



# Winter Fuels and Gas Electric Coordination Review

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# Fuel Markets Review

- Natural Gas
- Coal
- Distillate Fuel Oil

# Gas Electric Coordination

## Natural Gas

- Production rates are strong
- Storage inventory improving
- Demand relatively steady
- Prices up 200% to 300% compared to last year; Very sensitive to weather model forecasts

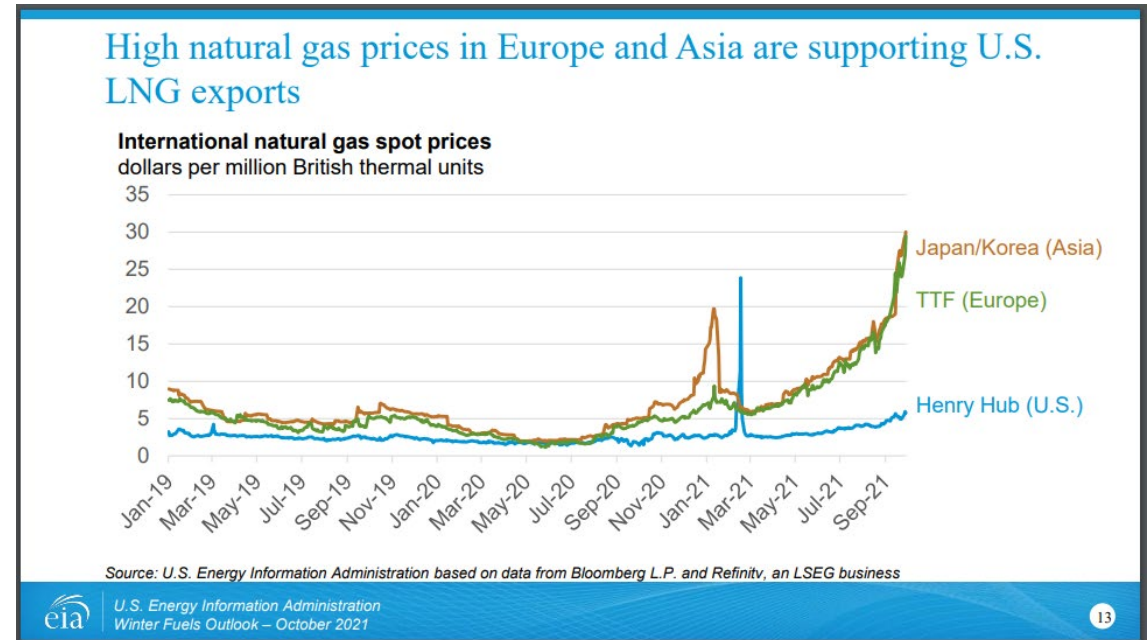
## Coal

- US inventory down 30% compared to last year
- Production fairly consistent with last year
- Transportation constraints are a critical focus area

