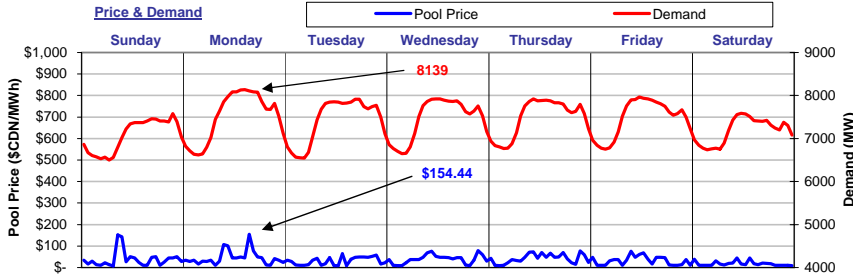


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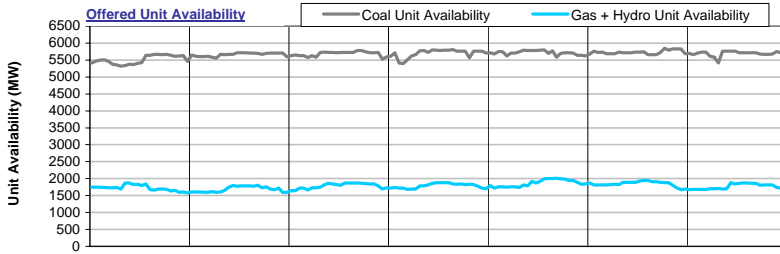
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Week Ending April 30, 2005

Weekly Highlights

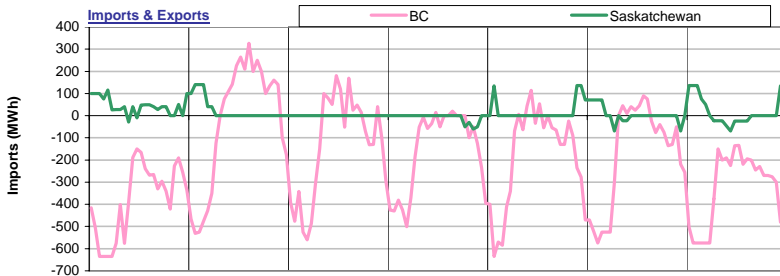


For the week ending April 30, 2005, **Pool Price** averaged \$35.21/MWh and ranged from a minimum of \$7.98/MWh in HE08 on Sunday to a maximum of \$154.44/MWh in HE16 on Monday. **Demand** reached a high of 8139 MW in HE15 on Monday and a low of 6499 MW in HE07 on Sunday. Average demand for the week was 7377MW. **Pool Price** and **Demand** were positively correlated last week with an R-squared value of 0.18.

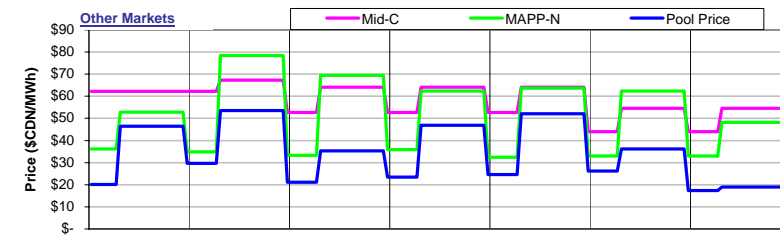


Coal Unit Availability averaged 5672 MW last week. This is an equivalent availability of 97% (based on MCR). **Gas and Hydro Unit Availability** averaged 1781MW last week, which is an equivalent of 31% (based on MCR).

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

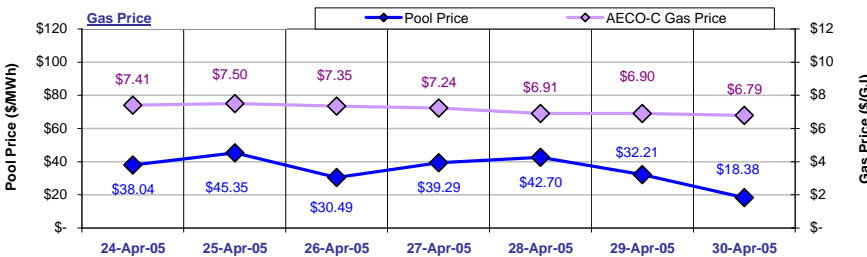


Alberta was a net exporter to **BC** last week with total exports equal to 33,174MWh. Alberta was a net importer from **Saskatchewan** last week with total imports equal to 2,560MWh. Overall, Alberta exported 30,614MWh of electricity last week.



