Shale Gas

From the Source Rock to the Market: An Uneven pathway

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Shale Gas Definition



Modified from Williams 2013

Production Methods



Graphic by AI Greenberg/ProPublica

Burwen and Flegal 2013 (American Energy Innovation Council)

US Shale Gas Production

39% of U.S. Gas Production in 2012



Sources: LCI Energy Insight gross withdrawal estimates as of March 2013 and converted to dry production estimates with EIA-calculated average gross-to-dry shrinkage factors by state and/or shale play.

Sieminski 2013, U.S. Energy Information Administration (march 2013)

Shale Gas World Resources (TRR)

GIP: 35,782

TRR: 7,795 Tcf

+ 47% of TRR



Technically recoverable shale gas resources in the world. source: EIA – June 2013

Shale Gas World Resources



Economically Recoverable Resources

Well Productivity



Shale Gas Development Strategy

Economy of scale: the "Shale Gas Factory"



Based on Nelson 209 and Passey et al 2010



- A lot of wells are required in order to drain the reservoir efficiently

- Long horizontal wells with multistage hydraulic fracturing are expensive: high capex

Economy of scale needed to lower the F&D costs on a per \$/mcf basis

IFP TECHNOLOGIES (CANADA) INC.

Ross and Smrecak 2010 (Marcellus)

U.S. Shale Gas Well Cost

Well cost in prolific U.S Shale Plays average M\$ 3 to M\$ 8

				Royalty	Leasehold	Permitting	Prepping	
	F&D	LOE	T&F	Rate	Costs	Fee	Fees	Well Cost
Shale Gas Plays	(\$/Mcfe)	(\$/Mcfe)	(\$/Mcfe)		(\$/Acre)			
Marcellus	\$1.25	\$0.90	\$0.29	15%	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$400,000	\$3,500,000
Antrim	\$0.70	\$1.50	\$0.29	20%	\$3,200	\$2,500	\$45,714	\$400,000
New Albany	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$0.29	20%	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$102,857	\$900,000
Fayetteville	\$1.38	\$1.30	\$0.09	13%	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$320,000	\$2,800,000
Barnett	\$1.05	\$1.85	\$0.11	25%	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$342,857	\$3,000,000
Haynesville	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$0.09	25%	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$914,286	\$8,000,000
Cana Woodford	\$1.64	\$0.30	\$0.09	20%	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$914,286	\$8,000,000
Eagle Ford	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$0.09	25%	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$662,857	\$5,800,000
Utica	\$2.05	\$1.67	\$0.29	13%	\$8,200	\$2,500	\$371,429	\$3,250,000
Devonian	\$1.30	\$1.50	\$0.29	20%	\$8,200	\$2,500	\$200,000	\$1,750,000
Woodford	\$1.88	\$1.25	\$0.09	27%	\$6,500	\$2,500	\$765,714	\$6,700,000

F&D: Finding and Development LOE: Lease Operating Expense T&F: Transport and Fractionation Cohen 2013 (Harvard Kennedy School)

Shale Gas Well Productivity



Time (months) (Baihly

Controls on productivity







- Thickness
- Organic matter
- Thermal maturity
- Porosity
- Permeability
- Mineralogy

- Free gas
- Adsorbed gas
- Pressure
- Temperature
- Mechanical properties
- Stress orientation
- Natural fractures



Controls on productivity



Drilling, Completion and Stimulation





- Geosteering
- Horizontal length
- Open/cased hole
- # of frac stages
- Clusters position

- Treating pressure
- Injection rate
- Fluid type/volume
- Proppant type/volume
- Fluid additives

- Well spacing
- Diversion
- Simo-frac
- Zipper frac

Gas Price: The Shale Gas Glut



Source (EIA, Baker Hughes)

Shale Breakeven Price

Full cycle cost discounted cash flow analysis (10% IRR)



Henry Hub Spot Sept 2013 3.62\$/MMbtu

(Source: Cohen 2013, Harvard Kennedy School)

Shale Breakeven Price

Barnett Tiers 1 to 4 still profitable at current gas price Breakeven gas price Tier's productivity



Browning et al 2013 (Bureau of Economic Geology)

Latest Production Data



EIA – Drilling Productivity Report October 2013

Scf/d

Gas Regional markets

Major trade movements 2012 Trade flows worldwide (billion cubic metres)



