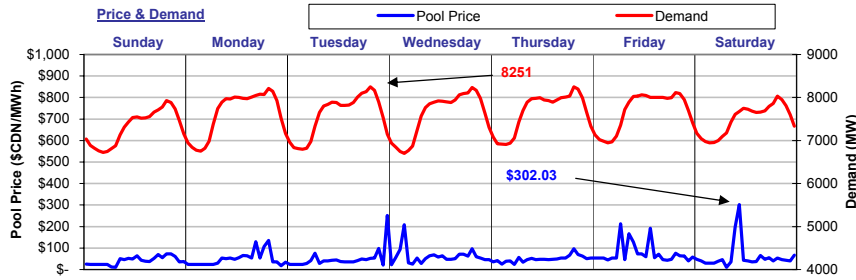


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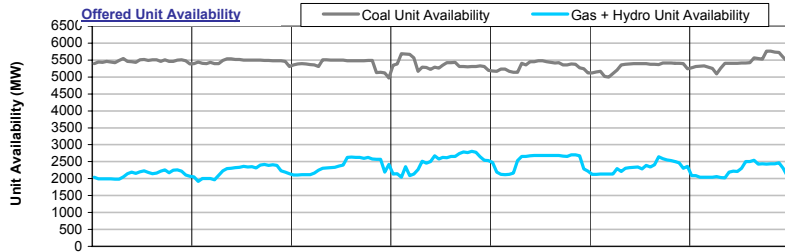
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Week Ending March 19, 2005

Weekly Highlights

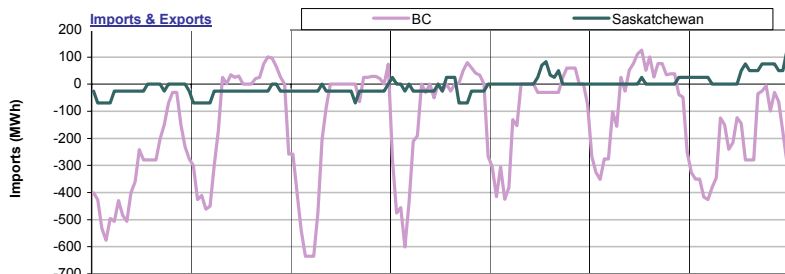


For the week ending March 19, 2005, **Pool Price** averaged \$55.39/MWh and ranged from a minimum of \$10.30/MWh in HE08 on Sunday to a maximum of \$302.03/MWh in HE11 on Saturday. **Demand** reached a high of 8251 MW in HE20 on Tuesday and a low of 6704 MW in HE04 on Wednesday. Average demand for the week was 7568MW. **Pool Price** and **Demand** were positively correlated last week with an R-squared value of 0.06.

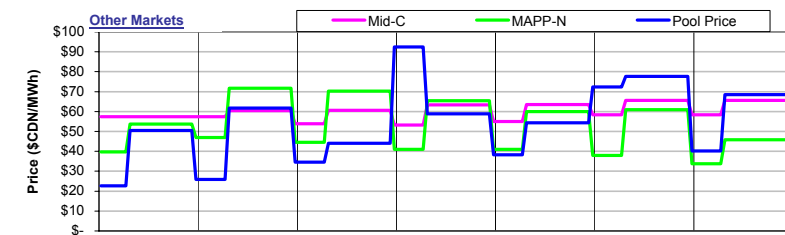


Coal Unit Availability averaged 5114 MW last week. This is an equivalent availability of 88% (based on MCR). **Gas and Hydro Unit Availability** averaged 2613MW last week, which is an equivalent of 46% (based on MCR).

Availability numbers are based on MW offered into the energy merit order.