Pool Prices were generally lower than prices in **Mid-C** and lower than prices in **MAPP-N** last week. **Mid-C** prices averaged \$61.41/MWh on-peak and \$52.96/MWh off-peak. **MAPP-N** prices averaged \$64.07/MWh on-peak and \$34.10/MWh off-peak.

Prices in \$/MWh at an exchange rate of 1.2351.

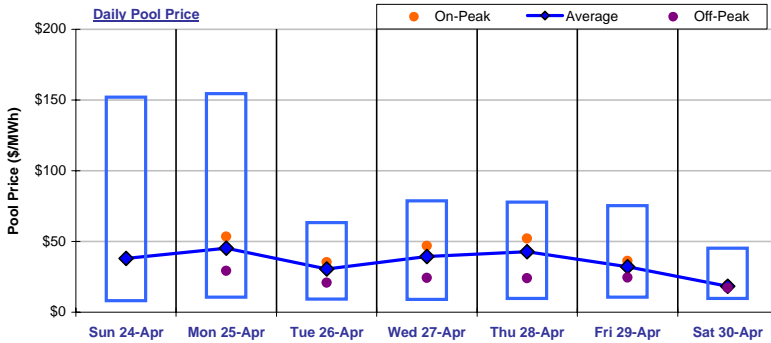


The average **AECO-C Gas Price** last week was \$7.16/GJ and ranged from a minimum of \$6.79/GJ to \$7.50/GJ. Prevailing gas prices resulted in market heat rates ranging from a low of 2.71GJ/MWh to a high of 6.18GJ/MWh. The average market heat rate for the week was 4.90GJ/MWh.

Wholesale Market

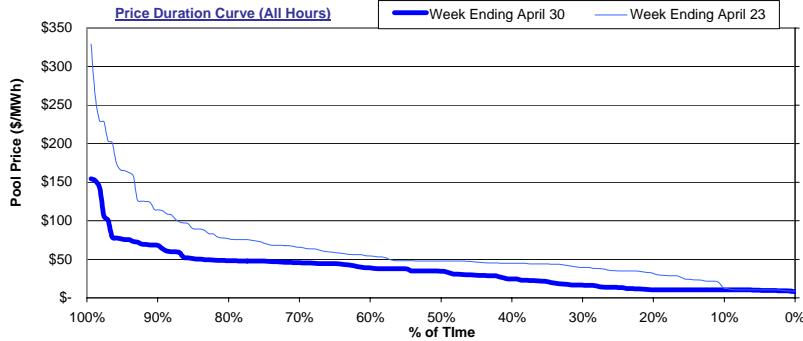
Weekly Market Statistics

	Sunday 24-Apr	Monday 25-Apr	Tuesday 26-Apr	Wednesday 27-Apr	Thursday 28-Apr	Friday 29-Apr	Saturday 30-Apr	Average	Last Week	% Change	YTD
Pool Price											
Average	\$ 38.04	\$ 45.35	\$ 30.49	\$ 39.29	\$ 42.70	\$ 32.21	\$ 18.38	\$ 35.21	\$ 60.86	-42.1%	\$ 47.06
On-Peak	NA	\$ 53.48	\$ 35.27	\$ 46.82	\$ 52.08	\$ 36.12	\$ 18.98	\$ 40.46	\$ 73.80	-45.2%	\$ 52.37
Off-Peak	\$ 38.04	\$ 29.11	\$ 20.92	\$ 24.22	\$ 23.93	\$ 24.40	\$ 17.19	\$ 28.21	\$ 43.61	-35.3%	\$ 37.18
COV	0.97	0.74	0.60	0.52	0.51	0.63	0.59	0.65	0.79	-17.6%	
Demand											
Average	7,078	7,523	7,425	7,460	7,487	7,480	7,188	7,377	7,304	1.0%	7,488
Minimum	6,499	6,618	6,546	6,648	6,771	6,752	6,735	6,653	6,566	1.3%	6,017
Maximum	7,581	8,139	7,915	7,924	7,921	7,968	7,583	7,862	7,814	0.6%	9,236
Coal Unit Availability											
Average	5,509	5,663	5,686	5,701	5,717	5,733	5,693	5,672	5,329		5,370
Utilization	94%	97%	97%	98%	98%	98%	97%	97%	91%	5.9%	92%
Gas and Hydro Unit Availability											
Average	1,724	1,687	1,785	1,788	1,866	1,849	1,767	1,781	1,786		2,225
Utilization	36%	35%	37%	38%	39%	39%	37%	31%	31%	-0.1%	39%



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 \$40.46/MWh while the off-peak Pool price for the week was \$28.21/MWh.

