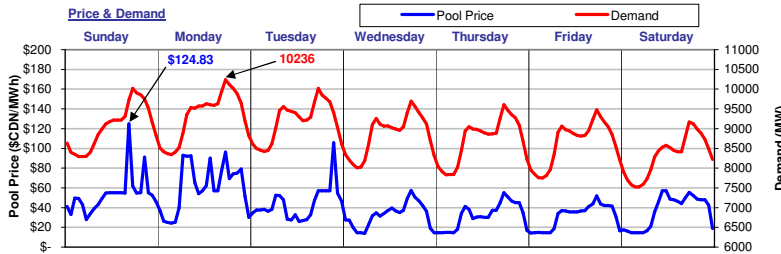


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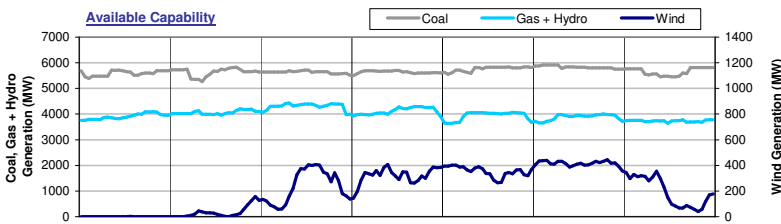
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Week Ending December 19, 2009

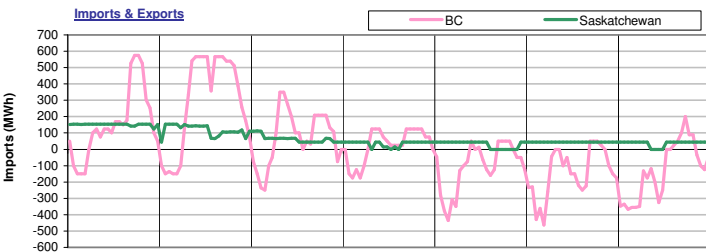
Weekly Highlights



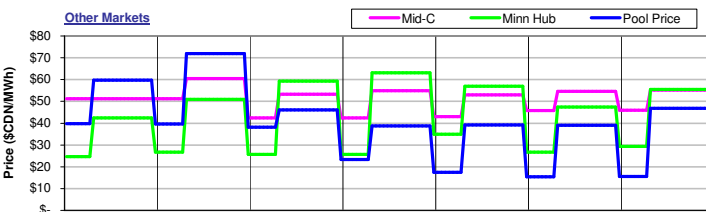
For the week ending December 19, 2009, **Pool Price** averaged \$41.41/MWh and ranged from a minimum of \$13.88/MWh in HE06 on Wednesday to a maximum of \$124.83/MWh in HE17 on Sunday. **Demand** reached a high of 10,236 MW in HE18 on Monday and a low of 7,525 MW in HE04 on Saturday. Average demand for the week was 8868 MW. **Pool Price** and **Demand** were positively correlated last week with an R-squared value of 0.55.



Coal Unit Availability averaged 5678 MW last week. This is an equivalent availability of 94%. **Gas, Hydro and Other Unit Availability** averaged 3990 MW last week, which is an equivalent of 70%. **Wind Generation** averaged 222 MW last week. This is an equivalent availability of 39%. Availability numbers are based on MW offered into the energy merit order.

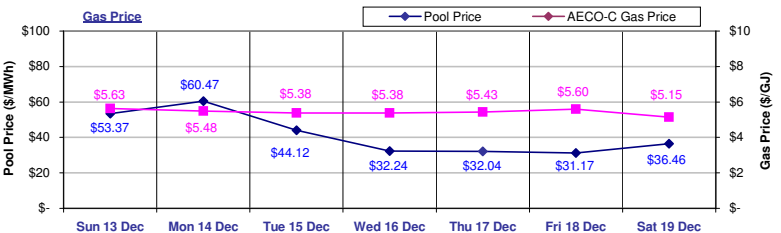


Alberta was a net importer from BC last week with total imports equal to 4,084 MWh. Alberta was a net importer from Saskatchewan last week with total imports equal to 11,491 MWh. Overall, Alberta imported 15,575 MWh of electricity last week.