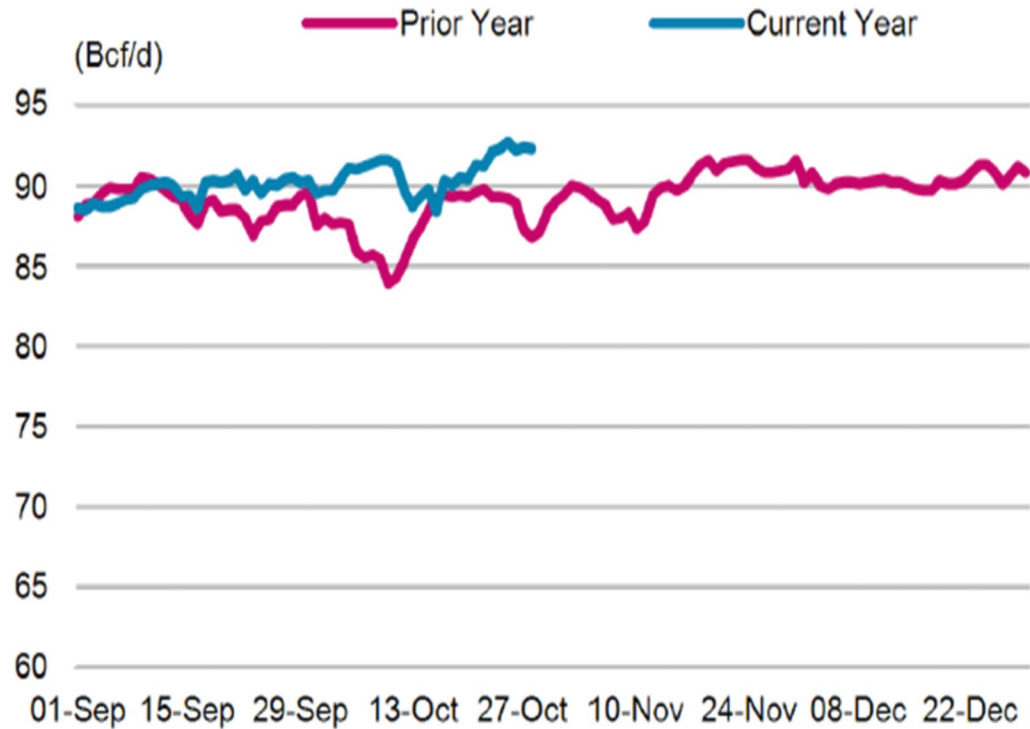
## Distillate Fuel Oil

- PADD 1 (East coast) inventory at lower edge of 5 year average
- Production is anticipated to remain strong

- Record low inventories of coal and natural gas in Europe and Asia
  - Some coal stations have experienced intermittent outages due to lack of coal
- High demand for LNG and coal imports
  - Spot LNG prices recently surpassed the record of \$30/mmbtu and briefly eclipsing the \$50/mmbtu mark
  - Could reduce LNG supply to New England generators thus increasing natural gas and oil utilization across the northeast
  - LNG exports forecast to average around 11 BCF/day this winter



## US DRY GAS PRODUCTION



## Supply: Winter Production and Imports

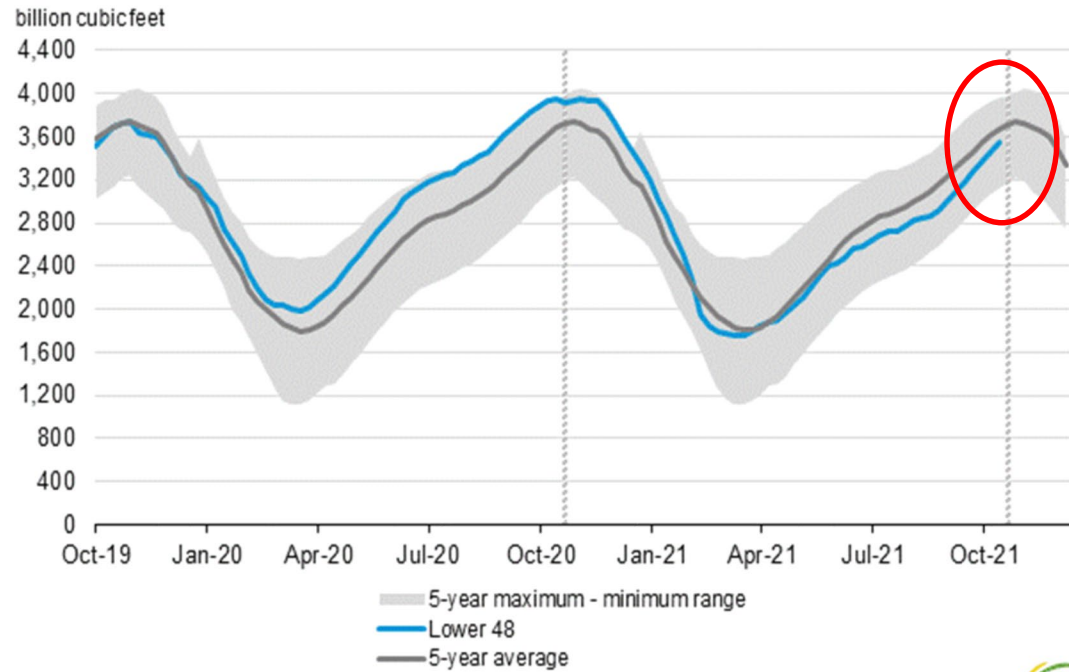
Winter Season Period-to-period change	Last Winter 2020-2021 ACTUAL	This Winter 2021-2022 FORECAST	3-YEAR WINTER AVERAGE
Winter average production (Lower 48)	89.9 Bcf/d	93.7 Bcf/d	91.2 Bcf/d
Canadian imports (net)	5.5 Bcf/d	5.2 Bcf/d	5.0 Bcf/d
LNG imports	0.1 Bcf/d	0.3 Bcf/d	0.3 Bcf/d

**Winter-to-Winter pressure on natural gas prices**

*Data Source: Energy Ventures Analysis.*



Working gas in underground storage compared with the 5-year maximum and minimum



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Note: The shaded area indicates the range between the historical minimum and maximum values for the weekly series from 2016 through 2020. The dashed vertical lines indicate current and year-ago weekly periods.