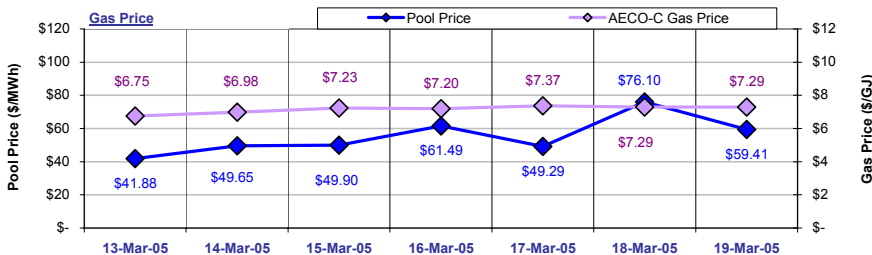


Alberta was a net exporter to **BC** last week with total exports equal to 24,987MWh. Alberta was a net exporter to Saskatchewan last week with total exports equal to 1,010MWh. Overall, Alberta exported 25,997MWh of electricity last week.



Pool Prices were generally lower than prices in **Mid-C** and higher than prices in **MAPP-N** last week. **Mid-C** prices averaged \$63.18/MWh on-peak and \$56.20/MWh off-peak. **MAPP-N** prices averaged \$62.34/MWh on-peak and \$40.73/MWh off-peak.

Prices in \$/MWh at an exchange rate of 1.2056.

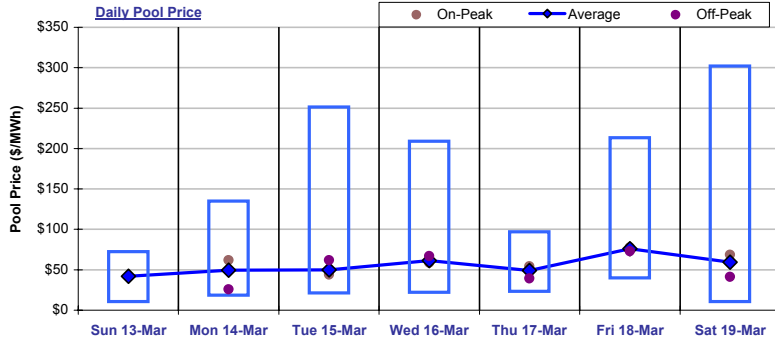


The average **AECO-C Gas Price** last week was \$7.16/GJ and ranged from a minimum of \$6.75/GJ to \$7.37/GJ. Prevailing gas prices resulted in market heat rates ranging from a low of 6.20GJ/MWh to a high of 10.44GJ/MWh. The average market heat rate for the week was 7.72GJ/MWh.

