

Physical Natural Gas Trading



Understand the U.S. physical natural gas market from the perspective of the supplier, buyer and analyst.

Course Date & Location

When: March 9-10, 2010
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: Regus Conference Center
Downtown Houston
Two Allen Center
1200 Smith Street, 16th Floor
Houston, TX 77002
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Why You Should Attend

This highly interactive and intensive two-day physical natural gas trading class will provide the attendees with a comprehensive understanding and knowledge base of how gas is traded physically amongst major participants. EMI's unique program delves into the details of the physical markets, operations and logistics, and distinct difference between physical and financial markets. The one-day program focuses on making money for traders and saving money for buyers. Course attendees will be exposed to arbitrage (spread) trading as well as outright (long/short) trading opportunities. EMI will present approaches that work for physical trading as well as valuing and relating natural gas back to the wellhead.

Finally the program will end with a very exciting, simulated trading exercise, showing the value of the New York Mercantile Exchange as a remarkable and powerful tool to manage and create transactions. You will:

- Learn about supply and demand for natural gas in various geographic areas of the U.S.
- Explore physical gas markets, pricing information, operations, and contracts
- Gain knowledge about futures, swaps, options, and Over the Counter markets
- Become familiar with trading techniques, terminology, hedging, and physical trades
- Develop expertise in management of market exposure and price risk
- Improve your negotiation skills

Subjects covered include:

- Natural gas supply and demand
- Cost of natural gas from the wellhead to the burner tip
- Discussion of various pricing mechanisms
- Physical gas markets and pricing
- Operations and logistics
- Comparison of physical and financial trading
- Arbitrage/spread trading
- Physical outright (long/short) trading
- Approach to trading physicals
- Simulated trading session

Who Should Attend

This course is specifically designed for people working in: Gas Trading Risk Management, Supply, Transport and Operations, Sales and Marketing, Energy Purchasing, Management and Financial Accounting, Strategic Planning and Economics, and Analysis.

CPE Credits



This course earns 14 CPE credits. EMI awards credit hours towards CPE and Certified Purchasing Manager status (CPM).

Program Registration Fees

1st delegate: \$1,895
2nd delegate: \$1,595
3rd delegate: \$1,395

Fee includes full course, expert instruction, course materials, continental breakfast and lunch.



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Course Syllabus

DAY ONE – The Primer (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

▣ Session 1 - Overview of the U.S. Physical Natural Gas Market

Let's set the stage by addressing the topic. What is the production and distribution path and how is physical natural gas produced, transported, balanced, sold and purchased? Why trade natural gas and why trade physical natural gas?

We will delve into the trading characteristics of natural gas and structure of physical gas markets in the U.S., with supply by domestic, Canada and Mexico sources and others countries via liquefied natural gas. We will review the basics of natural gas and characteristics of physical gas markets. Let's look at the history of physical gas markets starting with the pre-futures markets and pre-deregulated markets, both the intrastate and interstate gas transactions. We will see significant differences and opportunities in today's physical gas market. Finally we will touch on who the major players are and what their objectives and strategies might be.

▣ Session 2 – Overview of Physical Natural Gas Fundamentals

This session will delve into the physical natural gas fundamentals of supply and demand. It will be a no-nonsense "primer" with detailed analysis of the supply, demand and volatility drivers such as weather, storage, economic conditions, manufacturing inventories, alternate fuel, and pipeline capacity.

▣ Session 3 – Differences, Pros and Cons of Trading Physicals and Financials

This session will delve into a detailed discussion of the pros and cons of trading physical and financial natural gas. We will look at each attribute and negative, and discuss why each of these is different with an eye toward profitability, liquidity and risk management. This session will also review the main trading procedures employed in both the physical and financial areas.

▣ Session 4 – Physical Natural Gas Price Mechanisms

This session will discuss all of the various pricing mechanisms used in both the physical and financial markets. The session will begin with an overview of all of the main, traditional pricing mechanisms in the U.S., Mexico and Canada and then move into commodity-related pricing basis. We will discuss how these mechanisms are applied and when and why to use the various pricing options.

Recommended Hotels (Within Walking Distance)

Doubletree

400 Dallas Street, Houston, TX 77002
PH 713.759.0202

Hyatt

1200 Louisiana Street, Houston, TX 77002
PH 713.654.1234

Crowne Plaza

1700 Smith Street, Houston, TX 77002
PH 713.739.8800

Residence Inn

904 Dallas Street, Houston, TX 77002
PH 832.366.1000



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DAY TWO - Let's Focus on the Economics and Making Money (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

▣ Session 1 – Operations and Logistics

This major element of physical trading is the need to move the commodity, including international, interstate and intrastate transportation, balancing, parking and storage. We look at the operations and logistics side of these area, as well as economics.