Pool Prices were generally lower than prices in Mid-C and lower than prices in Minn Hub last week. **Mid-C** prices averaged \$55.24/MWh on-peak and \$45.99/MWh off-peak. **Minn Hub** prices averaged \$55.53/MWh on-peak and \$27.70/MWh off-peak.

Prices in \$/MWh at an exchange rate of 1.0597.



The average **AECO-C Gas Price** last week was \$5.44/GJ and ranged from a minimum of \$5.15/GJ to \$5.63/GJ. Prevailing gas prices resulted in market heat rates ranging from a low of 5.56 GJ/MWh to a high of 11.03 GJ/MWh. The average market heat rate for the week was 7.61 GJ/MWh.

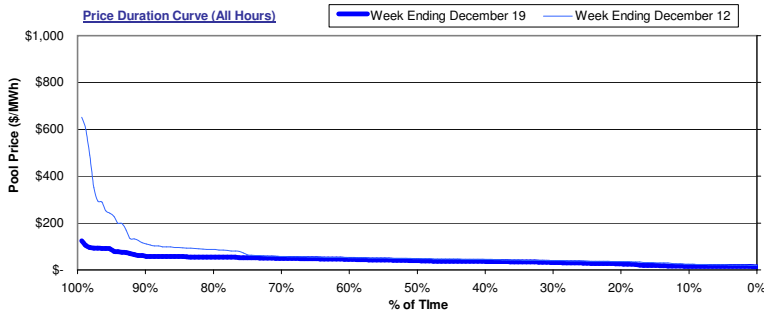


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Wholesale Market

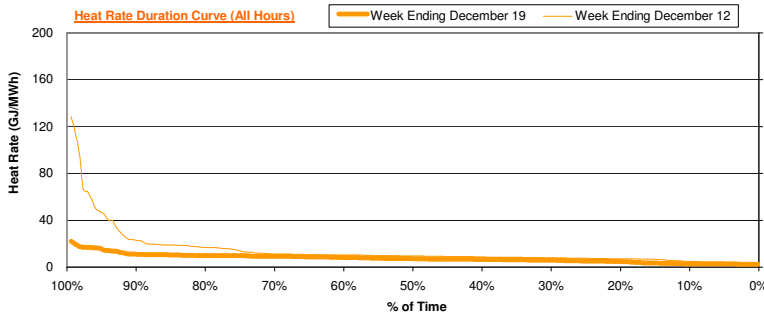
Weekly Market Statistics

	Sunday 13-Dec	Monday 14-Dec	Tuesday 15-Dec	Wednesday 16-Dec	Thursday 17-Dec	Friday 18-Dec	Saturday 19-Dec	Average	Last Week	% Change	YTD
Pool Price											
Average	\$ 53.37	\$ 60.47	\$ 44.12	\$ 32.24	\$ 32.04	\$ 31.17	\$ 36.46	\$ 41.41	\$ 71.80	-42.3%	\$ 47.97
On-Peak	NA	\$ 71.88	\$ 46.09	\$ 38.69	\$ 39.16	\$ 39.09	\$ 46.77	\$ 46.94	\$ 91.90	-48.9%	\$ 61.48
Off-Peak	\$ 53.37	\$ 37.65	\$ 40.19	\$ 19.35	\$ 17.81	\$ 15.33	\$ 15.85	\$ 34.03	\$ 45.00	-24.4%	\$ 28.75
COV	0.37	0.40	0.39	0.38	0.40	0.39	0.45	0.40	0.83	-52.3%	
Heat Rate											
Average	9.48	11.03	8.20	5.99	5.90	5.56	7.08	7.61	14.28	-46.7%	12.94
On-Peak	NA	13.11	8.57	7.19	7.21	6.97	9.08	8.69	18.00	-51.7%	16.58
Off-Peak	9.48	6.86	7.47	3.60	3.28	2.74	3.08	6.16	9.31	-33.8%	7.75
Demand											
Average	9,049	9,305	9,185	8,857	8,720	8,644	8,315	8,868	9,001	-1.5%	7,962
Minimum	8,290	8,342	8,426	8,006	7,829	7,747	7,525	8,024	8,092	-0.8%	6,454
Maximum	10,022	10,236	10,020	9,697	9,607	9,479	9,166	9,747	9,862	-1.2%	10,236
Coal Unit Availability											
Average	5,591	5,636	5,633	5,638	5,759	5,832	5,653	5,678	5,436		5,063
AC/MC	92%	93%	93%	93%	95%	96%	93%	94%	90%	4.0%	84%
Gas, Hydro and Other Unit Availability											
Average	3,906	4,063	4,304	4,117	3,930	3,879	3,730	3,990	4,132		3,663
AC/MC	68%	71%	75%	72%	69%	68%	65%	70%	72%	-2.5%	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 **December 19**, prices were at or below:

\$20/MWh	17% of the time
\$50/MWh	71% of the time
\$100/MWh	98% 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 **December 19** implied market heat rates were at or below:

5.0 GJ/MWh	22% of the time
10.0 GJ/MWh	82% of the time
15.0 GJ/MWh	95% of the time
20.0 GJ/MWh	99% of the time

Market Share Statistics

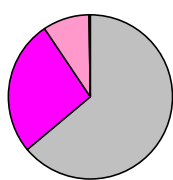
By Fuel Type:

Legend: Coal (Grey), Gas - Cogen (Pink), Gas - Other (Light Blue), Hydro (Dark Blue), Other (Green)

Weekly Generation by Fuel Type

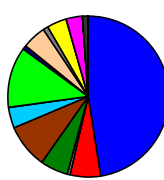


Weekly Price Setting by Fuel Type



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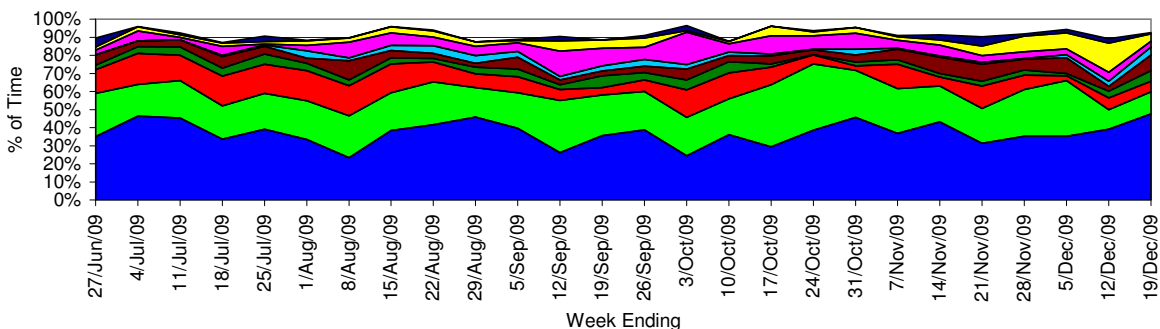
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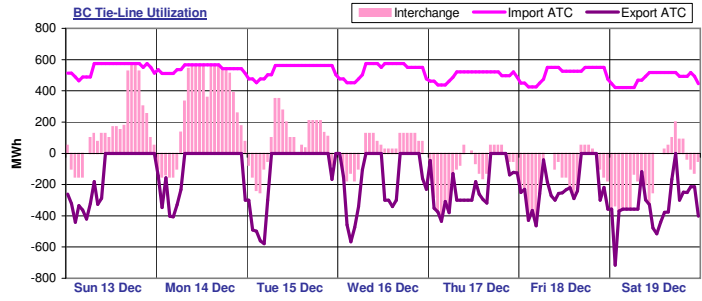
Last week, **coal units** were responsible for **62.7%** of the generation in the province and set price **64.0%** of the time. **Gas-cogen** units accounted for **25.9%** of the generation and set price **26.5%** of the time last week while **other gas** units made up **4.6%** of generation and set price **9.2%** of the time.

A total of **14** 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 **47.6%** of the time and the top five price setters set price a total of **80.1%** of the time.