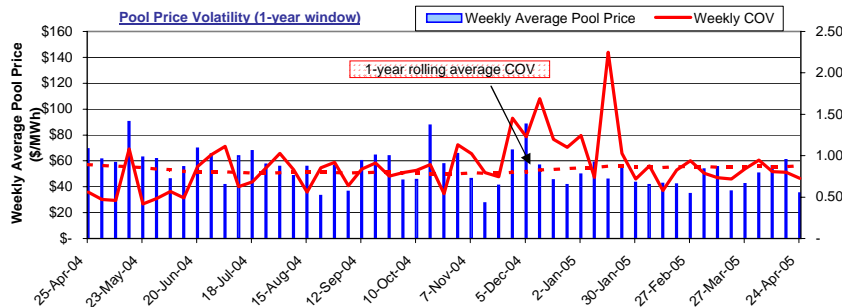
Note: Sundays and most statutory holidays are defined as off-peak.



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

For the week ending April 30, prices were at or below:

- \$20/MWh 30% of the time
- \$50/MWh 50% of the time
- \$100/MWh 93% of the time
- \$250/MWh 100% 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 April 30 from the previous week.

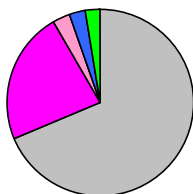
Pool price volatility also moved below the 1-year rolling average COV value.

Market Share Statistics

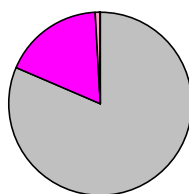
By Fuel Type:

Coal Gas - Cogen Gas - Other Hydro Other

Weekly Generation by Fuel Type

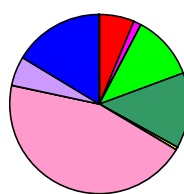


Weekly Price Setting by Fuel Type



By Submitting Customer:

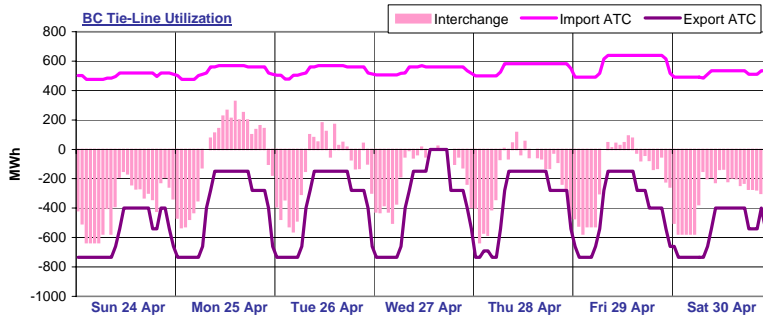
Weekly Price Setting by Submitting Customer



Last week, coal units were responsible for 68.7% of the generation in the province and set price 81.4% of the time. Gas-cogen units accounted for 23.0% of the generation and set price 17.8% of the time last week while other gas units made up 3.0% of generation and set price 0.8% of the time.

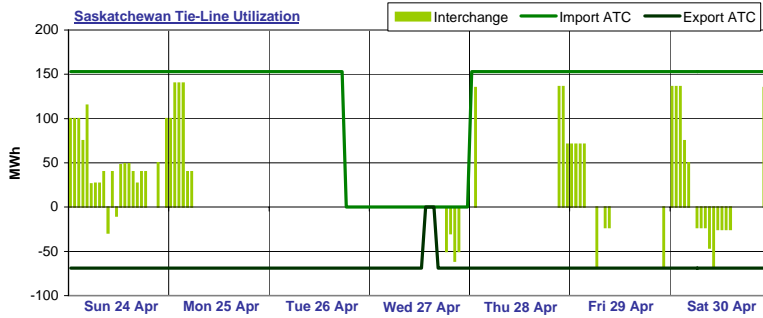
A total of 9 market participants set price last week. One market participant set price more than 20% of the time last week. The top price setter set price 44.7% of the time and the top five price setters set price a total of 92.7% of the time.

