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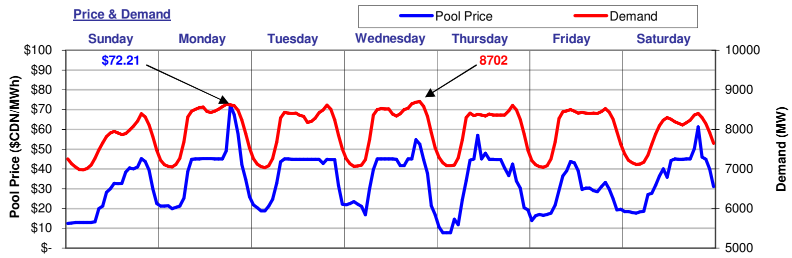
Week Ending October 24, 2009

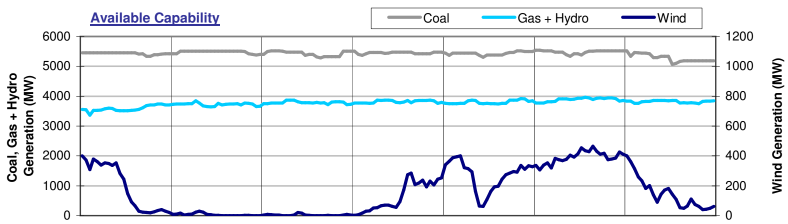
Weekly Highlights



For the week ending **October 24, 2009**, **Pool Price** averaged **$33.37/MWh** and ranged from a minimum of **$7.85/MWh** in **HE04** on **Thursday** to a maximum of **$72.21/MWh** in **HE19** on **Monday.**

Demand reached a high of **8702 MW** in **HE20** on **Wednesday** and a low of **6978 MW** in **HE05** on **Sunday**. Average demand for the week was **7945 MW**.

Pool Price and **Demand** were **positively** correlated last week with an R-squared value of **0.77**.

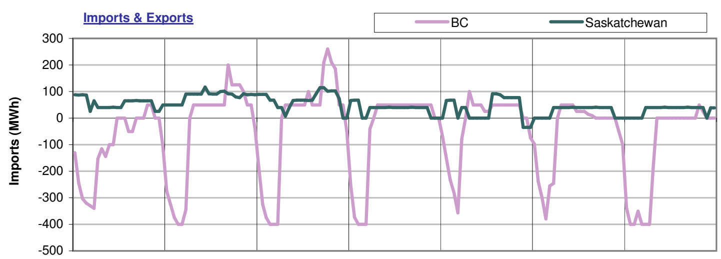


Coal Unit Availability averaged **5426 MW** last week. This is an equivalent availability of **90%.**

Gas, Hydro and Other Unit Availability averaged **3775 MW** last week, which is an equivalent of **68%.**

Wind Generation averaged **163 MW** last week. This is an equivalent availability of **29%.**

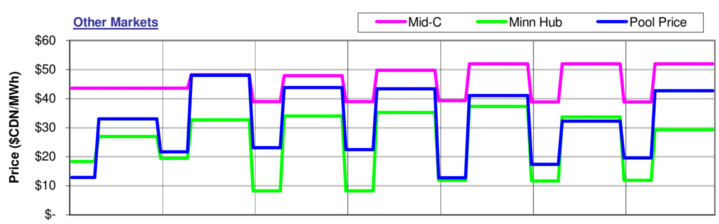
Availability numbers are based on MW offered into the energy merit order.



Alberta was a net **exporter to** BC last week with total **exports** equal to **9,779 MWh.**

Alberta was a net **importer from** Saskatchewan last week with total **imports** equal to **7,988 MWh.**

Overall, Alberta **exported 1,791 MWh** of electricity last week.

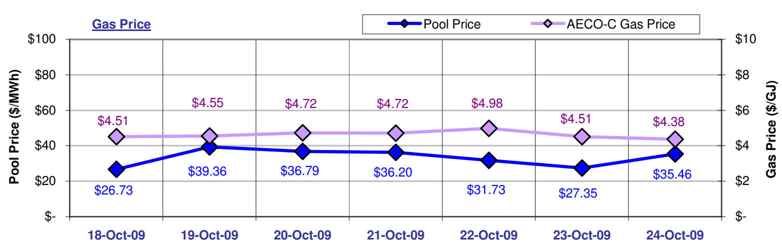


Pool Prices were generally **lower** than prices in **Mid-C** and **higher** than prices in **Minn Hub** last week.