Wholesale Market

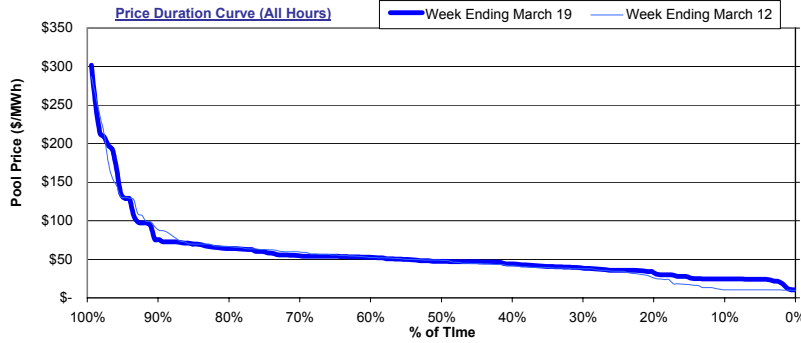
Weekly Market Statistics

	Sunday 13-Mar	Monday 14-Mar	Tuesday 15-Mar	Wednesday 16-Mar	Thursday 17-Mar	Friday 18-Mar	Saturday 19-Mar	Average	Last Week	% Change	YTD
Pool Price											
Average	\$ 41.88	\$ 49.65	\$ 49.90	\$ 61.49	\$ 49.29	\$ 76.10	\$ 59.41	\$ 55.39	\$ 53.76	3.0%	\$ 47.08
On-Peak	NA	\$ 61.69	\$ 44.00	\$ 58.78	\$ 54.41	\$ 77.65	\$ 68.47	\$ 60.83	\$ 58.64	3.7%	\$ 51.45
Off-Peak	\$ 41.88	\$ 25.58	\$ 61.69	\$ 66.91	\$ 39.04	\$ 73.01	\$ 41.30	\$ 48.13	\$ 47.26	1.8%	\$ 38.49
COV	0.44	0.65	0.93	0.59	0.31	0.63	1.04	0.66	0.68	-4.0%	
Demand											
Average	7,315	7,634	7,591	7,597	7,666	7,689	7,484	7,568	7,481	1.2%	7,502
Minimum	6,726	6,755	6,794	6,704	6,908	6,943	6,944	6,825	6,703	1.8%	6,017
Maximum	7,932	8,211	8,251	8,232	8,246	8,115	8,034	8,146	8,041	1.3%	9,236
Coal Unit Availability											
Average	5,469	5,465	5,388	5,369	5,323	5,303	5,444	5,394	5,392	0.0%	5,385
Utilization	94%	94%	92%	92%	91%	91%	93%	92%	92%	0.0%	92%
Gas and Hydro Unit Availability											
Average	2,124	2,227	2,380	2,502	2,517	2,333	2,246	2,333	2,186	2.6%	2,384
Utilization	45%	47%	50%	53%	53%	49%	47%	41%	39%	2.6%	42%



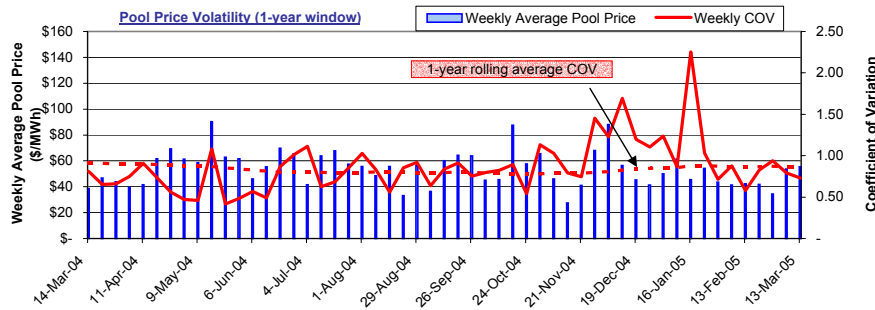
The Daily Pool Price graph plots the daily range in hourly Pool price (defined by the blue box) along with the daily average and daily on and off-peak prices. The **on-peak Pool price** for the week was **\$60.83/MWh** while the **off-peak Pool price** for the week was **\$48.13/MWh**.

Note: Sundays and most statutory holidays are defined as off-peak.



The price duration curves show the % of time that prices were at or below a certain value during the week. For the week ending **March 19**, prices were at or below:

\$20/MWh	2% of the time
\$50/MWh	55% of the time
\$100/MWh	93% of the time
\$250/MWh	98% of the time
\$500/MWh	100% of the time



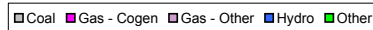
The chart plots average weekly **Pool Price** and the **Coefficient of Variation (COV)** of hourly Pool prices for the week. The COV is a standard statistical measure of volatility.

Pool price volatility **decreased** for the week ending **March 19** from the previous week.

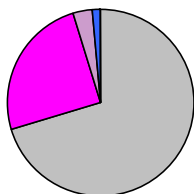
Pool price volatility also moved **below** the 1-year rolling average COV value.