Working gas in underground storage, Lower 48 states

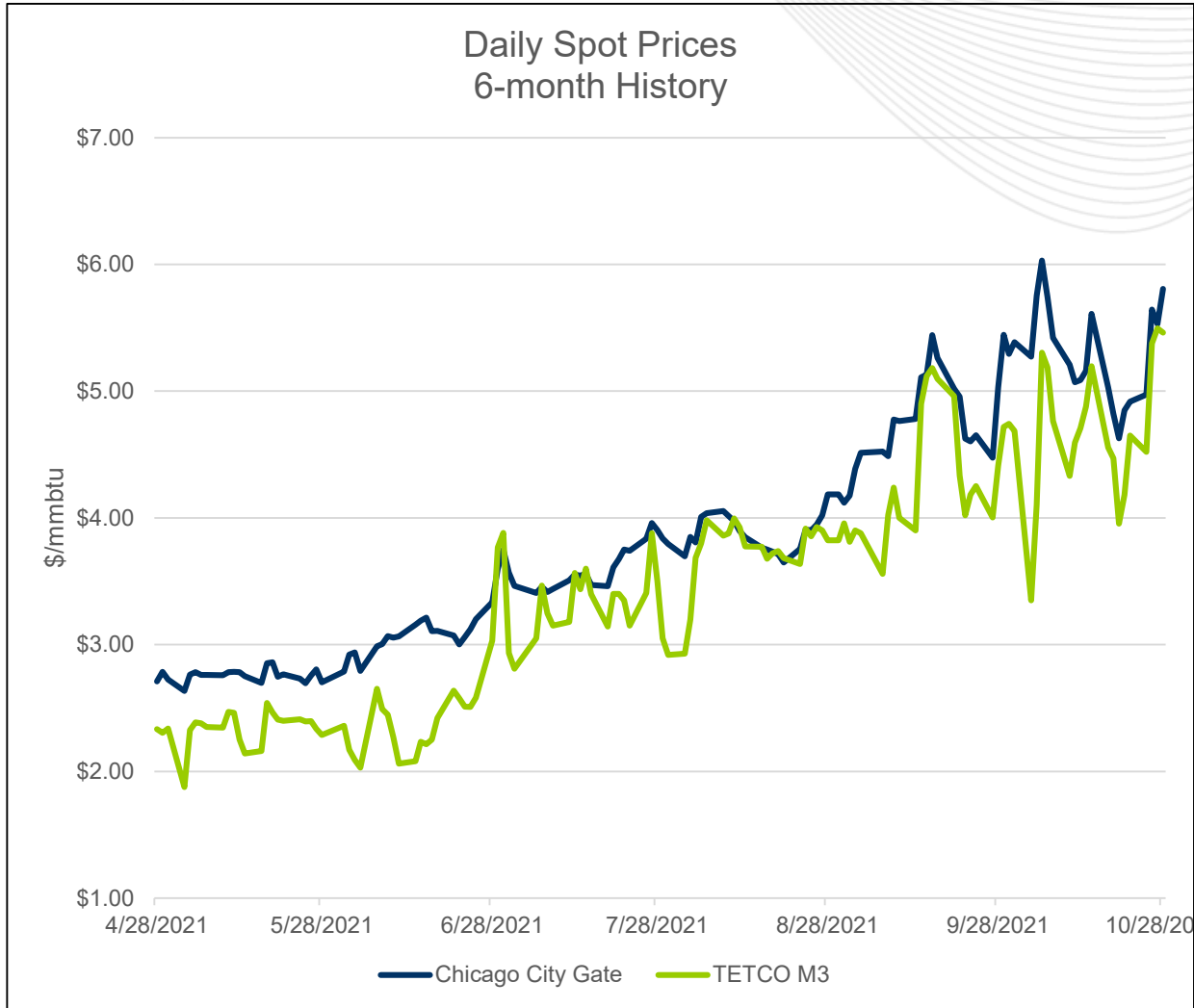
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Region	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)				Historical Comparisons			
	10/22/21		10/15/21		Year ago (10/22/20)		5-year average (2016-20)	
	10/22/21	10/15/21	net change	implied flow	Bcf	% change	Bcf	% change
East	885	862	23	23	938	-5.7	906	-2.3
Midwest	1,052	1,027	25	25	1,116	-5.7	1,070	-1.7
Mountain	212	211	1	1	245	-13.5	221	-4.1
Pacific	255	253	2	2	323	-21.1	305	-16.4
South Central	1,144	1,108	36	36	1,329	-13.9	1,173	-2.5
Salt	304	283	21	21	360	-15.6	308	-1.3
Nonsalt	840	825	15	15	968	-13.2	865	-2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,548</b>	<b>3,461</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>3,951</b>	<b>-10.2</b>	<b>3,674</b>	<b>-3.4</b>

Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

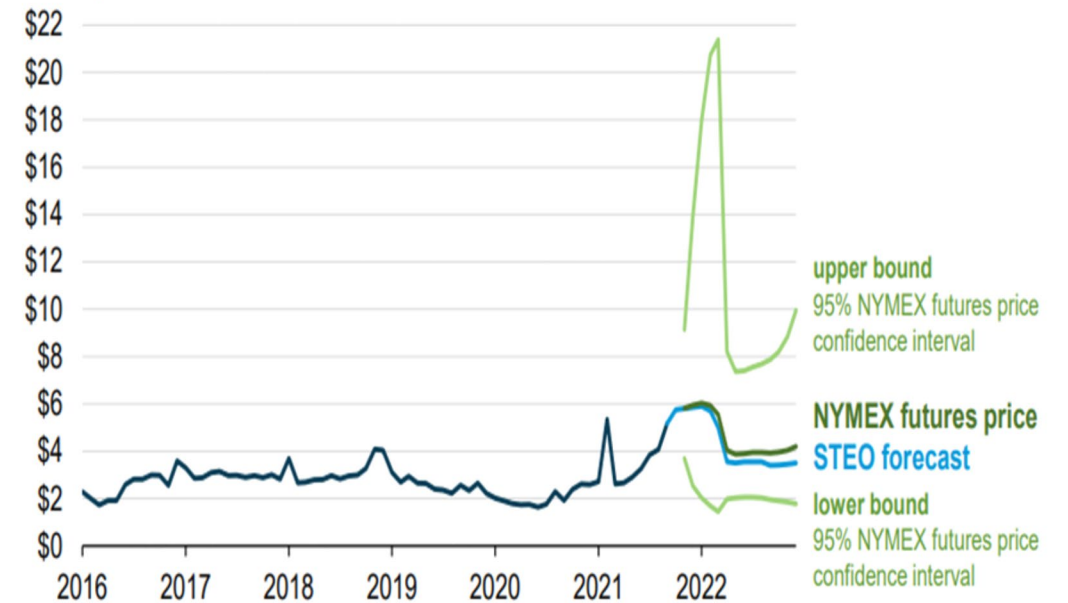
### Summary

Working gas in storage was 3,548 Bcf as of Friday, October 22, 2021, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 87 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 403 Bcf less than last year at this time and 126 Bcf below the five-year average of 3,674 Bcf. At 3,548 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range.



Futures and options markets data implies the 95% confidence interval for Henry Hub prices in early 2022 ranges from \$2-\$21