Gas Trade Movement 2012 - BP Statistical Review 2013

Natural Gas Price Differential



BP Statistical Review 2013

Price \$/Mmbtu

North American LNG Export

Pipline + Liquefaction + Shipping + Regasification ≈ 4-6 \$/mcf



Import Terminal

PROPOSED TO FERC

- 1. Robbinston, ME: 0.5 Bcfd (Kestrel Energy Downeast LNG)
 2. Astoria, OR: 0.5 Bcfd (Oregon LNG)
 3. Corpus Christi, TX: 0.4 Bcfd (Cheniere Corpus Christi LNG)
 POTENTIAL U.S. SITES IDENTIFIED BY PROJECT SPONSORS
 4. Offshore New York: 0.4 Bcfd (Liberty Natural Port Ambrose)
 Export Terminal
 PROPOSED TO FERC
- 5. Freeport, TX: 1.8 Bcfd (Freeport LNG Dev/Freeport LNG Expansion/FLNG Liquefaction)*
- 6. Corpus Christi, TX: 2.1 Bcfd (Cheniere Corpus Christi LNG)*
- 7. Coos Bay, OR: 0.9 Bcfd (Jordan Cove Energy Project)*
- 8. Lake Charles, LA: 2.4 Bcfd (Southern Union Trunkline LNG)
- 9. Hackberry, LA: 1.7 Bcfd (Sempra Cameron LNG)*
- 10. Cove Point, MD: 0.82 Bcfd (Dominion Cove Point LNG)*
- 11. Astoria, OR: 1.25 Bcfd (Oregon LNG)*
- 12. Lavaca Bay, TX: 1.38 Bcfd (Excelerate Liquefaction)
- 13. Elba Island, GA: 0.35 Bcfd (Southern LNG Company)
- 14. Sabine Pass; LA: 1.3 Bcfd (Sabine Pass Liquefaction)
- 15. Lake Charles, LA: 1.07 Bcfd (Magnolia LNG)
- 16. Plaquemines Parish, LA: 1.07 Bcfd (CE FLNG)
- 17. Sabine Pass, TX: 2.1 Bcfd (ExxonMobil Golden Pass)
- PROPOSED CANADIAN SITES IDENTIFIED BY PROJECT SPONSORS
- 18. Kitimat, BC: 0.7 Bcfd (Apache Canada Ltd.)
- 19. Douglas Island, BC: 0.25 Bcfd (BC LNG Export Cooperative)
- 20. Kitimat, BC: 3.23 Bcfd (LNG Canada)
- POTENTIAL U.S. SITES IDENTIFIED BY PROJECT SPONSORS
- 21. Brownsville, TX: 2.8 Bcfd (Gulf Coast LNG Export)
- 22. Pascagoula, MS: 1.5 Bcfd (Gulf LNG Liquefaction)
- 23. Cameron Parish, LA: 0.16 Bcfd (Waller LNG Services)
- 24. Ingleside, TX: 1.09 Bcfd (Pangea LNG (North America))
- 25. Cameron Parish, LA: 0.20 Bcfd (Gasfin Development)
- 26. Cameron Parish, LA: 0.67 Bcfd (Venture Global)
- 27. Brownsville, TX: 3.2 Bcfd (Eos LNG & Barca LNG)
- 28. Gulf of Mexico: 3.22 Bcfd (Main Pass Freeport-McMoRan)

POTENTIAL CANADIAN SITES IDENTIFIED BY PROJECT

- 29. Goldboro, NS: 0.67 Bcfd (Pieridae Energy Canada)
- 30. Prince Rupert Island, BC: 4.2 Bcfd (BG Group)
- 31. Melford, NS: 1.8 Bcfd (H-Energy)
- 32. Prince Rupert Island, BC: 2.5 Bcfd (Pacific Northwest LNG) 33. Prince Rupert Island, BC: 3.8 Bcfd (ExxonMobil – Imperial)
- 33. Prince Rupert Island, BC: 3.8 Bctd (ExxonMobil Impe
- 34. Squamish, BC: 0.27 Bcfd (Woodfibre LNG Export)

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Shale Gas and Energy Transition

GHG Emissions for Electricity





U.S. Power Generation



Source: EIA Long term U.S. power²⁰fuel mix (GHG price-based policy scenario)

- Gas 🔤 Reduce Use
 - 🗖 Oil 📃 Non-fossil

Coal

Final Remarks - 1

- Shale gas technically recoverable resources are enormous (1000s Tcf)
- North American experience has demonstrated that part of this resource can be produced at a moderate cost (but it is not "cheap gas")
- Shale gas plays are very heterogeneous and complex systems:
 - Delineating "sweet spot" areas
 - Optimizing well placement and stimulation design

Final Remarks - 2

 Most U.S. dry gas production from shale is not economic at current low gas price

- Liquid rich part and best tiers still are
- Long term U.S. shale gas production is still uncertain:
 - Detailed integrated analysis on new shale plays will help
 - Most recent data shows increasing productivity (Marcellus)

 Long term shale gas production will depend on future gas demand and on the ability of the industry to drive production cost down

 Opportunity for the development of trans-pacific LNG trade between North America and Asia

Final Remarks - 3

- Gas has the potential to minimize GHG emissions (and other pollutants) as a "bridge" to low-carbon future

 Life cycle GHG emission and other environmental risks associated with shale gas must be well understood, controlled and minimized

 Government incentives and air quality standards will have a strong impact on the competition between gas and coal for electricity generation