Market Share Statistics

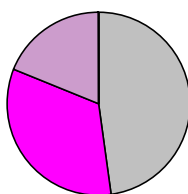
By Fuel Type:



Weekly Generation by Fuel Type

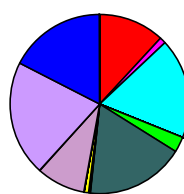


Weekly Price Setting by Fuel Type



By Submitting Customer:

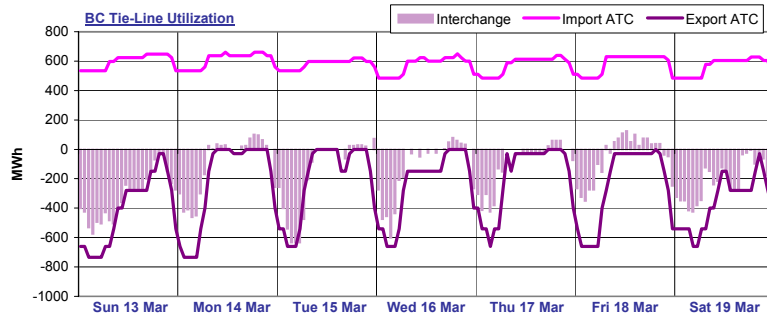
Weekly Price Setting by Submitting Customer



Last week, **coal units** were responsible for **70.2%** of the generation in the province and set price **47.7%** of the time. **Gas-cogen** units accounted for **24.9%** of the generation and set price **33.5%** of the time last week while **other gas** units made up **3.6%** of generation and set price **18.8%** of the time.

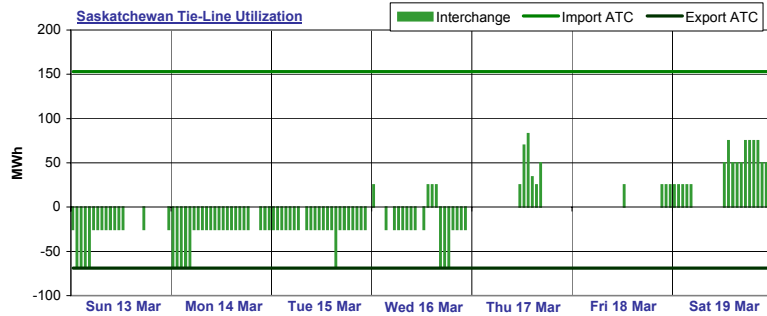
A total of **10** market participants set price last week. **One** market participant set price more than **20%** of the time last week. The top price setter set price **20.9%** of the time and the top five price setters set price a total of **85.9%** of the time.

Interties



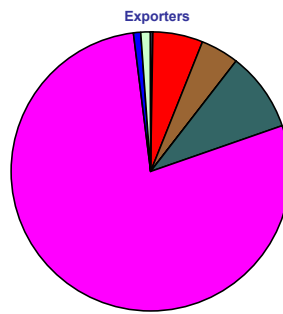
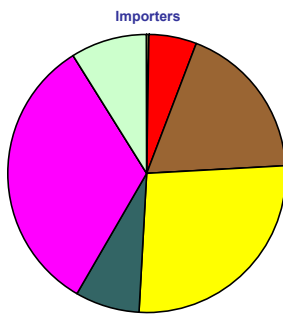
BC import capacity was 2% utilized last week while BC export capacity was 52% utilized. Energy was being imported into Alberta over the BC tie-line 24% of the time and exported out of Alberta over the BC tie-line 61% of the time last week. There was no activity on the BC tie-line 14% of the time last 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 5% utilized last week while Saskatchewan export capacity was 21% utilized. Energy was being imported into Alberta over the Saskatchewan tie-line 18% of the time and exported out of Alberta over the Saskatchewan tie-line 44% of the time last week. There was no activity on the Saskatchewan tie-line 38% of the time last week.

