## **Midwest Natural Gas Regions**



## **Overview:**

### **Market Description**

Seasonal space heat requirements strongly influence the structure of the Midwest gas market. On an average annual basis, residential and commercial gas use accounts for about 60 percent of overall gas consumption. Its largest gas consumers are local distribution companies with an obligation to serve core customers in the winter. The region has over 100 gas storage facilities representing more than 3 Tcf of total storage capacity. Much of this capacity is located near key citygates to meet peak day needs. An extensive network of pipelines transports gas from nearly all major supply basins in North America to this region. Imports from Canada and growing supplies from the West serve as baseload volumes; swing gas comes from the Gulf. The power sector's annual share of gas use is less than 10 percent because natural gas is generally not the marginal fuel. Nevertheless, gas use by generators has been growing as in other regions of the U.S.

### Geography

**States covered:** Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

### **Major Trading Hubs**

Chicago Citygates, Dawn, Michigan Consolidated, Northern Natural Ventura, and Northern Natural Demarcation.

### Storage

**State Capacity:** Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio account for 79 percent of total Midwest storage capacity. The Midwest region contains the largest number of underground natural gas storage facilities (150) and the largest volume of natural gas storage capacity (3.3 Tcf) of any other region. Michigan accounts for 16 percent of total U.S. working gas capacity, the largest of any State in the country.

Aquifer Capacity: 39%

Depleted Field Capacity: 61%

Total Capacity: Midwest has 39 percent of total U.S. storage capacity.

Major Storage Pipelines and Capacity:

Natural Gas Pipeline of America: 256 Bcf

ANR: 192 Bcf

Northern Natural: 68 Bcf

## Demand by Sector (2005):

- Residential: 37%
- Commercial: 20%
- Industrial: 32%

**State:** Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio make up 54 percent of total Midwest demand and 12 percent of total U.S. demand.

**Midwest Total:** 4.8 Tcf annually (13.6 Bcfd), which makes up 22 percent of total U.S. annual demand.

**Consumer Total:** 20.5 million, which is approximately 30 percent of total consumers in the U.S.

**Key Consuming States:** Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio comprise 55 percent of the total number of consumers in the Midwest and about 16 percent of the total number of consumers in the U.S.

### **Residential Consumers: 92%**

### Production

**State:** Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, North Dakota and Missouri make up 99 percent of total Midwest production. They make up 2.9 percent of total U.S. production.

**Total:** Total Midwest production equals 522 Bcf annually (1.4 Bcfd) The Midwest offsets its relatively minor gas production profile - just 3 percent of total U.S. daily production - through its interconnectivity to other upstream supply areas throughout North America and access to market area storage.

**Yearly Change:** Production declined 16 percent in 2005. Production in Missouri was down 71 percent from the prior year.

### **Prices**

| Chicago Citygates   | 2005    | 2006    |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Average Price       | \$8.41  | \$6.52  |
| Average Basis       | -\$0.40 | -\$0.21 |
| Highest Daily Price | \$12.60 | \$8.44  |
| Lowest Daily Price  | \$6.10  | \$4.89  |

### **Pipeline Flows**

### Average Daily Northwest Deliveries to the Midwest: 2.2 Bcfd (2005) 2.4 Bcfd (2006)

**Major Pipelines:** Trailblazer, Cheyenne Plains, and Colorado Interstate Gas carry approximately 2.0 Bcfd of gas from the Rockies to the Midwest.

### Average Daily Midwest Deliveries to the Northeast: 0.9 Bcfd (2005) 1.0 Bcfd (2006)

Major Pipelines: ANR and Panhandle carry most of the gas from the Midwest to the Northeast.

## Imports and Exports

Average Daily Imports from Canada into the US:

2005: 4.9 Bcfd

2006: 4.7 Bcfd

**Major Importers:** Alliance and Northern Border pipelines flow the majority of the gas from Canada to the Midwest. They flow:

2005: 76%

2006: 78%

### Average Daily Exports from U.S. into Canada:

2005: 0.67 Bcfd

2006: 0.65 Bcfd

**Major Exporter:** Vector and Great Lakes are the principal pipelines that export gas from the Midwest to Canada. They flow:

2005: 93%

2006: 95%

## **Focal Points**

**Ethanol Production:** Production of ethanol for automobile use accounts for a growing share of natural gas consumption in the Midwest, where a majority of the facilities (existing, under construction, or planned) are located. Estimates show that natural gas demand for ethanol processing has tripled from 153 MMcfd in 2000 to 456 MMcfd on average through the first nine months of 2006, according to a recent CERA report. Pipeline survey results for about one-quarter of U.S. ethanol plants show that 2006 gas requirements to produce ethanol increased about 17 percent, or 120 Bcf, over 2005 levels.

