

# Glossary

**Aquifer Storage Field:** A sub-surface facility for storing natural gas, consisting of water-bearing sands topped by an impermeable cap rock.

**Balancing Item:** Represents the difference between the sum of the components of natural gas supply and the sum of the components of natural gas disposition. These differences may be due to data reporting or survey coverage problems. Reporting problems include differences due to the net result of conversions of flow data metered at varying temperature and pressure bases and converted to a standard temperature and pressure base; the effect of variations in company accounting and billing practices; differences between billing cycle and calendar period time frames; and imbalances resulting from the merger of data reporting systems which vary in scope, format, definitions, and type of respondents.

**Base (Cushion) Gas:** The volume of gas needed as a permanent inventory to maintain adequate reservoir pressures and deliverability rates throughout the withdrawal season. All native gas is included in the base gas volume.

**City-gate:** A point or measuring station at which a gas distribution company receives gas from a pipeline company or transmission system.

**Commercial Consumption:** Gas used by nonmanufacturing establishments or agencies primarily engaged in the sale of goods or services such as hotels, restaurants, wholesale and retail stores and other service enterprises; and gas used by local, State and Federal agencies engaged in nonmanufacturing activities.

**Depleted Storage Field:** A sub-surface natural geological reservoir, usually a depleted oil or gas field, used for storing natural gas.

**Dry Natural Gas Production:** Marketed production less extraction loss.

**Electric Power Consumption:** Gas used as fuel in the electric power sector.

**Electric Power Sector:** An energy-consuming sector that consists of electricity-only and combined heat and power (CHP) plants whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public – i.e., North American Industry Classification System 22 plants.

**Electric Utility:** A corporation, person, agency, authority, or other legal entity or instrumentality aligned with distribution facilities for delivery of electric energy for use primarily by the public. Included are investor-owned electric utilities, municipal and State utilities, Federal electric utilities, and rural electric cooperatives. A few entities that are tariff-based and corporately aligned with companies that own distribution facilities are also included.

**Exports:** Natural gas deliveries out of the continental United States and Alaska to foreign countries.

**Extraction Loss:** The reduction in volume of natural gas resulting from the removal of natural gas liquid constituents at natural gas processing plants.

**Gas Well:** A well completed for production of natural gas from one or more gas zones or reservoirs. Such wells contain no completions for the production of crude oil.

**Gross Withdrawals:** Full well stream volume, including all natural gas plant liquid and nonhydrocarbon gases, but excluding lease condensate. Also includes amounts delivered as royalty payments or consumed in field operations.

**Heating Value:** The average number of British thermal units per cubic foot of natural gas as determined from tests of fuel samples.

**Imports:** Natural gas received in the Continental United States (including Alaska) from a foreign country.

**Industrial Consumption:** Natural gas used for heat, power, or chemical feedstock by manufacturing establishments or those engaged in mining or other

mineral extraction, as well as consumers in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and construction.

**Intransit Deliveries:** Redeliveries to a foreign country of foreign gas received for transportation across U.S. territory and deliveries of U.S. gas to a foreign country for transportation across its territory and redelivery to the United States.

**Intransit Receipts:** Receipts of foreign gas for transportation across U.S. territory and redelivery to a foreign country and redeliveries to the United States of U.S. gas transported across foreign territory.

**Lease and Plant Fuel:** Natural gas used in well, field, lease operations and as fuel in natural gas processing plants.

**Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG):** Natural gas that has been liquefied by reducing its temperature to minus 260 degrees Fahrenheit at atmospheric pressure.

**Marketed Production:** Gross withdrawals less gas used for repressuring, quantities vented and flared, and nonhydrocarbon gases removed in treating or processing operations. Includes all quantities of gas used in field and processing operations.

**Native Gas:** Gas in place at the time that a reservoir was converted to use as an underground storage reservoir, as in contrast to injected gas volumes.

**Natural Gas:** A mixture of hydrocarbon compounds and small quantities of various nonhydrocarbons existing in the gaseous phase or solution with oil in natural underground reservoirs at reservoir conditions.

**Onsystem Sales:** Sales to customers where the delivery point is a point on, or directly interconnected with, a transportation, storage, and/or distribution system operated by the reporting company.

**Pipeline Fuel:** Gas consumed in the operation of pipelines, primarily in compressors.

**Repressuring:** The injection of gas into oil or gas formations to effect greater ultimate recovery.

**Residential Consumption:** Gas used in private dwellings, including apartments, for heating, cooking, water heating, and other household uses.

**Salt Cavern Storage Field:** A storage facility that is a cavern hollowed out in either a "salt bed" or "dome" formation.

**Storage Additions:** Volumes of gas injected or otherwise added to underground natural gas or liquefied natural gas storage.

**Storage Withdrawals:** Total volume of gas withdrawn from underground storage or liquefied natural gas storage over a specified amount of time.

**Supplemental Gaseous Fuels Supplies:** Synthetic natural gas, propane-air, coke oven gas, refinery gas, biomass gas, air injected for Btu stabilization, and manufactured gas commingled and distributed with natural gas.

**Underground Gas Storage Reservoir Capacity:** Interstate company reservoir capacities are those certificated by FERC. Independent producer and intrastate company reservoir capacities are reported as developed capacity.

**Vehicle Fuel Consumption:** Natural gas (compressed or liquefied) used as vehicle fuel.

**Wellhead Price:** Represents the wellhead sales price, including charges for natural gas plant liquids subsequently removed from the gas, gathering and compression charges, and State production, severance, and/or similar charges.

**Working (Top Storage) Gas:** The volume of gas in an underground storage reservoir above the designed level of the base. It may or may not be completely withdrawn during any particular withdrawal season. Conditions permitting, the total working capacity could be used more than once during any season.