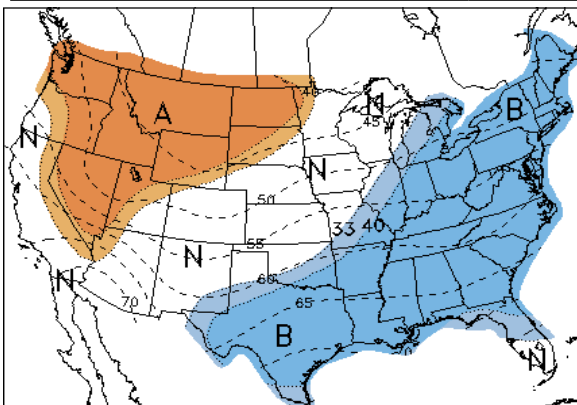


## NYMEX Commodities

	10/13	10/06	Δ	Year Ago
Crude Oil, Nov. 2010	\$83.01	\$83.27	(\$0.26)	\$74.15
Natural Gas, Nov. 2010	\$3.70	\$3.87	(\$0.17)	\$4.59
Gas (RBOB), Nov. 2010	\$2.17	\$2.16	\$0.01	\$1.83
Heating Oil, Nov. 2010	\$2.30	\$2.31	(\$0.01)	\$1.92

## Platts-ICE Forward Curve, Electricity

Prompt: Oct 2010	10/13	10/06	Δ	Year Ago
Mass. Hub	\$42.50	\$44.25	(\$1.75)	\$50.75
N.Y. Zone G	\$44.00	\$46.50	(\$2.50)	\$53.00
PJM West	\$40.25	\$41.85	(\$1.60)	\$45.25
ERCOT	\$28.50	\$30.25	(\$1.75)	\$37.00



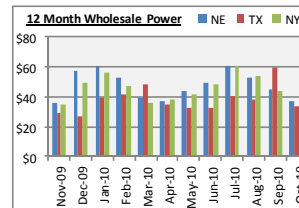
NOAA 6 to 10 Day Outlook: Color indicates the probability of forecasted temperatures being above or below a historical average for the period.

## NYMEX Natural Gas Strip Averages

	10/13	10/06	Δ
Q1 2011	\$4.29	\$4.37	(\$0.08)
Summer '11	\$4.38	\$4.47	(\$0.09)
Winter '10-'11	\$4.21	\$4.32	(\$0.11)
Balance 2010	\$3.87	\$4.03	(\$0.16)
Cal. Yr. 2011	\$4.45	\$4.54	(\$0.09)
Cal. Yr. 2012	\$5.15	\$5.23	(\$0.08)
12 Months	\$4.27	\$4.37	(\$0.10)
24 Months	\$4.67	\$4.76	(\$0.09)
36 Months	\$4.92	\$5.00	(\$0.08)

## Natural Gas Futures Rise as Storage Build Meets Views

Natural Gas futures reversed their earlier losses Thursday, breaking into positive territory after a weekly storage report came in near analysts' expectations. Natural gas for November delivery rose 0.6 cent, to \$3.702 per million British thermal units on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The benchmark contract had fallen as low as \$3.595/mmBtu in early trading, but pared those losses after the storage report. The U.S. Energy Information Administration said natural-gas inventories grew by 91 billion cubic feet last week, slightly above the consensus estimate of an 89-bcf build. Last week's increase marked the fifth consecutive above-average build in inventories. The supply overhang pressured prices to one-year lows this week, but market participants have been reluctant to bet on further declines with winter's gas heating



