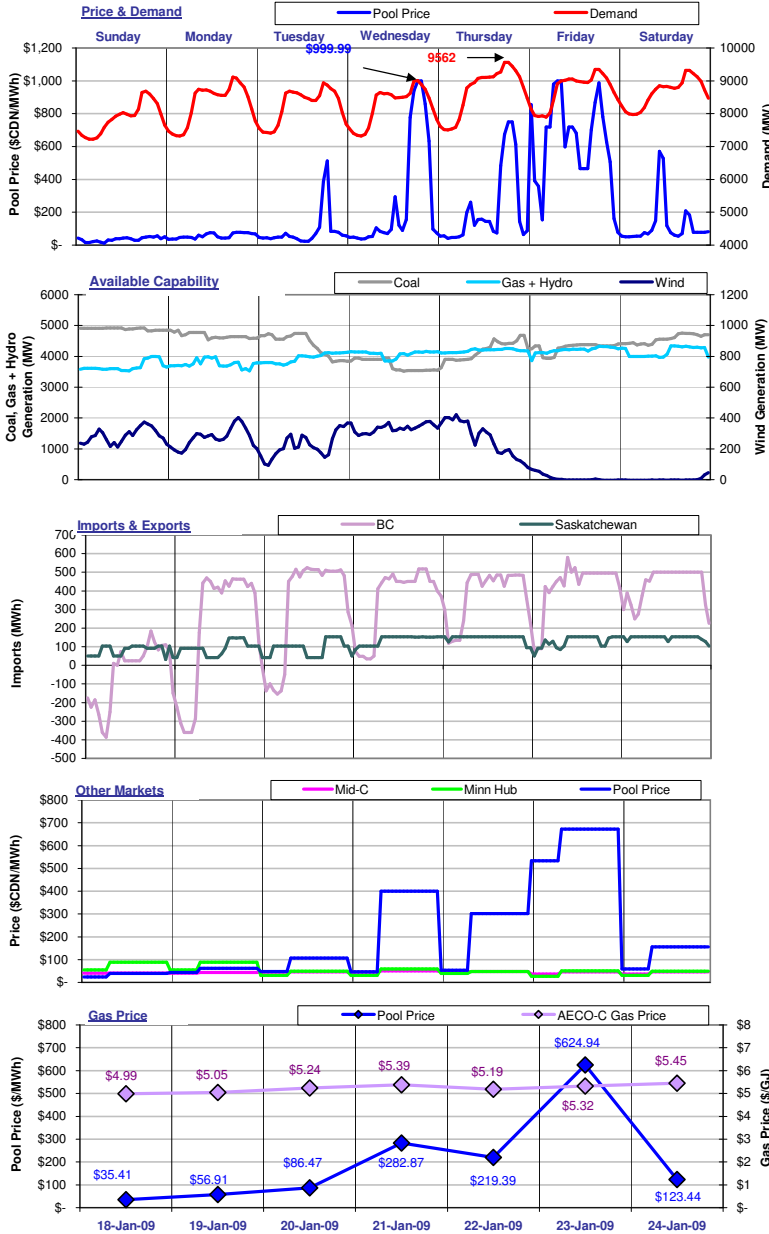


The Market Monitor

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Week Ending January 24, 2009

Weekly Highlights



For the week ending January 24, 2009, **Pool Price** averaged \$204.21/MWh and ranged from a minimum of \$11.77/MWh in HE08 on Sunday to a maximum of \$999.99/MWh in HE19 on Wednesday. **Demand** reached a high of 9562 MW in HE19 on Thursday and a low of 7221 MW in HE04 on Sunday. Average demand for the week was 8389 MW. **Pool Price** and **Demand** were positively correlated last week with an R-squared value of 0.23.

Coal Unit Availability averaged 4386 MW last week. This is an equivalent availability of 73%. **Gas, Hydro and Other Unit Availability** averaged 4001 MW last week, which is an equivalent of 77%. **Wind Generation** averaged 199 MW last week. This is an equivalent availability of 40%. Availability numbers are based on MW offered into the energy merit order.

Alberta was a net importer from BC last week with total imports equal to 50,109 MWh. Alberta was a net importer from Saskatchewan last week with total imports equal to 19,798 MWh. Overall, Alberta imported 69,907 MWh of electricity last week.

Pool Prices were generally higher than prices in Mid-C and higher than prices in Minn Hub last week. **Mid-C** prices averaged \$46.45/MWh on-peak and \$41.51/MWh off-peak. **Minn Hub** prices averaged \$57.53/MWh on-peak and \$38.25/MWh off-peak.

Prices in \$CDN at an exchange rate of 1.2438.