**Michigan Demand:** Michigan LDC demand declined by 14 percent in 2006 due mainly to lower average gas needs by Michigan Consolidated, in response to warmer weather. Pipeline data show that average daily gas deliveries on its system dropped to 116 MMcfd in 2006 from 313 MMcfd a year earlier.

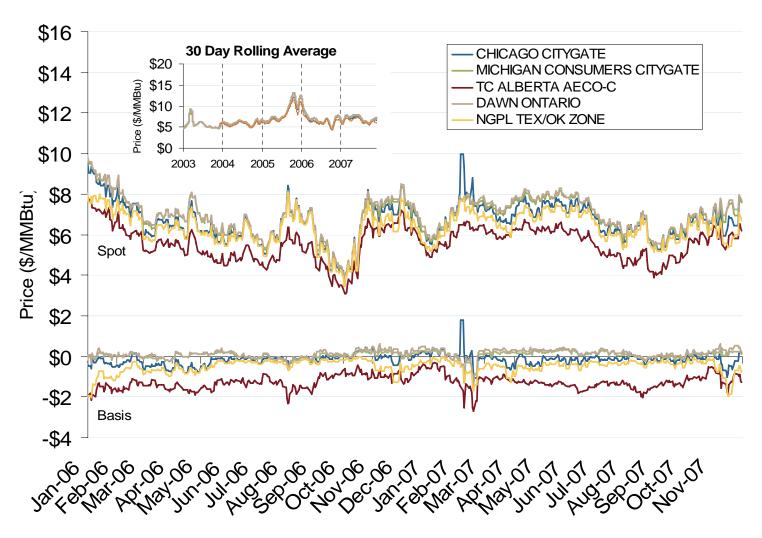
## Yearly Average of Spot Hub Prices

#### Annual Average Day Ahead Prices (\$/MMBtu) 2005 2006 5-Years Chicago citygate \$8.43 \$6.55 \$5.94 \$6.17 \$8.75 \$6.84 Dawn \$6.11 MichCon citygate \$8.72 \$6.77 AECO \$6.88 \$5.46 \$4.82

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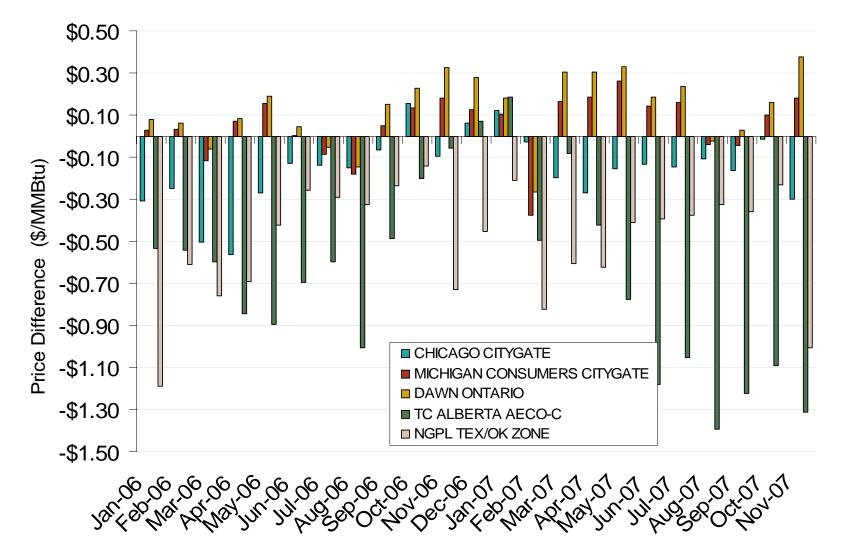
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## **Midwestern Day-Ahead Hub Spot Prices and Basis**