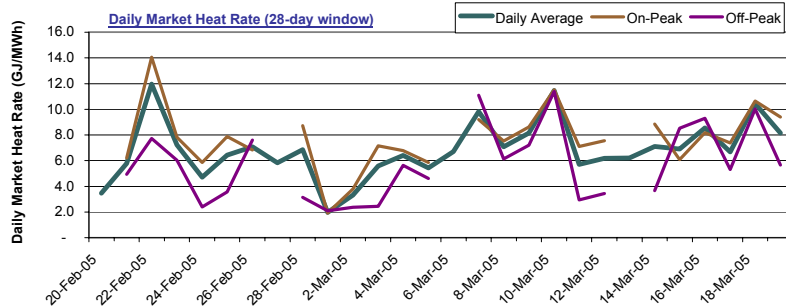
Tie-Line Market Shares



Last week, there were a total of 7 importers. The most active importer had a market share of 32.7% while the second most active importer had a market share of 26.6%. There were a total of 7 exporters last week. The most active exporter had a market share of 78.5% while the next largest exporter had a market share of 9.0%.

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

Market Heat Rates



Over the past 28 days, the daily Market Heat Rate averaged 6.8 GJ/MWh and ranged from a low of 2.0 GJ/MWh to a high of 12.0 GJ/MWh.

The daily On-Peak Market Heat Rate for the last 28 days averaged 7.7 GJ/MWh while the daily Off-Peak Market Heat Rate averaged 5.7 GJ/MWh.

Sparksreads

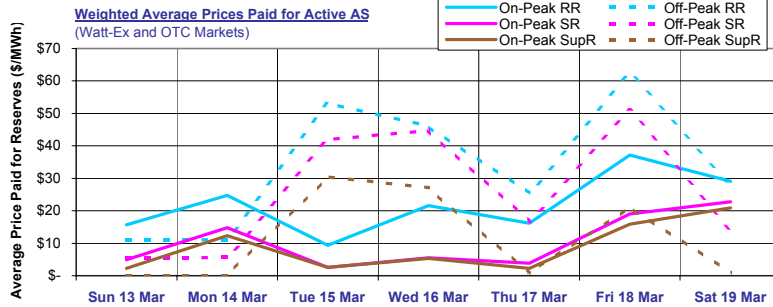
Date	AECO-C Gas Price (\$/GJ)	Daily Average			On-Peak			Off-Peak		
		Pool Price (\$/MWh)	Sparksread (\$/MWh) HR=7.5	Sparksread (\$/MWh) HR=10.0	Pool Price (\$/MWh)	Sparksread (\$/MWh) HR=7.5	Sparksread (\$/MWh) HR=10.0	Pool Price (\$/MWh)	Sparksread (\$/MWh) HR=7.5	Sparksread (\$/MWh) HR=10.0
Sun 13 Mar	\$ 6.75	\$ 41.88	(8.74)	(25.62)	NA	NA	NA	\$ 41.88	(8.74)	(25.62)
Mon 14 Mar	\$ 6.98	\$ 49.65	(2.69)	(20.14)	\$ 61.69	9.35	(8.10)	\$ 25.58	(26.76)	(44.21)
Tue 15 Mar	\$ 7.23	\$ 49.90	(4.34)	(22.42)	\$ 44.00	(10.24)	(28.32)	\$ 61.69	7.45	(10.63)
Wed 16 Mar	\$ 7.20	\$ 61.49	7.53	(10.46)	\$ 58.78	4.82	(13.17)	\$ 66.91	12.95	(5.04)
Thu 17 Mar	\$ 7.37	\$ 49.29	(5.96)	(24.37)	\$ 54.41	(0.84)	(19.25)	\$ 39.04	(16.20)	(34.62)
Fri 18 Mar	\$ 7.29	\$ 76.10	21.42	3.19	\$ 77.65	22.97	4.74	\$ 73.01	18.32	0.10
Sat 19 Mar	\$ 7.29	\$ 59.41	4.74	(13.48)	\$ 68.47	13.80	(4.42)	\$ 41.30	(13.37)	(31.60)

Daily average sparksreads last week were mostly negative for a heat rate of 7.5 GJ/MWh and mostly negative for a heat rate of 10.0 GJ/MWh.

On-peak sparksreads last week were mostly positive for a heat rate of 7.5 GJ/MWh and mostly negative for a heat rate of 10.0 GJ/MWh.