Interties



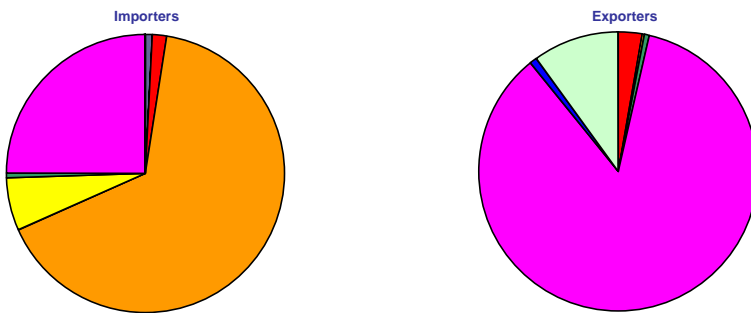
BC import capacity was 4% utilized last week while BC export capacity was 40% utilized. Energy was being imported into Alberta over the BC tie-line 22% of the time and exported out of Alberta over the BC tie-line 74% of the time last week. There was no activity on the BC tie-line 4% of the time last 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 15% utilized last week while Saskatchewan export capacity was 6% utilized. Energy was being imported into Alberta over the Saskatchewan tie-line 24% of the time and exported out of Alberta over the Saskatchewan tie-line 11% of the time last week. There was no activity on the Saskatchewan tie-line 65% of the time last week.

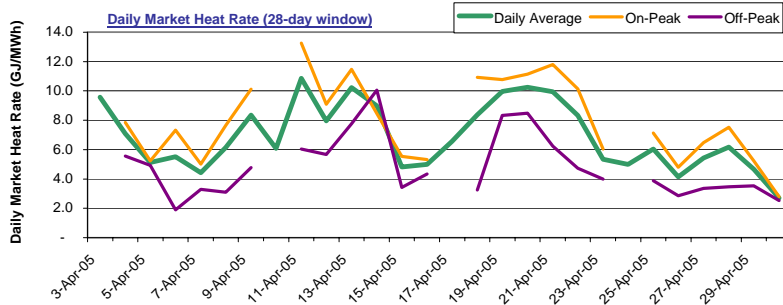
Tie-Line Market Shares



Last week, there were a total of 6 importers. The most active importer had a market share of 65.7% while the second most active importer had a market share of 25.1%. There were a total of 6 exporters last week. The most active exporter had a market share of 85.5% while the next largest exporter had a market share of 9.9%.

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 6.9 GJ/MWh and ranged from a low of 2.7 GJ/MWh to a high of 10.9 GJ/MWh.

The daily On-Peak Market Heat Rate for the last 28 days averaged 8.0 GJ/MWh while the daily Off-Peak Market Heat Rate averaged 4.8 GJ/MWh.

Sparksreads

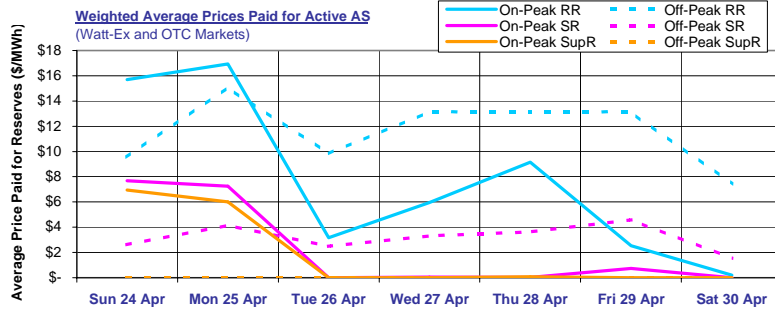
Date	AECO-C Gas Price (\$/GJ)	Daily Average			On-Peak			Off-Peak		
		Pool Price (\$/MWh)	Sparksread (\$/MWh)		Pool Price (\$/MWh)	Sparksread (\$/MWh)		Pool Price (\$/MWh)	Sparksread (\$/MWh)	
			HR=7.5	HR=10.0		HR=7.5	HR=10.0		HR=7.5	HR=10.0
Sun 24 Apr	\$ 7.41	\$ 36.93	(18.62)	(37.14)	NA	NA	NA	\$ 36.93	(18.62)	(37.14)
Mon 25 Apr	\$ 7.50	\$ 45.35	(10.88)	(29.63)	\$ 53.48	(2.76)	(21.51)	\$ 29.11	(27.13)	(45.87)
Tue 26 Apr	\$ 7.35	\$ 30.49	(24.61)	(42.98)	\$ 35.27	(19.83)	(38.20)	\$ 20.92	(34.17)	(52.54)
Wed 27 Apr	\$ 7.24	\$ 39.29	(14.98)	(33.07)	\$ 46.82	(7.45)	(25.54)	\$ 24.22	(30.05)	(48.14)
Thu 28 Apr	\$ 6.91	\$ 42.70	(9.15)	(26.43)	\$ 52.08	0.23	(17.05)	\$ 23.93	(27.91)	(45.20)
Fri 29 Apr	\$ 6.90	\$ 32.21	(19.54)	(36.80)	\$ 36.12	(15.64)	(32.89)	\$ 24.40	(27.35)	(44.61)
Sat 30 Apr	\$ 6.79	\$ 18.38	(32.51)	(49.47)	\$ 18.98	(31.92)	(48.88)	\$ 17.19	(33.70)	(50.67)