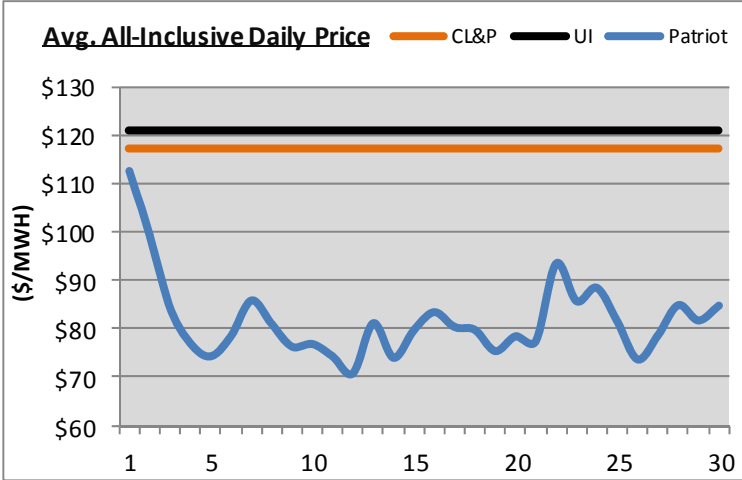
demand on the horizon. Storage builds this summer were below average, as record heat spurred demand for gas-fired electricity to cool homes and businesses. But as temperate weather has settled in, recent weekly injections have been higher than average, stifling attempts at a seasonal rally. Gas prices typically rise heading into the winter on expectations for increased heating demand for the fuel. *Patriot Energy Group encourages all clients to assess their exposure to energy markets to determine if now is an opportune time to extend contracts or develop forward looking strategies given unique business circumstances. Regardless of one's view on whether energy prices will rise or fall, all should determine if there is an opportunity to save money to mitigate risk. Contact your Patriot Energy Group Account Representative to explore all current opportunities.*

## Oil Rises on Forecasts of Increased Demand, Dollar's Decline

Crude climbed for a second day as growing speculation the Federal Reserve will bolster the U.S. economy stoked gains for commodities, while Saudi Arabia's oil minister said demand is "very healthy." Crude advanced as much as 1.3 percent amid evidence that supplies are falling after the American Petroleum Institute said U.S. inventories slid the most since July. The U.S. Department of Energy will issue its supply report later today. Oil has gained 2.3 percent since Oct. 12, when the Fed released minutes showing policy makers are prepared to buy more government debt. The November contract jumped as much as \$1.11, or 1.3 percent, to \$84.12 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, and was at \$83.57 at 12:44 p.m. London time. The dollar weakened to \$1.4097 against the euro from \$1.3961 yesterday. A weaker dollar boosts purchase of crude and

commodities as an alternative investment. Fed Chairman Ben S. Bernanke said on Oct. 4 the central bank's first round of large-scale asset purchases improved the economy and that further buying is likely to help more. OPEC, which accounts for about 40 percent of global crude supply, meets today at its headquarters in Vienna. The producer group won't change its production quotas, Ecuador's Energy and Mines Minister and OPEC President Wilson Pastor said before the beginning of closed-door talks. Demand for oil is "very healthy," Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said shortly before ministers began their meeting. "The market is well-supplied. It is an ideal situation we are in now," he said. "Consumers are happy, producers are happy. Companies are investing." Representatives from Venezuela and Libya at OPEC's meeting said oil at \$100 a barrel would compensate producers for a slide in the dollar without derailing the global economic recovery.