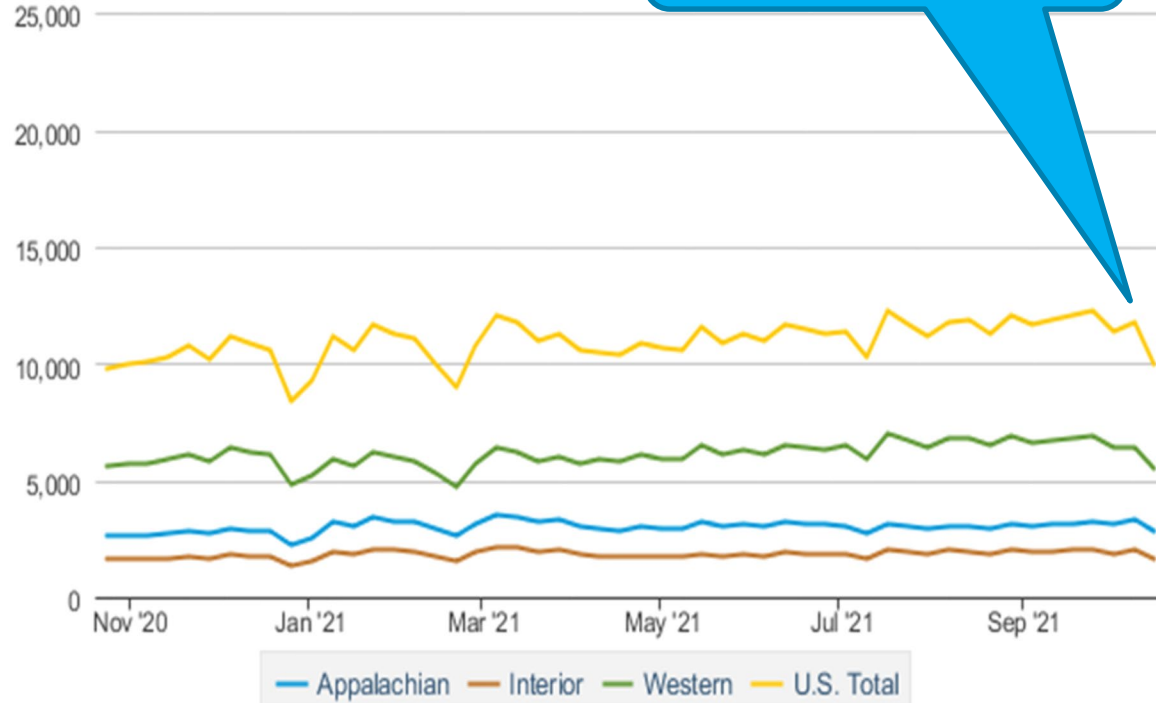
Henry Hub natural gas price and NYMEX confidence intervals  
dollars per million British thermal units



Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration based on data from the CME Group and Refinitiv, an LSEG Business

## Weekly coal production by region

thousand short tons



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

## Coal Markets

Release date: October 25, 2021 | Next release date: November 1, 2021 [Archive](#)