▣ Session 2 – Natural Gas Arbitrage Trading

Are market fundamentals leading the market or are futures leading the fundamentals? Yes to both. This session will discuss how fundamentals and futures are integrated. Let's look at various futures/physical trades and positions from both a trading and risk management perspective. One of the most common approaches to physical trading natural gas is from an arbitrage (spreads) viewpoint. We will set up a variety of arbitrage relationships and go through the analysis, economics, trade potential and the main market drivers.

▣ Session 3 – Physical Natural Gas Arbitrage Trading

We will continue where we left off in the previous session, only this time we will be focusing on the major physical product relationships domestically and internationally. We will set up a variety of arbitrage relationships and go through the analysis, economics, trade potential and the main market drivers.

▣ Session 4 – A few Approaches that Work for Physical Natural Gas Trading

This session will continue where the previous session left off and discuss some of the major techniques that work well for the physical gas market. Some trading tools and techniques work better than others for the various markets. The session will discuss some of the major approaches for both outright (long/short) and spread trading. We will take a techno-fundamental approach to the market. The fundamentalists use industry-specific information to determine why markets move while the Technical trader uses price and volume data to determine the direction and timing of the market. Do they contradict each other or can they be used synergistically? This session will use them synergistically in analyzing the main physical markets. Past and current data will be used to demonstrate the approach.

▣ Session 5 – Simulated Trading

This exercise will demonstrate the excitement, risk and reward of trading physical natural gas. We will conduct a simulated trading session that will demonstrate many of the principles discussed in the course.

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Don't miss this chance to learn from 30 years of energy procurement and trading experience with industry expert Mr. Jackson Mueller. Mr. Mueller has purchased and traded energy commodities for multiple U.S. and international manufacturing companies including crude oil coal, natural gas and electricity. Truly an experienced and respected senior analyst and trader, Mr. Mueller has developed innovative and successful trading strategies that you can learn first-hand and put to use in your immediate and long term energy or financial career.



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EMI's leading industry experts have an average of over 30 years of knowledge and experience in:

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• Education • Consulting • Financial services**

Plus many years of managing marketing, international trading, manufacturing, consulting, start-up operations and project finance operations of well-known companies; integrated major oil companies as well as international trading companies.

EMI's industry experts have also provided risk and value management analysis, advice, information, and services to a variety of companies in the electric power industry. Clients have included power marketers, integrated utilities, retail power providers, hedge funds, and power plants.

Highlights of our instructors' experience include: • Developing a suite of models for a variety of power markets that quantify value and risk • Managing spark spread portfolios for hedge funds in the power markets • Operating in futures trading pits as a market observer in the power markets • Developing working papers for investigations and performing compliance audits in the power industry • Helping Texaco initiate its first use of futures exchanges as an integral part of hedging/trading strategy • Chief Operating Officer of Triwell Marketing and refining • Director of OPIS, Oil Price Information Service, a management-consulting and educational services group that solely focused on the downstream energy industry • Member of Board of Directors of Longview Refinery • Member of the New York Mercantile Exchange Petroleum Advisory Board • Expert witness for a hearing before the subcommittee on surface transportation for the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee of the US Senate • Supplied expert testimony to a US Senate sub-committee hearing on diesel petroleum product pricing • Supplied testimony to the Federal Highway Administration regarding fuel tax evasion • Expert witness in a MTBE litigation against the major oil companies • Publishers of *The Daily Hedger*, *BTU's Daily Gas Wire* and *BTU's Daily Power Report*, which advise thousands of petroleum professionals daily.

Our instructors are **frequent expert speakers for numerous petroleum industry events and trade associations including:** • DOE DESC World Energy Conference • OPIS Fleet Fueling • NYMEX • Fuel Management University • NATSO • ATA • AAA • Dairy Distribution • eyeforEnergy eCommerce • OPIS Supply Summit • CIOMA • American Society of Mechanical Engineers • American Society of Lubricating Engineers • Ambrust Aviation • NACHA.

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2. Complete & fax this form to 253.663.7224.
3. Complete & mail the form to: PMA Conference Management, POB 2303, Falls Church, VA 22042.

A Registration Fees: \$1,895 for full program This fee includes expert instruction, course materials & lunch.	Discount for Additional Attendees: 2 nd delegate \$1,595 3 rd delegate \$1,395
B Enrollment Information (please print clearly) NAME: _____ COMPANY: _____ ADDRESS: _____ _____ PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____	
C PAYMENT METHOD <input type="checkbox"/> Please invoice my company (payment must be received prior to course date) <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> American Express Card Number _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____ Card Holder Name _____ Card Holder Signature _____	

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Attendees may reschedule for a different date or course with no penalty. 100% refundable with 14 days cancellation notice. 80% refundable with 5 days cancellation notice. Cancellations are non-refundable day of or after course.