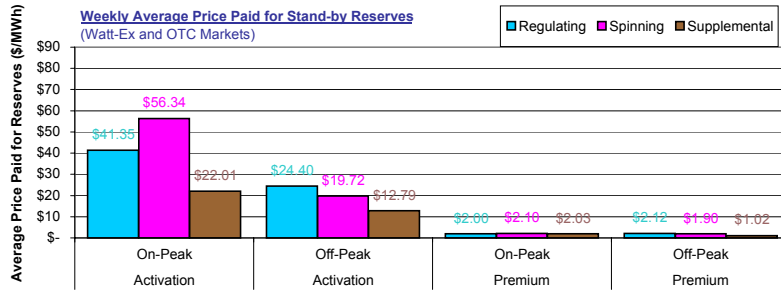
Off-peak sparksreads last week were mostly negative for a heat rate of 7.5 GJ/MWh and mostly negative for a heat rate of 10.0 GJ/MWh.

Ancillary Services Market



Average on-peak prices paid for active ancillary services last week were **\$21.87/MWh**, **\$10.33/MWh** and **\$8.68/MWh** respectively for active **regulating**, **spinning** and **supplemental** reserves.

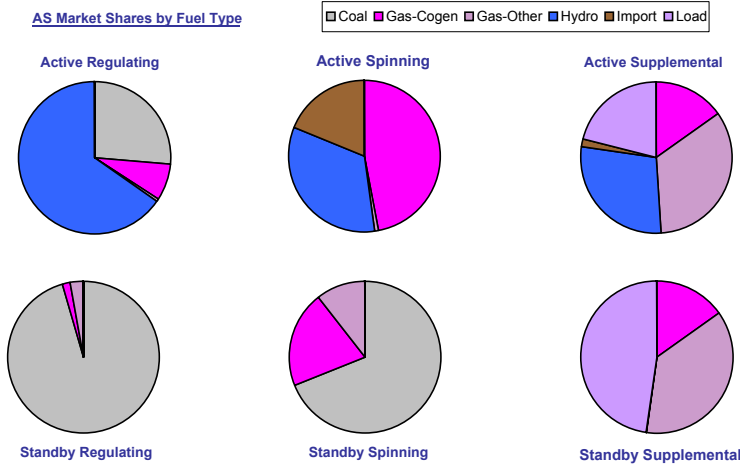
Active average off-peak prices were somewhat higher and averaged **\$34.08/MWh**, **\$25.86/MWh** and **\$11.69/MWh** for active **regulating**, **spinning** and **supplemental** reserves respectively.



Weekly average activation prices for stand-by reserves ranged from **\$12.79/MWh** for **off-peak supplemental** reserves to **\$56.34/MWh** for **on-peak spinning** reserves.

Weekly average premium prices ranged from **\$1.02/MWh** for **off-peak supplemental** reserves up to **\$2.12/MWh** for **on-peak spinning** reserves.

AS Market Shares by Fuel Type



Last week **hydro** units had the largest market share in the **active regulating** reserve market with **65.2%**. In the **active spinning** reserve market, **Gas Cogen** units had the leading market share with **47.0%** while in the **active supplemental** reserve market, **gas other** units dominated with a **33.7%** market share.

Coal units dominated the **standby regulating** reserve market with a **95.7%** market share. Leading market share in the **standby spinning** market was held by **coal** units with a **68.8%** market share. In the **standby supplemental** reserve market, **load** units had the leading market share with **47.8%**.

Glossary

HE	Hour Ending
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 MAPP-N: 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 + holidays (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 MAPP-N: HE24 (of the previous day) through HE07 (of the day in question), Monday through Sunday (prevailing Central time)
COV	Coefficient of Variation The standard deviation of a series of numbers divided by the mean of the same series of numbers. Used as a measure of volatility.
ATC	Available Transfer Capacity 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.