Mid-C prices averaged **$50.28/MWh** on-peak and **$40.31/MWh** off-peak.

Minn Hub prices averaged **$33.72/MWh** on-peak and **$12.86/MWh** off-peak.

Prices in $CDN at an exchange rate of **1.03757**.



The average AECO-C Gas Price last week was **$4.62 GJ** and ranged from a minimum of **$4.28/GJ** to **$4.98/GJ.**

Prevailing gas prices resulted in market heat rates ranging from a low of **5.93 GJ/MWh** to a high of **8.65 GJ/MWh**. The average market heat rate for the week was **7.23 GJ/MWh.**

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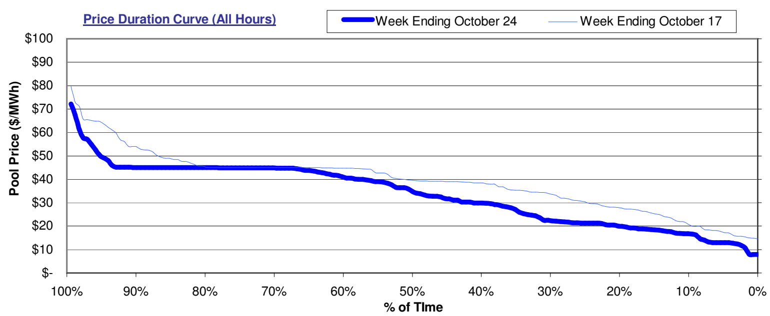
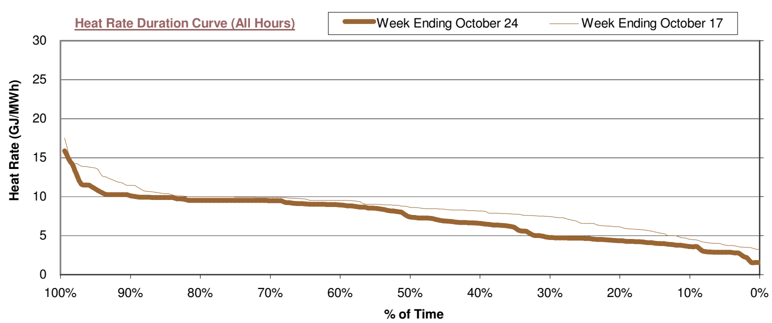
Wholesale Market

Weekly Market Statistics

	Sunday 18-Oct	Monday 19-Oct	Tuesday 20-Oct	Wednesday 21-Oct	Thursday 22-Oct	Friday 23-Oct	Saturday 24-Oct	Average	Last Week	% Change	YTD
Pool Price											
Average	$ 26.73	$ 39.36	$ 36.79	$ 36.20	$ 31.73	$ 27.35	$ 35.46	$ 33.37	$ 39.12	-14.7%	$ 47.18
On-Peak	NA	$ 47.97	$ 43.87	$ 43.38	$ 41.08	$ 32.28	$ 42.70	$ 41.88	$ 44.49	-5.9%	$ 60.64
Off-Peak	$ 26.73	$ 22.13	$ 22.64	$ 21.84	$ 13.04	$ 17.48	$ 20.99	$ 22.03	$ 31.95	-31.0%	$ 28.14
COV	0.44	0.38	0.30	0.33	0.49	0.33	0.35	0.37	0.28	35.3%	
Heat Rate											
Average	5.93	8.65	7.79	7.67	6.37	6.06	8.10	7.23	8.80	-17.9%	13.03
On-Peak	NA	10.55	9.29	9.19	8.25	7.15	9.76	9.03	10.07	-10.3%	16.75
Off-Peak	5.93	4.87	4.79	4.63	2.62	3.87	4.80	4.82	7.11	-32.2%	7.77
Demand											
Average	7,652	8,055	7,976	8,066	7,995	8,012	7,857	7,945	8,008	-0.8%	7,886
Minimum	6,978	7,051	7,036	7,070	7,079	7,046	7,114	7,053	7,219	-2.3%	6,454
Maximum	8,395	8,632	8,611	8,702	8,608	8,524	8,405	8,554	8,556	0.0%	9,753
Coal Unit Availability											
Average	5,431	5,484	5,428	5,448	5,432	5,482	5,277	5,426	5,167		5,070
AC/MC	90%	91%	90%	90%	90%	91%	87%	90%	86%	3.7%	84%
Gas, Hydro and Other Unit Availability											
Average	3,587	3,726	3,787	3,819	3,803	3,885	3,818	3,775	3,824		3,601
AC/MC	65%	67%	68%	69%	69%	70%	69%	68%	70%	-2.4%	68%