The average **AECO-C Gas Price** last week was \$5.23/GJ and ranged from a minimum of \$4.99/GJ to \$5.45/GJ. Prevailing gas prices resulted in market heat rates ranging from a low of 7.10 GJ/MWh to a high of 117.50 GJ/MWh. The average market heat rate for the week was 38.54 GJ/MWh.

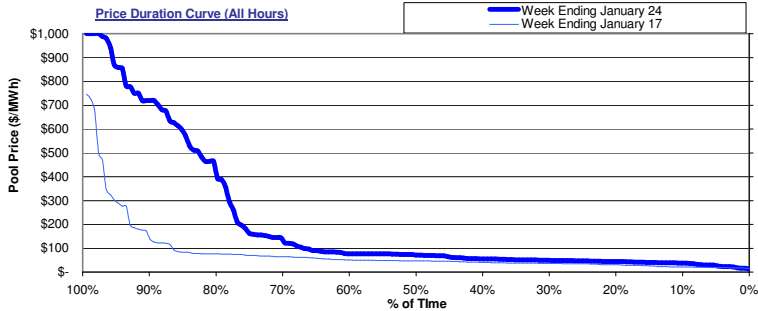


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Wholesale Market

Weekly Market Statistics

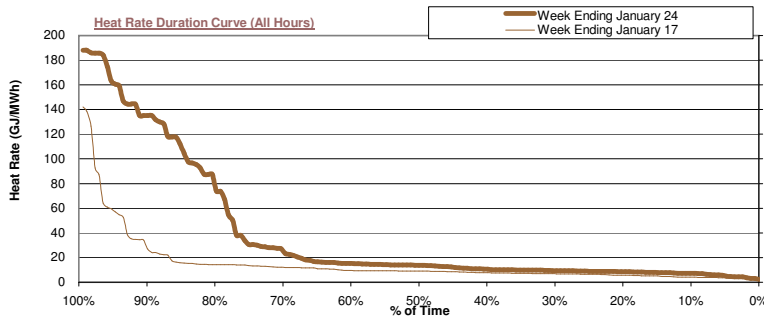
	Sunday 18-Jan	Monday 19-Jan	Tuesday 20-Jan	Wednesday 21-Jan	Thursday 22-Jan	Friday 23-Jan	Saturday 24-Jan	Average	Last Week	% Change	YTD
Pool Price											
Average	\$ 35.41	\$ 56.91	\$ 86.47	\$ 282.87	\$ 219.39	\$ 624.94	\$ 123.44	\$ 204.21	\$ 78.30	160.8%	\$ 102.45
On-Peak	NA	\$ 62.34	\$ 106.54	\$ 399.88	\$ 301.30	\$ 671.65	\$ 155.32	\$ 282.84	\$ 101.80	177.8%	\$ 132.63
Off-Peak	\$ 35.41	\$ 46.06	\$ 46.35	\$ 48.86	\$ 55.57	\$ 531.54	\$ 59.68	\$ 99.36	\$ 46.98	111.5%	\$ 64.40
COV	0.36	0.27	1.33	1.26	1.09	0.43	1.11	0.84	0.89	-5.8%	
Heat Rate											
Average	7.10	11.27	16.49	52.53	42.27	117.50	22.63	38.54	14.14	172.7%	18.03
On-Peak	NA	12.35	20.32	74.26	58.05	126.29	28.47	53.29	18.32	191.0%	23.34
Off-Peak	7.10	9.12	8.84	9.07	10.71	99.94	10.94	18.88	8.56	120.5%	11.33
Demand											
Average	7,858	8,307	8,246	8,262	8,698	8,715	8,634	8,389	8,388	0.0%	8,434
Minimum	7,221	7,320	7,407	7,326	7,503	7,897	7,975	7,521	7,532	-0.1%	7,221
Maximum	8,687	9,114	8,935	9,005	9,562	9,351	9,322	9,139	9,205	-0.7%	9,753
Coal Unit Availability											
Average	4,890	4,675	4,386	3,717	4,191	4,278	4,562	4,386	4,886	-8.3%	4,861
AC/MC	81%	78%	73%	62%	70%	71%	76%	73%	81%		81%
Gas, Hydro and Other Unit Availability											
Average	3,678	3,760	3,945	4,080	4,187	4,205	4,151	4,001	3,825	3.4%	3,849
AC/MC	70%	72%	76%	78%	80%	81%	80%	77%	73%		74%



The price duration curves show the % of time that prices were at or below a certain value during the week.