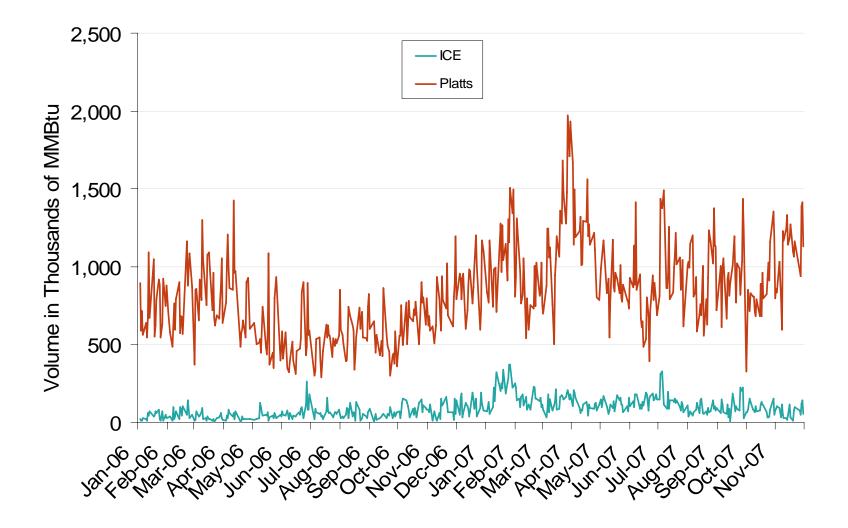
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## Midwestern Monthly Average Basis Value to Henry Hub



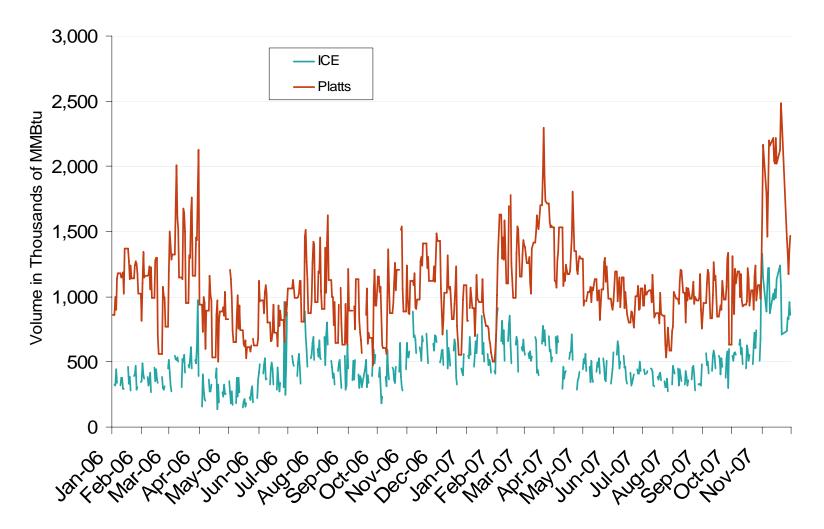
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## **Published and Traded Daily Spot Volumes at Dawn**



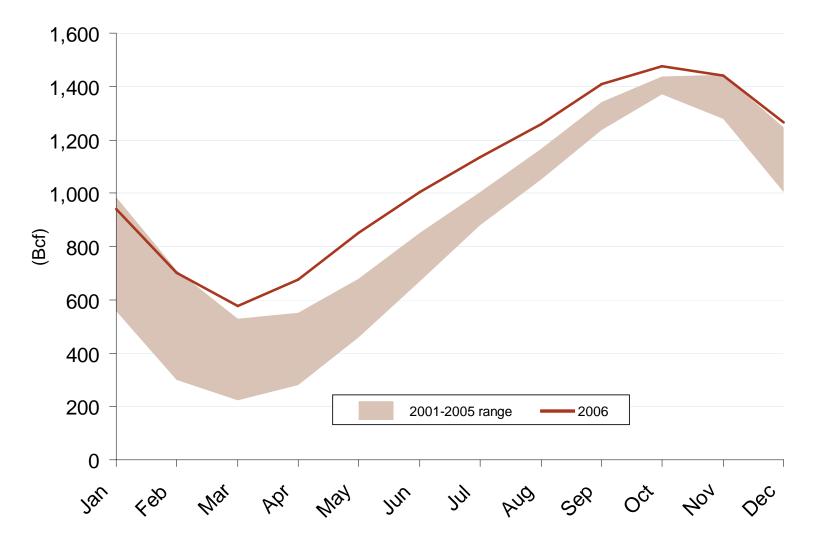
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## Published and Traded Daily Spot Volumes at Chicago Citygates



Source: Derived from *Platts* and *ICE* data.

## **Midwest Regional Storage Inventory Levels**



Source: Derived from EIA.