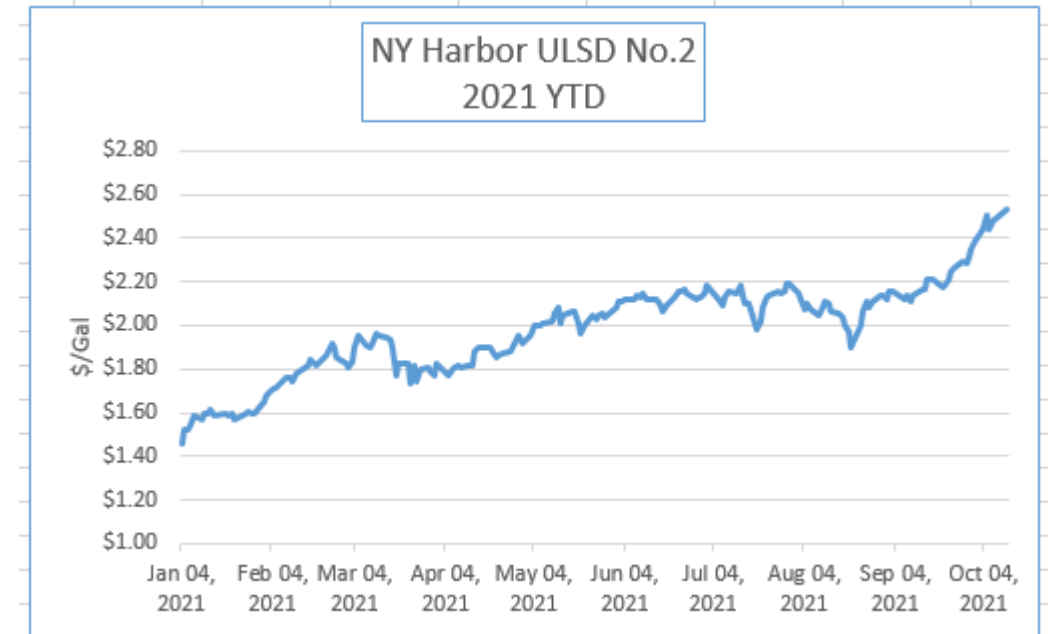
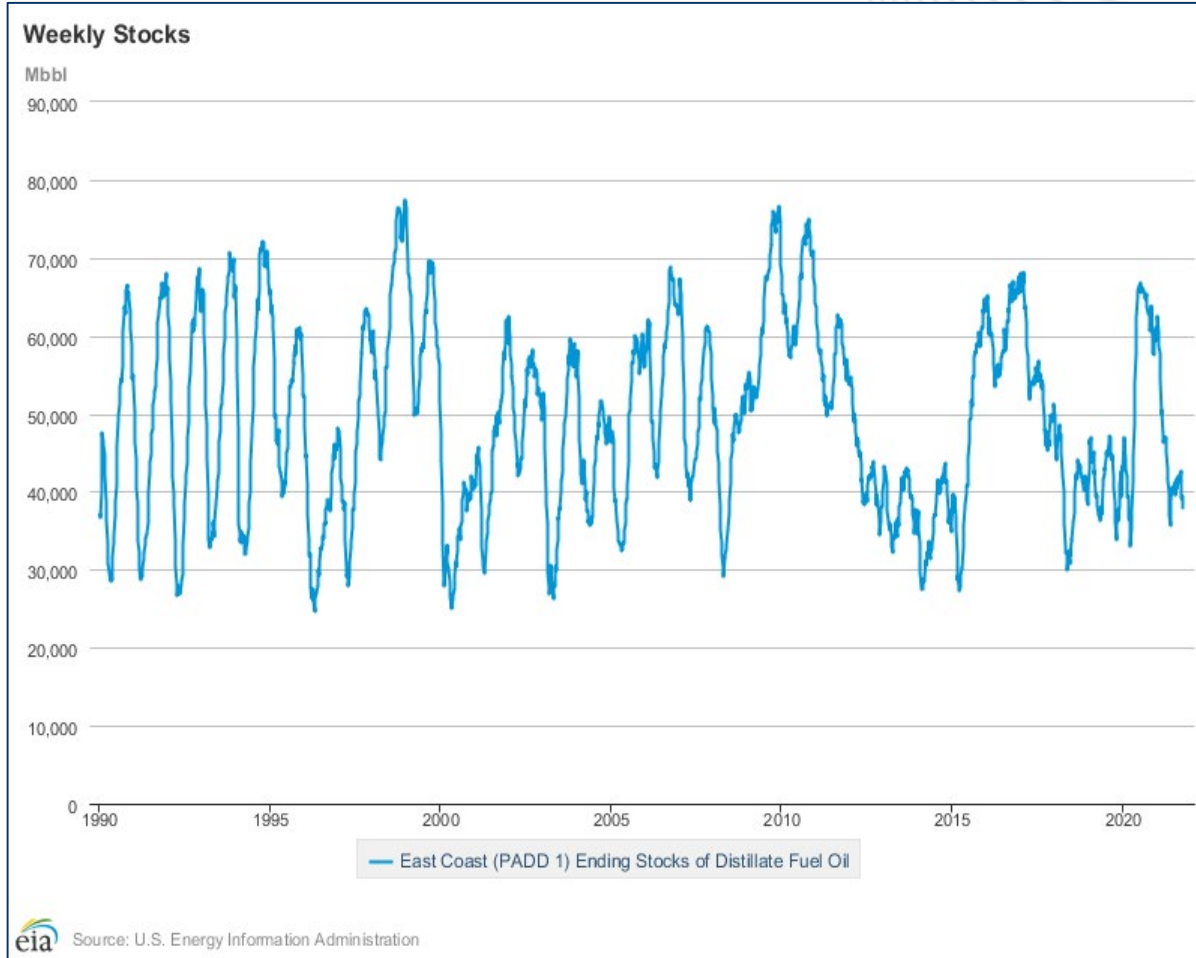
Dollars per short ton

