The Shale Gas Resource: What are the Trends, Where is it Headed?





Global Shale Gas Reserves

U.S. Department of Energy released an assessment of 48 shale gas basins in 32 countries, containing almost 70 shale gas formations around the world. http://www.eia.gov/analysis/studies/worldshalegas

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Global Energy Demand up 30% but...

United States Energy Trends



ExxonMobil 2012 Outlock for Energy

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Marcellus Wells Drilled

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Pennsylvania Marcellus Shale Production July 1 - Dec. 31, 2011 Counties Sorted by Total Gas MCF



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Pennsylvania Marcellus Shale Production July 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2011 Counties Sorted by Total Gas MCF









PA Production



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration based on Bentek Energy, LLC. **Note:** Rest of Northeast includes KY, MD, NY, OH, TN, VA.

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Rig Trends





Other Shale Targets

Key Gas-Producing Formations in Pennsylvania



NYMEX Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures Recent Price History



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U.S. Natural Gas Prices

NYMEX Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures Settlement Prices Recent History \$2.90 February March April \$2.80 POWELL SHALE DIGEST \$2.70 \$2.60 Price \$/MMBtu \$2.50 \$2.40 \$2.30 \$2.20 Vertical lines mark the expiration dates of the NYMEX front-month contract \$2.10 \$2.00 Trade Date Source: CME Group Powell Shale Digest, Mar. 9, 2012





Producing Wells

- 95 drill rigs running in PA
 - 116 last year at this time
 - 19 currently in OH
- As of June '11
 - ~3200 drilled in PA
 - 1697 reported producing
 - 52% producing in PA
 - Estimated to be 2250 on 1/1/12



Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs)



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Demand for NGL's Rising

Exhibit 7: Ethane Feed Usage from NGLs

Ethane Feed Usage



Source: Hodson Reports, Credit Suisse

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Utica Development



Source: Company Data, modified Gulfport map, GHS Research



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NGL Attribute Summary				eia
Natural Gas Liquid	Chemical Formula	Applications	End Use Products	Primary Sectors
Ethane	C₂H₀ ✔	Ethylene for plastics production; petrochemical feedstock	Plastic bags; plastics; anti-freeze; detergent	Industrial
Propane	ů,	Residential and commercial heating; cooking fuel; petrochemical feedstock	Home heating; small stoves and barbeques; LPG	Industrial, Residential, Commercial
Butane	C4H10	Petrochemical feedstock; blending with propane or gasoline	Synthetic rubber for tires; LPG; lighter fuel	Industrial, Transportation
Isobutane	C₄H₁₀	Refinery feedstock; petrochemical feedstock	Alkylate for gasoline; aerosols; refrigerant	Industrial
Pentane	C5H12	Natural gasoline; blowing agent for polystyrene foam	Gasoline; polystyrene; solvent	Transportation
Pentanes Plus*	Mix of C₅H ₁₂ and heavier	Blending with vehicle fuel; exported for bitumen production in oil sands	Gasoline; ethanol blends; oil sands production	Transportation

C indicates carbon, H indicates hydrogen; Ethane contains two carbon atoms and six hydrogen atoms *Pentanes plus is also known as "natural gasoline." Contains pentane and heavier hydrocarbons.



Source: EIA, Bentek Energy LLC

Relative Profitability of Shale Plays



Source: Credit Suisse Research Report – October 18, 2011

*Liquids Rich MCOR FOR OUTREACH AND RESEARCH



Gas Storage



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New Energy Picture?



- Story is changing from production to utilization
- <u>Adding value to the</u> <u>commodity</u>
- Large energy consumers
 - Industrial
 - Power
 - Domestic/Cross-border
 - Transportation
- New workforce dynamics
- In-state manufacturing of key components
- New industrial renaissance?
- Reduces likelihood of "boom/bust"?

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U.S. Electricity Production from Coal

(lowest since '78)

Coal share of total electricity generation, January 2009 - December 2011 percent



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LNG Export

- Is there capacity to export the commodity?
 - Permit issued from the Gulf Coast
 - Alaska
 - Western Canada
 - Cove Point
- Are the economics favorable?
 - Long term contracts vs. spot pricing
 - Competitive environment -Africa, Australia, Qatar
- Is there political will to do so?
- Where would it go?
 - Asia
 - Europe







Land Use Changes





- Pipeline
 - 50K miles for gathering lines
- Agricultural use
 - workforce
- "Industrialization"
- Community wide planning
 - Sullivan
 - Westmoreland
- State Forest
 - Wild lands
 - Wildlife habitat
 - Timber resource
 - Certification
- Terminal use of property
- Aesthetics
 - Impact to tourism
- Traffic
 - Mitigation??



Business Impacts Hotel Tax









Williamsport Employment Growth By Sector

Percent, Since Feb. 2010 Trough, As of Dec. 2011





Source: Wells Fargo Economic Advisory 3/12





Web Resources:

- <u>www.marcellus.psu.edu</u>
 - www.msetc.org
- www.naturalgas.psu.edu

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Cross-Section of Typical Horizontal Marcellus Well

24" conductor casing (brown) is installed up to 50 feet deep and cemented (grey) to the surface.

20" casing is installed through the 24" casing and continuing up to 500 feet deep. This casing is cemented to surface to isolate and protect near-surface groundwater.

13 3/8'' casing is installed through the 20" casing and continuing up to 1000 feet deep. This casing is also cemented to the surface to protect the groundwater aquifer from the gas well.

5 1/2" casing continues down and is turned laterally into the Marcellus ~ formation at a depth of 5000 to 9000+ feet below the surface.

> Kick off point for the bend from vertical to horizontal drilling.

Fresh groundwater zone up to 1000

Vertical portion of well

feet deep



Horizontal, "lateral" portion of well extends from 3,000 to over 10,000 feet within Marcellus formation.



Methane in Water Wells



•Can be naturally occurring or from gas drilling

•Pumping water can release dissolved methane by lowering pressure

•No drinking water standard or uniform testing method. Levels above 28 mg/L of great concern.

•Pre-existing detectable methane may occur in ~20% of water wells but most are below 1 mg/L.

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Groundwater/Pad Protections









Later Stages of Site Work







Start of Drilling







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Well Site in Operation







Hydraulic Fracturing Process



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Infrastructure Completion

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Gathering Line Connection

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Site Renovation







Wastewater Options

➤5 million gallons per well, 10% return

Conventional treatment

•Low cost, salt remains, limited in PA

➢ Deep injection wells (mostly OH and WV)

•Limited by geology and orphan wells

Advanced treatment (crystallization, membrane filtration, etc)

•\$\$ but produces very clean water for re-use or discharge

➢Reuse / recycling

- •Direct re-use of early flowback water
- •Re-use with dilution
- •Re-use with minimal treatment and dilution
- •Direct re-use after advance treatment







Pre-Drilling Problems are Common

(2006-07 survey of 701 water wells)



Impact of Marcellus Gas Drilling on Rural Drinking Water Supplies

- Five Penn State project coordinators
- Funded by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania (a legislative agency of the Pennsylvania General Assembly) and the Pennsylvania Water Resources Research Center at Penn State University

Objectives:

- Provide an unbiased and large scale study of water quality in private water wells both before and after the drilling of Marcellus gas wells nearby.
- Document both the enforcement of existing regulations and the utilization of voluntary measures by homeowners to protect water supplies.



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