Weekly Price Setting by Submitting Customer

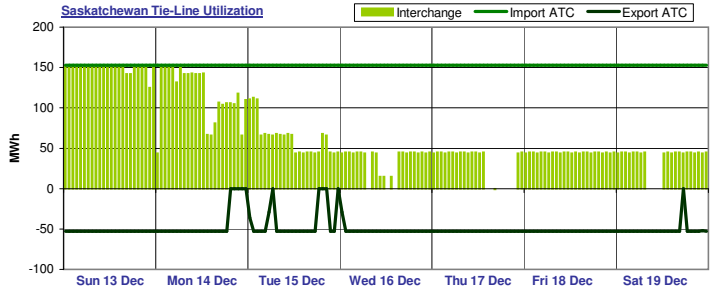


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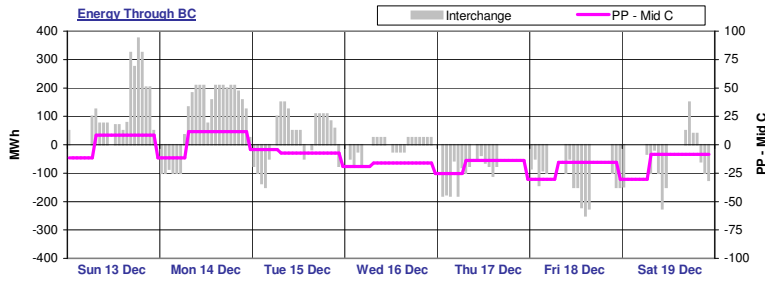


BC import capacity was 19% utilized last week while **BC export capacity** was 46% utilized. Energy was being imported into Alberta over the BC tie-line 50% of the time and exported out of Alberta over the BC tie-line 42% of the time last week. There was no activity on the BC tie-line 8% of the time 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.



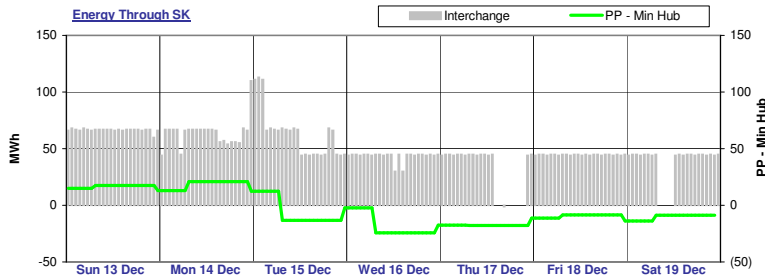
Saskatchewan import capacity was 47% utilized last week while **Saskatchewan export capacity** was 7% utilized. Energy was being imported into Alberta over the Saskatchewan tie-line 91% of the time and exported out of Alberta over the Saskatchewan tie-line 1% of the time last week. There was no activity on the Saskatchewan tie-line 8% of the time last week.



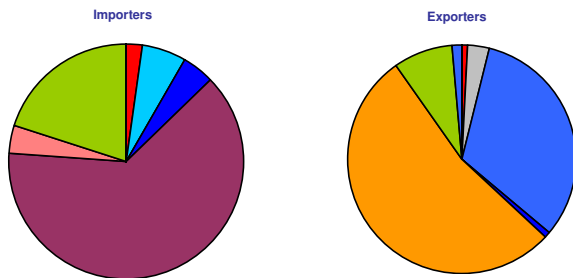
Last week, Alberta spot prices were mostly **lower** relative to prices in the Pacific Northwest as represented by **Mid-C** index prices.

Alberta prices were generally **lower** than prices in MAPP as represented by spot prices at the **Minnesota Hub**.

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



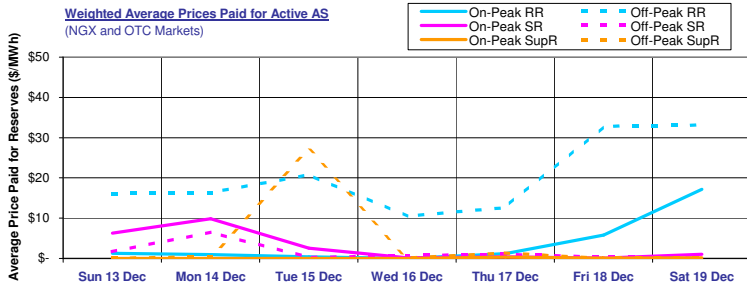
Tie-Line Market Shares



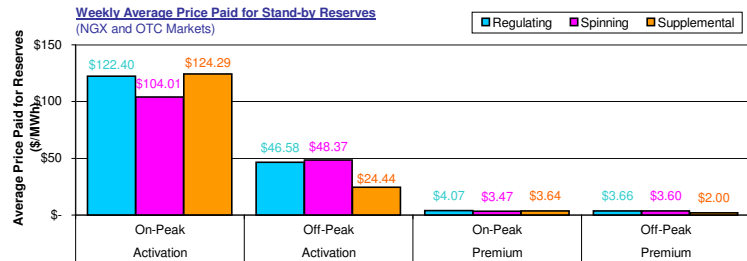
Last week, there were a total of 6 importers. The most active importer had a market share of 63.2% while the second most active importer had a market share of 20.0%. There were a total of 7 exporters last week. The most active exporter had a market share of 53.3% while the next largest exporter had a market share of 32.1%.