# **Pipeline Projects in the Midwest**

| Pipeline Projects<br>Company           | Project Name                  | Capacity | Capital Cost | Status                              | Year         | From-To |
|--|-------------------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------|
|  |                               | (MMcf/d) | (Millions)   |                                     | Certificated | State   |
| 1 ANR Pipeline Company                 | EastLeg Project               | 143      | \$18.7       | In-Service 09/05                    | 2004         | WI-WI   |
| 2 ANR Pipeline Company                 | NorthLeg Project              | 107      | \$13.5       | In-Service 12/05                    | 2004         | WI-WI   |
| 3 ANR Pipeline Company                 | Wisconsin 2006 Expansion      | 168      | \$48.1       | Under Construction; In Service 5/06 | 2005         | WI-WI   |
| 4 Northern Border Pipeline Company     | Chicago Expansion III Project | 130      | \$20.7       | Under Construction; In Service 8/06 | 2005         | IA-IL   |
| 5 Equitrans                            | Big Sandy Pipeline            | 130      | \$154.0      | Approved                            | 2006         | KY-KY   |
| 6 Southern Star Central Pipeline, Inc. | Ozark Trails Expansion        | 25       | \$9.4        | Under Construction                  | 2006         | KS-MO   |
| 7 Vector Pipeline LP                   | 2007 Expansion Project        | 245      | \$70.4       | Approved                            | 2006         | IL-MO   |
| Total                                  |                               | 948      | \$334.8      |                                     |              |         |

## **Storage Projects in the Midwest**

| Storage Projects               |                             |                   |                            |                            |                    |                      |       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Company                        | Project Name                | Capacity<br>(Bcf) | Deliverability<br>(MMcf/d) | Capital Cost<br>(Millions) | Status             | Year<br>Certificated | State |
| 1 Texas Gas Transmission, LLC  | Texas Gas Storage Expansion | 8.2               | 82                         | \$20.7                     | In-Service 10/05   | 2005                 | KY    |
| 2 Bluewater Gas Storage        |                             | 29.2              | 826                        | N/A                        | Approved           | 2006                 | MI    |
| 3 Northern Natural Gas Company | Cunningham Field Project    | 0                 | 70                         | \$6.2                      | Under Construction | 2006                 | KS    |
| Total                          |                             | 37.4              | 978                        | \$26.9                     |                    |                      |       |

## Natural Gas Consumers by State (2005)

|                |             |            |            |             | % of | % of   |
|----------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------|--------|
| Sector         | Residential | Commercial | Industrial | State Total | US   | Region |
| Illinois       | 3,975,783   | 276,755    | 29,887     | 4,282,425   | 6%   | 21%    |
| Indiana        | 1,701,577   | 158,887    | 5,799      | 1,866,263   | 3%   | 9%     |
| lowa           | 850,095     | 97,767     | 1,744      | 949,606     | 1%   | 5%     |
| Kentucky       | 770,080     | 85,243     | 1,698      | 857,021     | 1%   | 4%     |
| Michigan       | 3,187,756   | 253,347    | 10,067     | 3,451,170   | 5%   | 17%    |
| Minnesota      | 1,364,237   | 126,310    | 1,432      | 1,491,979   | 2%   | 7%     |
| Missouri       | 1,348,743   | 142,148    | 3,545      | 1,494,436   | 2%   | 7%     |
| Nebraska       | 501,279     | 57,389     | 7,974      | 566,642     | 1%   | 3%     |
| North Dakota   | 114,152     | 16,518     | 239        | 130,909     | 0%   | 1%     |
| Ohio           | 3,272,307   | 277,774    | 8,321      | 3,558,402   | 5%   | 17%    |
| South Dakota   | 157,457     | 20,771     | 542        | 178,770     | 0%   | 1%     |
| Wisconsin      | 1,592,621   | 155,109    | 8,484      | 1,756,214   | 3%   | 9%     |
| Regional Total | 18,836,087  | 1,668,018  | 79,732     | 20,583,837  | 30%  | 100%   |
| US Total       | 63,573,466  | 5,196,428  | 205,217    | 68,975,111  |      |        |
| % of US        | 27%         | 2%         | 0%         |             |      |        |
| % of Region    | 30%         | 32%        | 39%        | 30%         |      |        |

Source: Derived from *EIA* data.

Note: Units equal millions of cubic feet.