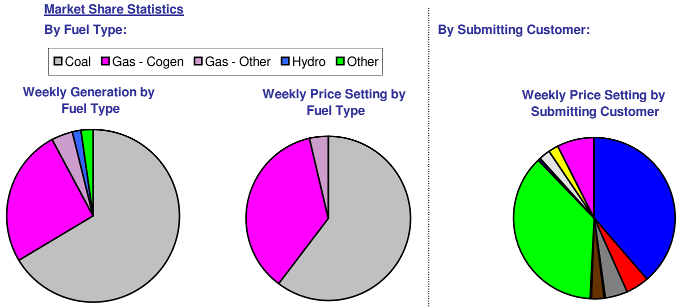


The price duration curves show the % of time that prices were at or below a certain value during the week.
For the week ending **October 24**, prices were at or below:
$20/MWh **20%** of the time
$50/MWh **95%** of the time
$100/MWh **100%** of the time
$250/MWh **100%** of the time
$500/MWh **100%** of the time



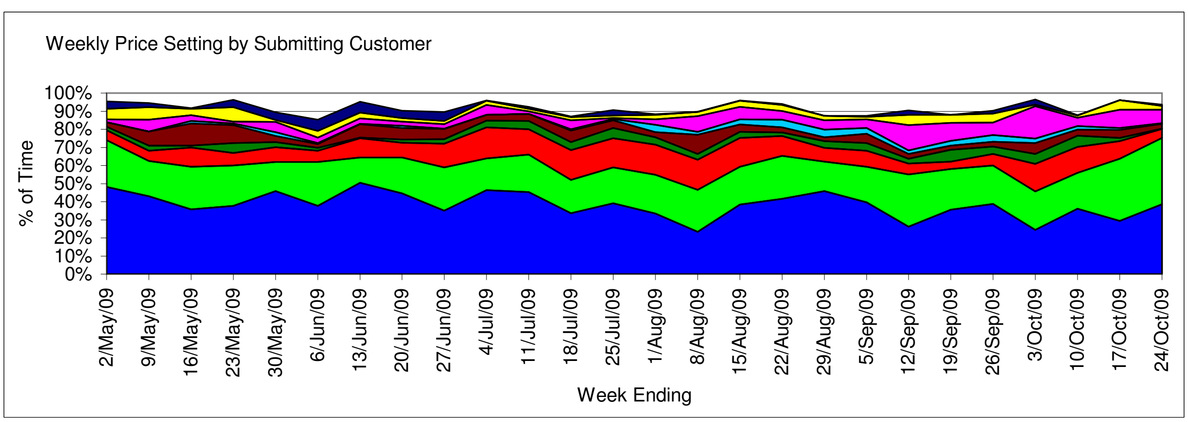
The heat rate duration curves show the % of time that the implied market heat rate was at or below a certain value during the week. For the week ending **October 24** implied market heat rates were at or below:
5.0 GJ/MWh **32%** of the time
10.0 GJ/MWh **89%** of the time
15.0 GJ/MWh **99%** of the time
20.0 GJ/MWh **100%** of the time

Market Share Statistics

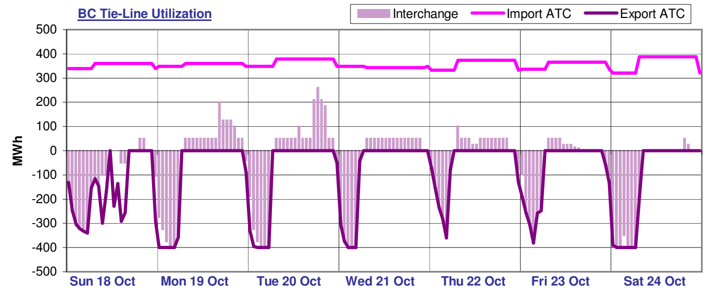


Last week, **coal units** were responsible for **66.3%** of the generation in the province and set price **60.3%** of the time. **Gas-cogen** units accounted for **25.8%** of the generation and set price **36.1%** of the time last week while **other gas** units made up **3.9%** of generation and set price **3.6%** of the time.

A total of **11** market participants set price last week. **Two** market participants set price more than 20% of the time last week. The top price setter set price **38.6%** of the time and the top five price setters set price a total of **91.8%** of the time.