For the week ending **January 24**, prices were at or below:

- \$20/MWh 2% of the time
- \$50/MWh 31% of the time
- \$100/MWh 67% of the time
- \$250/MWh 77% of the time
- \$500/MWh 82% of the time



The heat rate duration curves show the % of time that the implied market heat rate was at or below a certain value during the week. For the week ending **January 24** implied market heat rates were at or below:

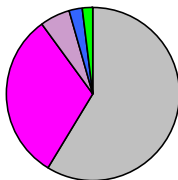
- 5.0 GJ/MWh 5% of the time
- 10.0 GJ/MWh 36% of the time
- 15.0 GJ/MWh 60% of the time
- 20.0 GJ/MWh 68% of the time

Market Share Statistics

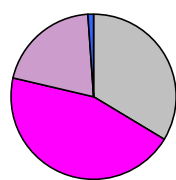
By Fuel Type:

Coal Gas - Cogen Gas - Other Hydro Other

Weekly Generation by Fuel Type



Weekly Price Setting by Fuel Type



By Submitting Customer:

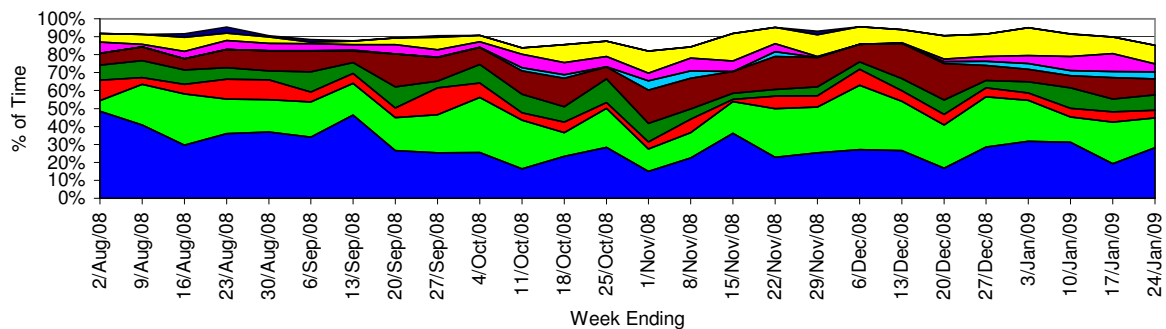
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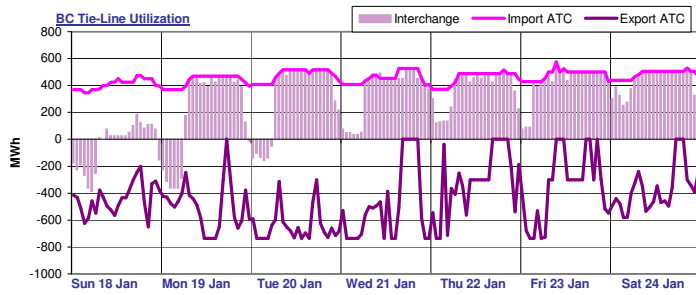
Last week, **coal units** were responsible for 58.6% of the generation in the province and set price 33.7% of the time. **Gas-cogen** units accounted for 31.3% of the generation and set price 45.0% of the time last week while **other gas** units made up 5.5% of generation and set price 20.3% of the time.

A total of 13 market participants set price last week. **One** market participants set price more than 20% of the time last week. The top price setter set price 28.2% of the time and the top five price setters set price a total of 72.7% of the time.

Weekly Price Setting by Submitting Customer

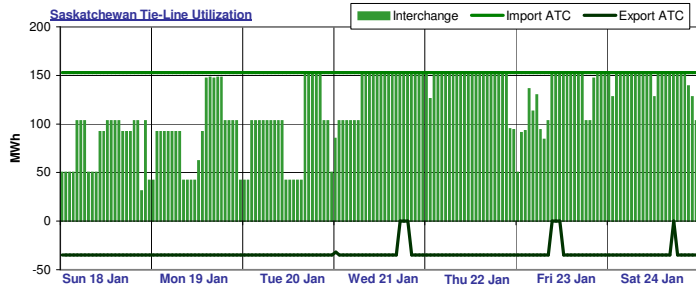


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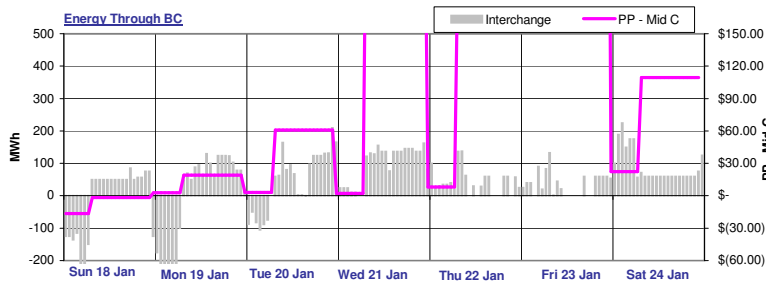


BC import capacity was 69% utilized last week while BC export capacity was 8% utilized. Energy was being imported into Alberta over the BC tie-line 87% of the time and exported out of Alberta over the BC tie-line 13% of the time last week. There was no activity on the BC tie-line 1% of the time last week.