## Natural Gas Demand by State (2005)

|                |             |            |            | Vehicle | Electric  |            |             |         | % of   |
|----------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Sector         | Residential | Commerical | Industrial | Fuel    | Power     | Other Fuel | State Total | % of US | Region |
| Illinois       | 437,565     | 201,881    | 260,536    | 444     | 58,418    | 10,939     | 969,783     | 4%      | 19%    |
| Indiana        | 148,178     | 75,958     | 263,112    | 529     | 35,376    | 6,696      | 529,849     | 2%      | 11%    |
| lowa           | 67,271      | 45,141     | 96,007     | 61      | 21,285    | 11,622     | 241,387     | 1%      | 5%     |
| Kentucky       | 56,142      | 36,894     | 112,004    | 119     | 17,181    | 11,831     | 234,171     | 1%      | 5%     |
| Michigan       | 358,658     | 174,421    | 211,706    | 385     | 130,601   | 38,336     | 914,107     | 4%      | 18%    |
| Minnesota      | 128,625     | 95,916     | 94,991     | 105     | 26,024    | 22,309     | 367,970     | 2%      | 7%     |
| Missouri       | 106,856     | 60,369     | 66,350     | 171     | 31,831    | 2,556      | 268,133     | 1%      | 5%     |
| Nebraska       | 37,963      | 27,401     | 40,957     | 65      | 8,066     | 4,668      | 119,120     | 1%      | 2%     |
| North Dakota   | 10,692      | 9,903      | 11,850     | 101     |           | 20,701     | 53,247      | 0%      | 1%     |
| Ohio           | 322,697     | 166,821    | 293,857    | 803     | 27,941    | 14,201     | 826,320     | 4%      | 17%    |
| South Dakota   | 12,212      | 9,819      | 10,661     | 20      | 3,567     | 6,296      | 42,575      | 0%      | 1%     |
| Wisconsin      | 131,215     | 86,086     | 130,570    | 307     | 58,618    | 3,700      | 410,496     | 2%      | 8%     |
| Regional Total | 1,818,074   | 990,610    | 1,592,601  | 3,110   | 418,908   | 153,855    | 4,977,158   | 22%     | 100%   |
| US Total       | 4,806,136   | 3,101,526  | 6,745,835  | 22,265  | 5,869,145 | 1,696,296  | 22,241,203  |         |        |
| % of US        | 38%         | 32%        | 24%        | 14%     | 7%        | 9%         | 22%         |         |        |
| % of Region    | 37%         | 20%        | 32%        | 0%      | 8%        | 3%         | 100%        |         |        |

Source: Derived from EIA data.

Note: Units equal millions of cubic feet. Other Fuel consists of Lease Fuel, Plant Fuel, and Pipeline & Distribution use.

## **Average Daily Midwestern Imports of Canadian Gas**

| Pipeline        | 2004      | 2005      | 2006      |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Alliance        | 1,732,396 | 1,758,949 | 1,738,377 |
| Great Lakes     | 599,916   | 718,224   | 662,052   |
| Northern Border | 2,099,473 | 1,966,521 | 1,948,748 |
| PEPL            | (71,708)  | (46,478)  | (36,353)  |
| Vector          | (832,840) | (631,137) | (619,414) |
| Viking          | 397,808   | 420,723   | 360,350   |
| Imports         | 4,829,593 | 4,864,417 | 4,709,526 |
| Exports         | (904,548) | (677,615) | (655,767) |
| Net Imports     | 3,925,046 | 4,186,802 | 4,053,760 |

Source: Derived from *Bentek* data. Note: Units equal MMBtus.

## **Natural Gas Production by State**

|                       |            |            | Yearly | 2005 % | 2005 % of |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| <b>Dry Production</b> | 2004       | 2005       | Change | of US  | Region    |
| Illinois              | 121        | 120        | -1%    | 0.0%   | 0%        |
| Indiana               | 3,401      | 3,135      | -8%    | 0.0%   | 1%        |
| Kentucky              | 91,846     | 91,079     | -1%    | 0.5%   | 17%       |
| Michigan              | 255,482    | 257,404    | 1%     | 1.4%   | 49%       |
| Missouri              | 131,995    | 38,615     | -71%   | 0.2%   | 7%        |
| Nebraska              | 1,476      | 1,172      | -21%   | 0.0%   | 0%        |
| North Dakota          | 48,776     | 45,699     | -6%    | 0.3%   | 9%        |
| Ohio                  | 90,418     | 83,494     | -8%    | 0.5%   | 16%       |
| South Dakota          | 1,093      | 992        | -9%    | 0.0%   | 0%        |
| <b>Regional Total</b> | 624,608    | 521,710    | -16%   | 2.9%   | 100%      |
| US Total              | 18,757,477 | 18,074,237 | -4%    |        |           |
| % of US               | 3%         | 3%         |        |        |           |

Source: Derived from *EIA* data.