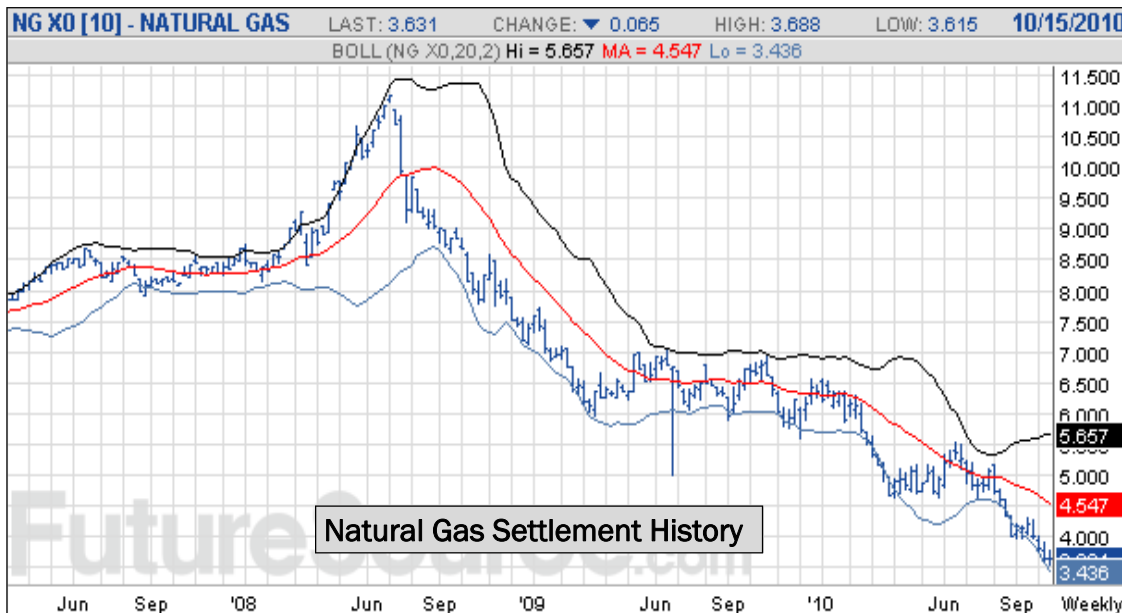
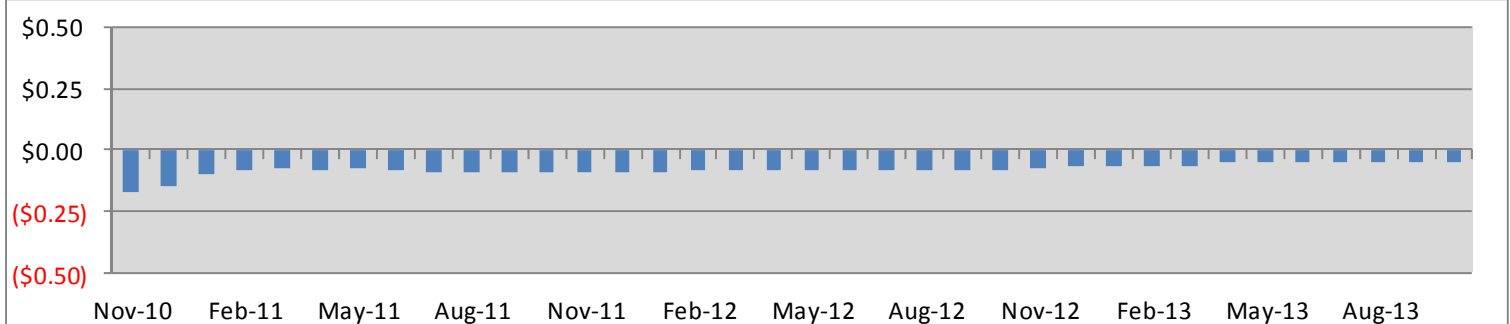
## Connecticut - September Wholesale Electricity Tracker



The cost of wholesale electricity declined 25 percent from August levels as the summer heat faded and the autumn "shoulder season" began in earnest. Electric prices in October could trade near the low for the year, established in April during the spring "shoulder season", as weak overall electric demand should contribute to lower wholesale costs. The Atlantic Hurricane Season has historically been most active from Aug. 20 to Oct. 20, leaving only a small window for a storm to disrupt natural gas production. Hurricane activity has typically helped support the price of natural gas, the marginal generation fuel in New England and much of the U.S., but the price of natural gas has tumbled 33 percent this year as demand is weakened and production remains steady.

## NYMEX Natural Gas Week-to-Week Price Change

Prices from NYMEX close 10/06 to NYMEX close on 10/13



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