Note: External reserve contract volumes have been subtracted from the BC import ATC as this capacity is not available to import energy into Alberta.



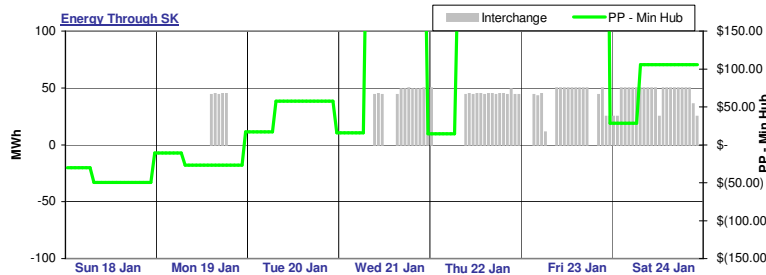
Saskatchewan import capacity was 77% utilized last week while Saskatchewan export capacity was 0% utilized. Energy was being imported into Alberta over the Saskatchewan tie-line 100% of the time and exported out of Alberta over the Saskatchewan tie-line 0% of the time last week. There was no activity on the Saskatchewan tie-line 0% of the time last week.



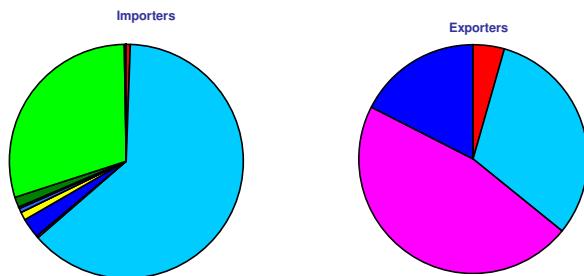
Last week, Alberta spot prices were mostly higher relative to prices in the Pacific Northwest as represented by Mid-C index prices, supporting import activity across the Alberta - BC interconnection.

Alberta prices were generally higher than prices in MAPP as represented by spot prices at the Minnesota Hub, which generally supports import activity across the Alberta - Saskatchewan interconnection.

Note: Platt's day-ahead strip prices used in energy through BC and SK graphs.



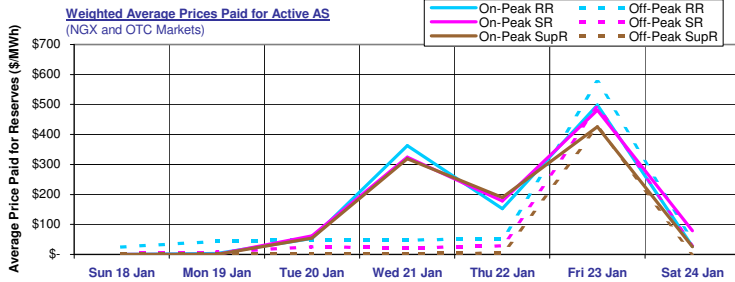
Tie-Line Market Shares



Last week, there were a total of 11 importers. The most active importer had a market share of 63.1% while the second most active importer had a market share of 29.7%. There were a total of 4 exporters last week. The most active exporter had a market share of 46.6% while the next largest exporter had a market share of 31.4%.

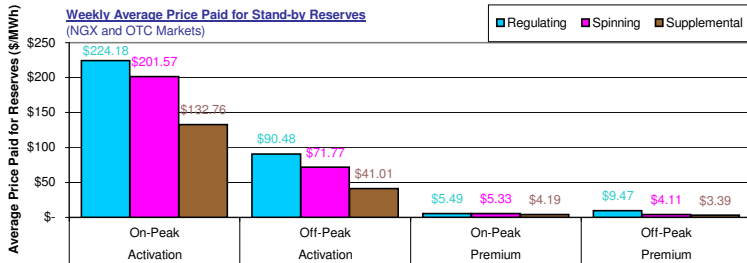
Note: Market shares are based on the combined activity on both interties.