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

Ancillary Services Market

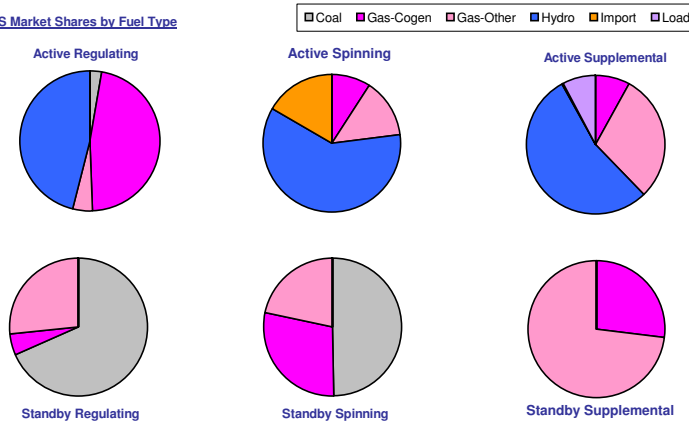


Average on-peak prices paid for active ancillary services last week were **\$3.79/MWh**, **\$2.94/MWh** and **\$0.07/MWh** respectively for active **regulating**, **spinning** and **supplemental** reserves.
Active average off-peak prices were higher and averaged **\$20.26/MWh**, **\$1.51/MWh** and **\$4.22/MWh** for active **regulating**, **spinning** and **supplemental** reserves respectively.



Weekly average activation prices for stand-by reserves ranged from **\$24.44/MWh** for **off-peak supplemental** reserves to **\$124.29/MWh** for **on-peak regulating** reserves.
Weekly average premium prices ranged from **\$2.00/MWh** for **off-peak supplemental** reserves up to **\$4.07/MWh** for **on-peak regulating** reserves.

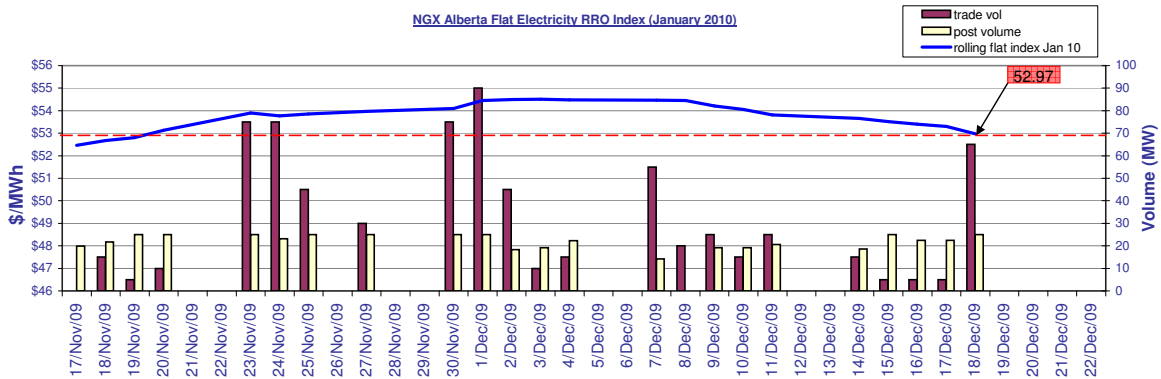
AS Market Shares by Fuel Type



Last week **cogen** units had the largest market share in the **active regulating** reserve market with **46.6%**. In the **active spinning** reserve market, **hydro** units had the leading market share with **60.2%** while in the **active supplemental** reserve market, **hydro** units dominated with a **54.0%** market share.

Coal units dominated the **standby regulating** reserve market with a **68.4%** market share. Leading market share in the **standby spinning** market was held by **coal** units with a **49.6%** market share. In the **standby supplemental** reserve market, **gas** units had the leading market share with **73.0%**.

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.