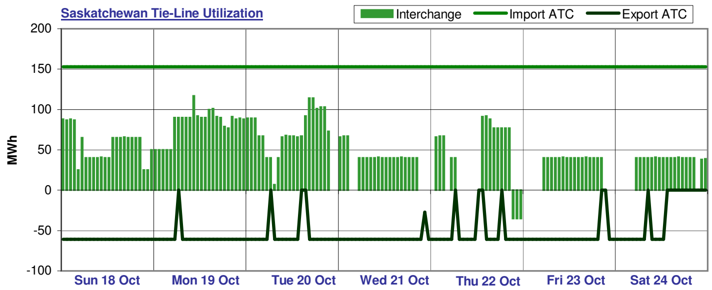


Interties

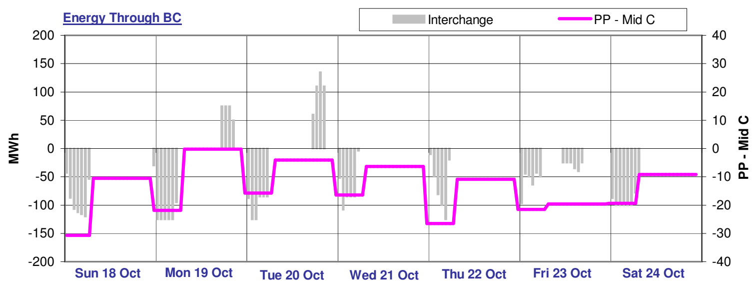


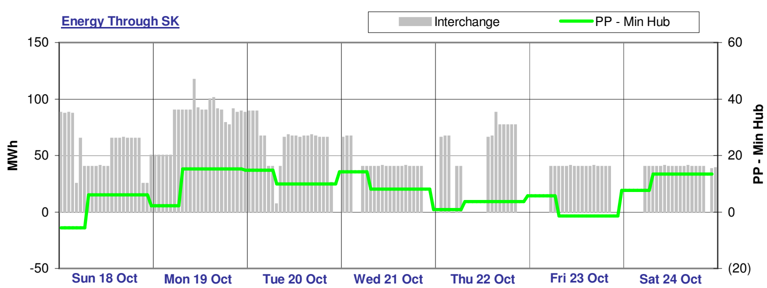
BC import capacity was **8%** utilized last week while **BC export capacity** was **84%** utilized. Energy was being imported into Alberta over the BC tie-line **44%** of the time and exported out of Alberta over the BC tie-line **34%** of the time last week. There was no activity on the BC tie-line **22%** 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 **31%** utilized last week while **Saskatchewan export capacity** was **1%** utilized. Energy was being imported into Alberta over the Saskatchewan tie-line **81%** of the time and exported out of Alberta over the Saskatchewan tie-line **2%** of the time last week. There was no activity on the Saskatchewan tie-line **17%** of the time last week.

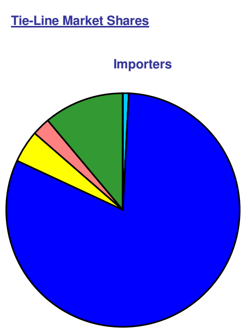




Last week, Alberta spot prices were mostly **lower** relative to prices in the Pacific Northwest as represented by **Mid-C** index prices, supporting **export** activity across the Alberta - BC interconnection.

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.

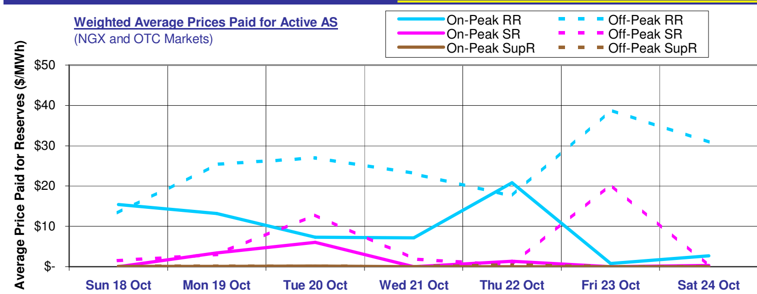
Note: Platt's day-ahead strip prices used in energy through BC and SK graphs.