Ancillary Services Market



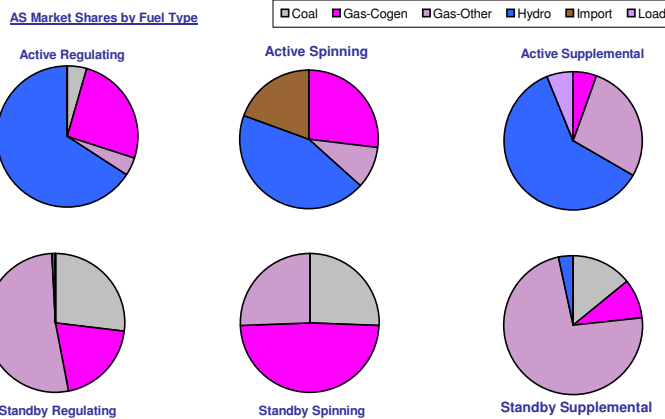
Average on-peak prices paid for active ancillary services last week were **\$156.52/MWh**, **\$159.46/MWh** and **\$144.17/MWh** respectively for active **regulating**, **spinning** and **supplemental** reserves.

Active average off-peak prices were **higher** and averaged **\$121.66/MWh**, **\$86.45/MWh** and **\$61.94/MWh** for active **regulating**, **spinning** and **supplemental** reserves respectively.



Weekly average activation prices for stand-by reserves ranged from **\$41.01/MWh** for **off-peak supplemental** reserves to **\$224.18/MWh** for **on-peak regulating** reserves.

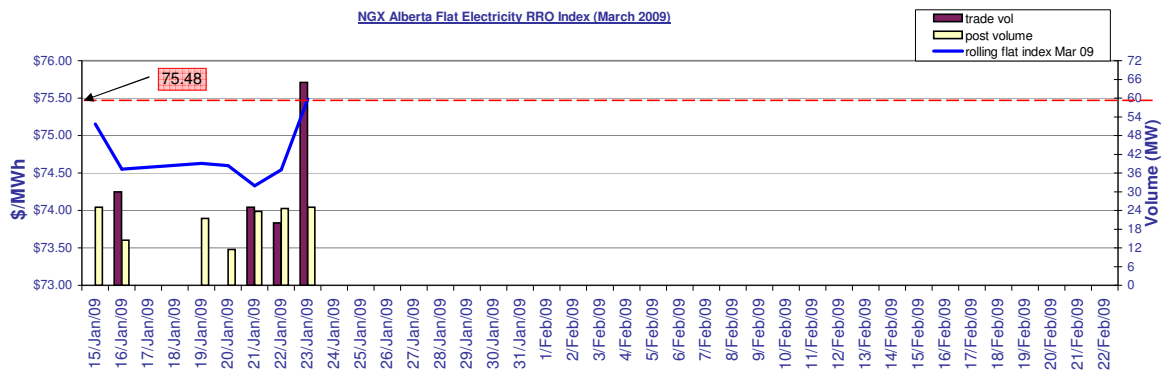
Weekly average premium prices ranged from **\$3.39/MWh** for **off-peak supplemental** reserves up to **\$9.47/MWh** for **on-peak spinning** reserves.



Last week **hydro** units had the largest market share in the **active regulating** reserve market with **65.7%**. In the **active spinning** reserve market, **hydro** units had the leading market share with **43.8%** while in the **active supplemental** reserve market, **hydro** units dominated with a **60.5%** market share.

Gas units dominated the **standby regulating** reserve market with a **52.3%** market share. Leading market share in the **standby spinning** market was held by **gas-cogen** units with a **48.8%** market share. In the **standby supplemental** reserve market, **gas** units had the leading market share with **73.4%**.

RRO Procurement



Glossary

- On-Peak Hours**
In Alberta: HE08 through HE23, Monday through Saturday (prevailing Mountain time)
In Mid-C: HE07 through HE22, Monday through Saturday (prevailing Pacific time)
In Minn Hub: HE08 through HE23, Monday through Sunday (prevailing Central time)
- Off-Peak Hours**
In Alberta: HE01 through HE07 + HE24 (of the same day), Monday through Saturday + HE01 through HE24 Sundays (prevailing Mountain time)
In Mid-C: HE24 (of the previous day) through HE07 (of the day in question), Monday through Saturday + HE01 through HE24 Sundays + holidays (prevailing Pacific time)
In Minn Hub: HE24 (of the previous day) through HE07 (of the day in question), Monday through Sunday (prevailing Central time)
- ATC**
A measure of the maximum energy flow possible in one direction across an intertie.
- Market Heat Rate**
The prevailing Pool price divided by the prevailing gas price.
- Sparks spread**
Sparks spreads give an indication of the revenue available to cover costs after fuel costs have been paid. A positive spread indicates it is more economical to buy gas and generate electricity while a negative spread indicates it is more economical to buy electricity from the grid.