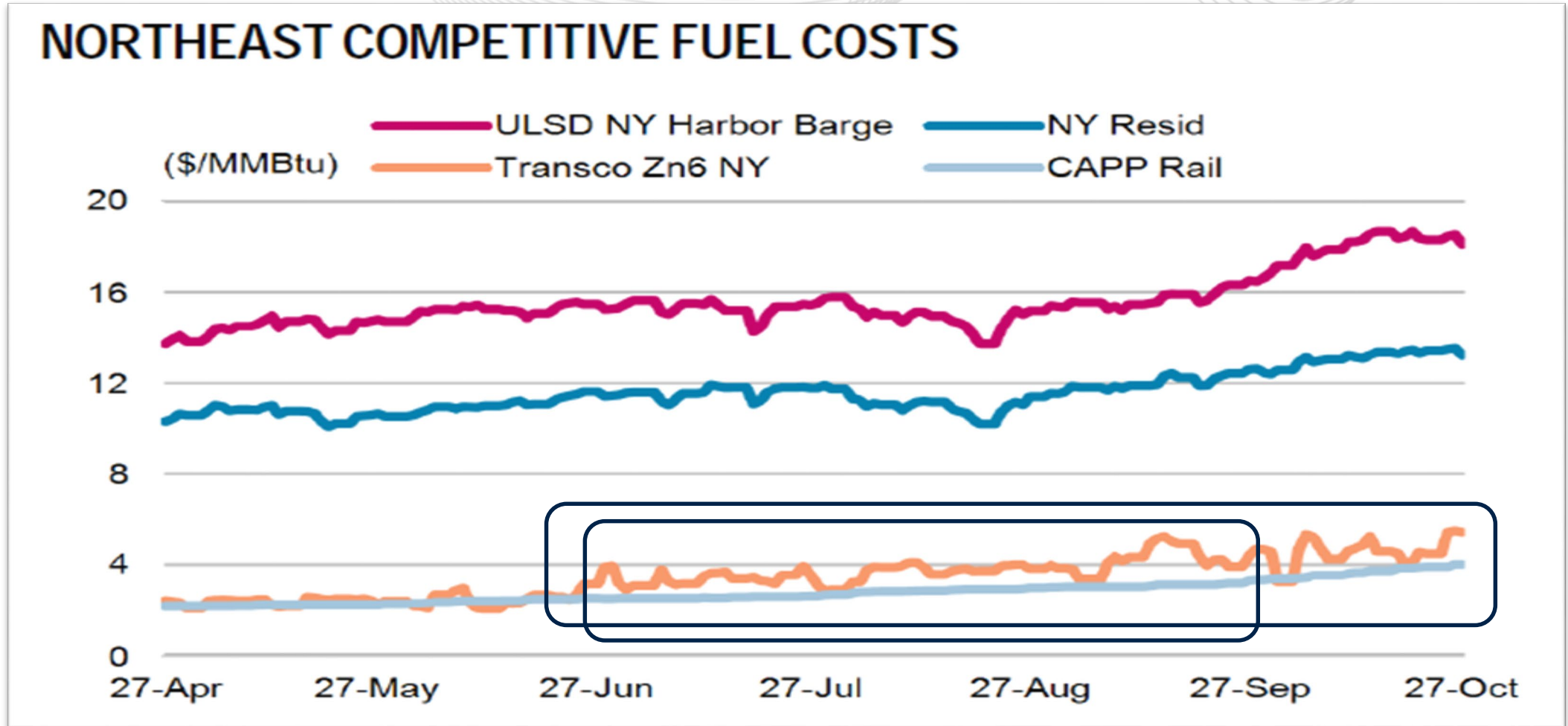
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### Average weekly coal commodity spot prices dollars per short ton

	Week ending					Week ago change
	09/24/21	10/01/21	10/08/21	10/15/21	10/22/21	
Central Appalachia 12,500 Btu, 1.2 SO <sub>2</sub>	\$71.05	\$73.25	\$75.50	\$75.50	\$75.50	\$0.00
Northern Appalachia 13,000 Btu, < 3.0 SO <sub>2</sub>	\$60.65	\$62.50	\$64.40	\$64.40	\$64.40	\$0.00
Illinois Basin 11,800 Btu, 5.0 SO <sub>2</sub>	\$36.25	\$36.25	\$36.25	\$36.25	\$36.25	\$0.00
Powder River Basin 8,800 Btu, 0.8 SO <sub>2</sub>	\$13.35	\$13.30	\$13.25	\$13.25	\$13.25	\$0.00
Uinta Basin 11,700 Btu, 0.8 SO <sub>2</sub>	\$30.25	\$30.15	\$30.05	\$30.05	\$30.05	\$0.00







- Pre Winter IRC Electric Gas Coordination Task Force Meeting – 10/28/21
  - Review of winter prep activities with ISOs/RTOs, interstate pipelines and Natural Gas Supply Association
- PJM Gas-Electric Coordination Team
  - Weekly operational review meetings with interstate pipelines commence in early November
  - Daily risk assessment of pipeline operations and potential fuel limitations
  - Ongoing monitoring of fuel market conditions and forecasts

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