NYMEX Natural Gas Settlement History							Versus	Forward Market Trading Today 10/21/2025 @ 10 AM			
Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		Month	2025	2026	2027
Jan	$ 2.158	$ 2.467	$4.024	$ 4.709	$ 2.619	$3.514		Jan	NA	$ 4.291	$ 4.913
Feb	$ 1.877	$ 2.760	$6.265	$ 3.109	$ 2.490	$3.535		Feb	NA	$ 4.083	$ 4.592
Mar	$ 1.821	$ 2.854	$4.568	$ 2.451	$ 1.615	$3.906		Mar	NA	$ 3.730	$ 3.938
Apr	$ 1.634	$ 2.586	$5.336	$ 1.991	$ 1.575	$3.950		Apr	NA	$ 3.621	$ 3.508
May	$ 1.794	$ 2.925	$7.267	$ 2.117	$ 1.614	$3.170		May	NA	$ 3.640	$ 3.479
Jun	$ 1.722	$ 2.984	$8.908	$ 2.181	$ 2.493	$3.204		Jun	NA	$ 3.799	$ 3.607
Jul	$ 1.495	$ 3.617	$6.551	$ 2.603	$ 2.628	$3.261		Jul	NA	$ 3.986	$ 3.759
Aug	$ 1.854	$ 4.044	$8.687	$ 2.492	$ 1.907	$3.081		Aug	NA	$ 4.048	$ 3.811
Sep	$ 2.579	$ 4.370	$9.353	$ 2.556	$ 1.930	$2.867		Sep	NA	$ 4.006	$ 3.780
Oct	$ 2.101	$ 5.841	$6.680	$ 2.764	$ 2.585	$2.835		Oct	NA	$ 4.051	$ 3.842
Nov	$ 2.996	$ 6.202	$5.186	$ 3.164	$ 2.346			Nov	$ 3.434	$ 4.260	$ 4.048
Dec	$ 2.896	$ 5.447	$6.712	$ 2.706	$ 2.431			Dec	$ 4.012	$ 4.681	$ 4.466
YR Avg	$ 2.077	$ 3.841	$6.628	$ 2.737	$ 2.186	$3.547		YR Avg	$ 3.723	$ 4.016	$ 3.979

Natural Gas Market Commentary

After several weeks of up and down movement, **natural gas prices bounced back** as traders priced in **cooler weather forecasts for late October into early November**, sparking expectations of **early-season heating demand**. The rebound was also supported by a **drop in U.S. production** due to maintenance across key shale basins and **lower Canadian imports**.

At the same time, **storage levels remain comfortably above average**, but the pace of injections have slowed, suggesting that **end-of-season inventories may peak below early-summer projections**. This is creating some bullish sentiment heading into the winter heating season.

On the global side, **European LNG demand has increased** amid cooler temperatures and ongoing uncertainty over shipping routes in the Red Sea, supporting **U.S. LNG export prices**. This, in turn, helped push domestic forward prices higher.

Short-term volatility is likely to continue as weather models diverge, but the overall tone has turned more **supportive for near-term gas** pricing heading into November.

Long-Term Fundamentals (Calendar 2027)

Calendar 2027 pricing moved modestly higher week-over-week. The **upward move reflects broader strength in the front end of the curve**, though longer-dated contracts remain relatively stable.

Market participants continue to balance **rising LNG export capacity** expected in 2026–2027 against projections of **strong U.S. production growth** from Appalachia and the Permian Basin. The market's forward view remains that **structural supply will outpace demand growth** beyond 2026, keeping long-term prices in the high-$3 to low-$4 range unless export projects or pipeline constraints accelerate more quickly than expected.

Oil Market Snapshot – Is ULSD Heating Oil Less Than Con Edison Gas?

Brent Crude: $60.67/BBL — ↓ $1.31/BBL (from $61.98/BBL last Tuesday)

Crude prices softened this week as **global demand concerns** outweighed **geopolitical risks**. Weak economic data out of China and Europe raised doubts about industrial fuel demand, while **stronger U.S. production** and **rising inventory levels** added further pressure to prices.

However, refining margins remain relatively strong, keeping **ULSD (heating oil)** prices elevated compared to crude. Many clients who switched from oil to gas are now asking if it makes sense to switch back. With **Con Edison's recent gas pricing at roughly $2.10/therm (≈ $2.80/gal equivalent)** and **fixed winter oil contracts near $2.60/gal**, oil does appear more competitive on a pure commodity basis.

That said, fuel-switching decisions should consider **system efficiency, service costs, and supply risk**, not just commodity pricing. For those considering switching back, we encourage you to review our overview here: Switching from Gas to Oil — and contact **Slattery Energy Group** to discuss how today's market trends may affect your specific facility.

NYISO Zones J & K – Wholesale Electricity Update

(NYC & Long Island / Downstate NY)

Week-Over-Week Movement & Key Drivers

Several factors are currently driving movements in downstate wholesale power prices:

- **Fuel linkage**: Wholesale electricity prices in these zones remain tightly correlated with natural gas prices (since a large share of generation is gas-fired). The recent uptick in gas forward strips described earlier will tend to push power costs higher.
- **Load and weather risks**: As we move into the colder months, upstate and downstate gas-for-power supply can tighten (especially during very cold snap days), which increases generators' fuel/pipeline risk premiums and translates to higher locational marginal based pricing (LMBP) in NYC/Long Island.
- **Transmission constraints & congestion**: Zones J & K often face constraints bringing power in from up-state or other regions. When transmission becomes restricted, congestion components rise, lifting wholesale prices.
- **Capacity & reliability margin pressure**: Downstate reliability requirements and tighter reserve margins (especially as older plants retire) create upward pressure on both capacity and energy pricing.

What this means for Nov25 to Mar26 term:

- For the near term (Nov25–Mar26), expect that as the heating season starts, the risk premium for gas-fired generation increases: cold weather + constrained gas/pipeline access = elevated power prices.
- On the front half of the 2026 & 2027 curves, while longer-term supply/demand fundamentals may ease somewhat, downstate constraints (transmission + reliability + fuel access) keep a floor under wholesale power pricing in Zones J/K.
- For customers downstream of Zones J/K, that means paying close attention to **gas-for-power cost movements** and **regional transmission/constraint news**, because the impact on power cost is magnified relative to more supply-rich regions.

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