Note: Units equal millions of cubic feet.

# Natural Gas Storage by Field Type (2005)

|               | Salt   | Salt     |          |           |          | Depleted  |        |           |      |        |             |
|---------------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|-----------|------|--------|-------------|
|               | Dome   | Dome     |          | Aquifers  | Depleted | Fields    | Total  | Total     | % of | % of   | Dry Proved  |
| Field Type    | Fields | Capacity | Aquifers | Capacity  | Fields   | Capacity  | Fields | Capacity  | US   | Region | Reserves    |
| Illinois      | 0      | 0        | 18       | 878,265   | 11       | 103,731   | 29     | 981,995   | 12%  | 30%    | 0           |
| Indiana       | 0      | 0        | 12       | 81,641    | 10       | 32,439    | 22     | 114,080   | 1%   | 3%     | 0           |
| Iowa          | 0      | 0        | 4        | 273,200   | 0        | 0         | 4      | 273,200   | 3%   | 8%     | 0           |
| Kentucky      | 0      | 0        | 3        | 9,567     | 20       | 209,360   | 23     | 218,927   | 3%   | 7%     | 2,151,000   |
| Michigan      | 2      | 3,832    | 0        | 0         | 43       | 1,017,791 | 45     | 1,021,622 | 12%  | 31%    | 2,910,000   |
| Minnesota     | 0      | 0        | 1        | 7,000     | 0        | 0         | 1      | 7,000     | 0%   | 0%     | 0           |
| Missouri      | 0      | 0        | 1        | 32,146    | 0        | 0         | 1      | 32,146    | 0%   | 1%     | 0           |
| Nebraska      | 0      | 0        | 0        | 0         | 1        | 39,469    | 1      | 39,469    | 0%   | 1%     | 0           |
| North Dakota  | 0      | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0      | 0         | 0%   | 0%     | 453,000     |
| Ohio          | 0      | 0        | 0        | 0         | 24       | 572,477   | 24     | 572,477   | 7%   | 18%    | 898,000     |
| Midwest Total | 2      | 3,832    | 39       | 1,281,819 | 109      | 1,975,267 | 150    | 3,260,916 | 39%  | 100%   | 6,412,000   |
| US Total      | 30     | 250,532  | 44       | 1,350,689 | 320      | 6,667,222 | 394    | 8,268,443 |      |        | 204,385,000 |
| % of US       | 7%     | 2%       | 89%      | 95%       | 34%      | 30%       | 38%    | 39%       |      |        | 3%          |
| % of Region   | 1%     | 3%       | 26%      | 16%       | 73%      | 81%       | 100%   | 100%      |      |        |             |

Source: Derived from *EIA* data.

Note: Capacity units equal millions of cubic feet.

## **Average Daily Rockies Deliveries to the Midwest**

| Pipeline        | 2004      | 2005      | 2006      |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cheyenne Plains | 0         | 417,251   | 554,686   |
| CIG             | 534,894   | 545,437   | 575,279   |
| KMI             | 305,357   | 247,895   | 237,590   |
| Northern Border | 93,449    | 103,532   | 101,581   |
| Southern Star   | 179,258   | 179,276   | 180,626   |
| Trailblazer     | 848,343   | 839,261   | 841,569   |
| Williston Basin | (94,276)  | (104,633) | (102,654) |
| Net Deliveries  | 1,867,025 | 2,228,020 | 2,388,678 |

Source: Derived from *Bentek* data.

Note: Units equal MMBtus.

## **Average Daily Midwestern Deliveries to the Northeast**

| Pipeline          | 2004    | 2005    | 2006    |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| ANR               | 135,180 | 398,301 | 515,714 |
| CrossRoads        | 17,349  | 25,805  | 21,095  |
| Midwestern        | 78,244  | 129,822 | 132,917 |
| Panhandle Eastern | 255,703 | 304,978 | 316,424 |
| Net Deliveries    | 486,475 | 858,906 | 986,151 |

Source: Derived from *Bentek* data.

Note: Units are in MMBtus.