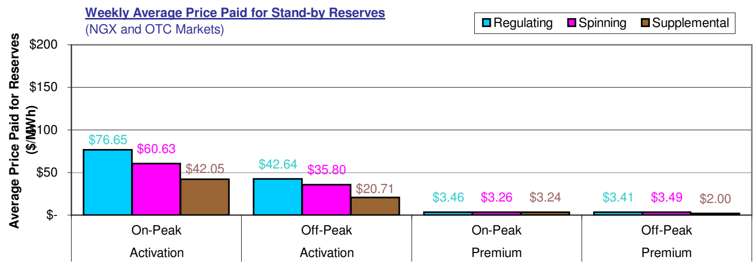
Last week, there were a total of **5** importers. The most active importer had a market share of **81.2%** while the second most active importer had a market share of **11.0%**.
There were a total of **6** exporters last week. The most active exporter had a market share of **72.0%** while the next largest exporter had a market share of **26.1%**.

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

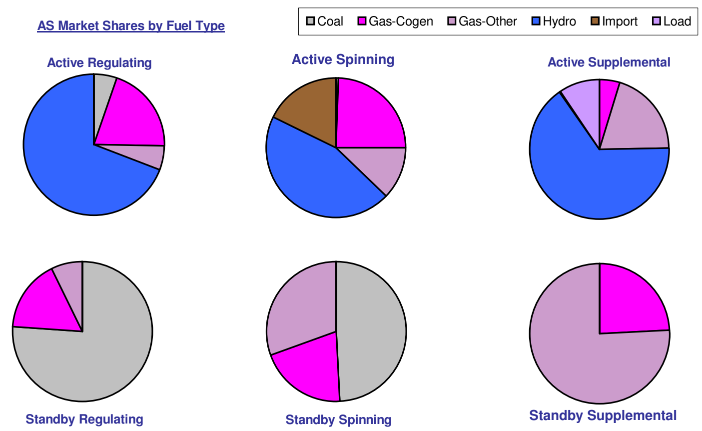
Ancillary Services Market



Average on-peak prices paid for active ancillary services last week were **$9.66/MWh**, **$1.62/MWh** and **$.04/MWh** respectively for active regulating, spinning and supplemental reserves. Active average off-peak prices were **higher** and averaged **$25.23/MWh**, **$5.80/MWh** and **$0.08/MWh** for active regulating, spinning and supplemental reserves respectively.



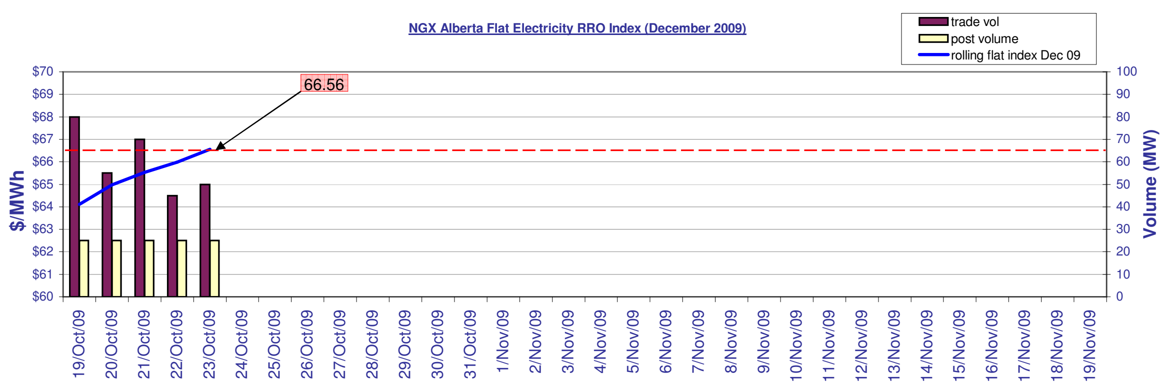
Weekly average activation prices for stand-by reserves ranged from **$20.71/MWh** for **off-peak supplemental** reserves to **$76.65/MWh** for **on-peak regulating** reserves.
Weekly average premium prices ranged from **$2.00/MWh** for **off-peak supplemental** reserves up to **$3.49/MWh** for **off-peak spinning** reserves.



Last week **hydro** units had the largest market share in the active regulating reserve market with **69.2%**. In the active spinning reserve market, **hydro** units had the leading market share with **45.0%** while in the active supplemental reserve market, **hydro** units dominated with a **65.5%** market share.

Coal units dominated the standby regulating reserve market with a **76.0%** market share. Leading market share in the standby spinning market was held by **coal** units with a **49.3%** market share. In the standby supplemental reserve market, **gas** units had the leading market share with **75.9%.**

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 Mountian 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.

Sparkspread Sparkspreads 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.