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

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

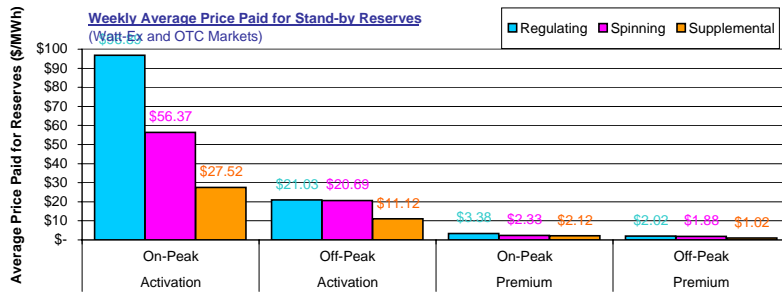
Off-peak sparksreads last week were all negative for a heat rate of 7.5 GJ/MWh and all negative for a heat rate of 10.0 GJ/MWh.

Ancillary Services Market



Average on-peak prices paid for active ancillary services last week were \$28.85/MWh, \$7.05/MWh and \$0.00/MWh respectively for active **regulating**, **spinning** and **supplemental** reserves.

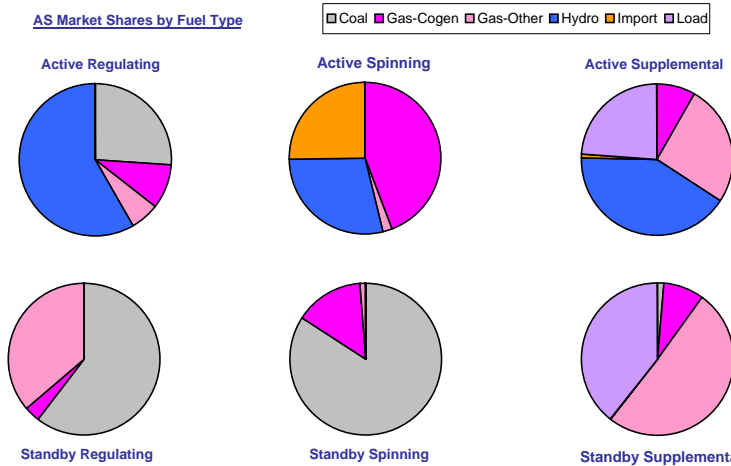
Active average off-peak prices were somewhat higher and averaged \$55.30/MWh, \$46.01/MWh and \$0.00/MWh for active **regulating**, **spinning** and **supplemental** reserves respectively.



Weekly average activation prices for stand-by reserves ranged from \$11.14/MWh for off-peak **supplemental** reserves to \$98.89/MWh for on-peak **regulating** reserves.

Weekly average premium prices ranged from \$1.02/MWh for off-peak **supplemental** reserves up to \$3.41/MWh for on-peak **regulating** reserves.

AS Market Shares by Fuel Type



Last week **hydro** units had the largest market share in the **active regulating** reserve market with 58.4%. In the **active spinning** reserve market, **hydro** units had the leading market share with 44.1% while in the **active supplemental** reserve market, **hydro** units dominated with a 41.0% market share.

Coal units dominated the **standby regulating** reserve market with a 60.4% market share. Leading market share in the **standby spinning** market was held by **gas** units with a 84.1% market share. In the **standby supplemental** reserve market, **gas** units had the leading market share with 50.5%.

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.