

NGINSIGHT - GAS PIPELINE DATA COLLECTION AND VISUALIZATION TOOL



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2021's Winter Storm Uri and 2022's Winter Storm Elliott Underscore Challenges to Gas-Fired Electric Generation

- North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) was asked by Richard Glick, Chairman of the FERC, and Jim Robb, President of NERC, on July 29, 2022, to "identify concrete actions (consistent with forum participants' jurisdiction) to improve the reliability of the natural gas infrastructure system necessary to support the Bulk Electric System":
 - 741 individuals from 370-plus companies participated in multiple workshops.

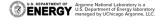
■ Final report contains the following two recommendations (out of 20 total) to improve situational awareness:

<u>Recommendation 2</u>: The FERC should take steps to facilitate the expansion of the Argonne National Laboratory NGInsight tool, with funding from a federal governmental agency, such as the Department of Energy, to improve situational awareness and communication between the natural gas pipeline system and Bulk Electric System operators. Access to and use of this tool should include appropriate security protocols and market protections.

<u>Recommendation 3</u>: The FERC should take steps to facilitate the expansion of the Argonne National Laboratory NGInsight tool, with funding from a federal governmental agency, such as the Department of Energy, to improve situational awareness and communication between owners and operators of natural gas production and processing facilities and Bulk Electric System operators. Such communication could include aggregated volume data or confirmed scheduled quantities for key upstream receipt points. Access to and use of the tool should include appropriate security protocols and market protections.











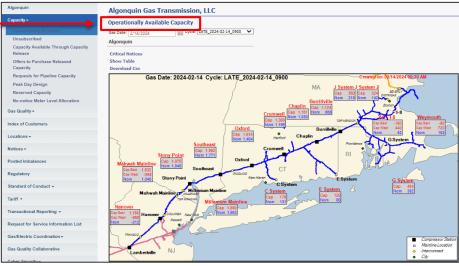
Informational Postings Exist for Each Interstate Pipeline Company – Public Information

- "Informational Posting" generally updated five times per day for interstate pipelines:
 - "Critical Notices" state severity of operational impacts.

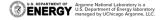
- "Operationally Available Capacity" estimates available pipeline capacity for the

current day and cycle.





Example URL for Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC: https://infopost.enbridge.com/infopost/AGHome.asp?Pipe=AG







Importance of Critical Notices and Posted Data

- Example Critical Notice declared by Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP) on February 12, 2024:
 - Natural gas flows on TGP were constrained at key points.
 - Tolerance band of 2%.
 - No curtailment so far.
 - Due to very limited flexibility, power plant operators are encouraged to burn ratably based on scheduled volumes.

NOTICE_TEXT

Critical: Y

TSP/TSP Name: 1939164-TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE Notice Type Desc (1): OPERATIONAL FLOW ORDER

Notice Type Desc (2): OFO

Post Date/Time: 2/12/2024 7:31:30 AM Notice Effective Date/Time: 02/12/2024 7:31:30AM

Notice End Date/Time: 02/12/2024 9:00:00am Notice ID: 389729

Notice Stat Desc: INITIATE Prior Notice:

Regrd Rsp:

Rsp Date: 02/12/2024

Subject: OFO CD1 DS STA 245 & 321 EFF 2-13-24

Notice Text:

OFO

DAILY CRITICAL DAY 1 FOR ALL AREAS EAST OF STA 245 AND MLV 321 EFFECTIVE 2-13-2024

Due

to forecasted colder weather with associated greater demand and in an effort to protect firm service customers, effective for the Gas Day of Tuesday, February 13, 2024, and until further notice, Tennessee is implementing an OFO Daily Critical Day 1 for all areas East of STA 245 on the 200 Line and all areas East of MLV 321 on the 300 Line for all Balancing Parties (including LMS-PA, SA contracts acting as balancing parties, LMS-MA, and LMS-PL balancing narties). This

action is pursuant to Article X, Section 4 of the General Terms and Conditions of Tennessee's FERC Gas Tariff.

All

delivery point operators in all areas East of STA 245 on the 200 Line and all areas East of MLV 321 on the 300 Line are required to

keep actual daily takes out of the system equal to or less than scheduled quantities regardless of their cumulative imbalance position. All receipt point operators in

all areas

East of STA 245 on the 200 Line and all areas East of MLV 321 on the

required to keep actual daily receipts into the system equal to or greater than scheduled quantities regardless of their cumulative imbalance position. In addition, it is essential that delivery point operators schedule gas at meters commensurate with takes within the affected areas. Balancing between OBA points not included in the OFO area will not be permitted. All LMS-PA, SA contracts acting as balancing parties, LMS-MA and LMS-PL Balancing Parties are required to maintain an actual daily flow rate not exceeding 2% of scheduled quantities or 500 dths. whichever is greater, for under-deliveries

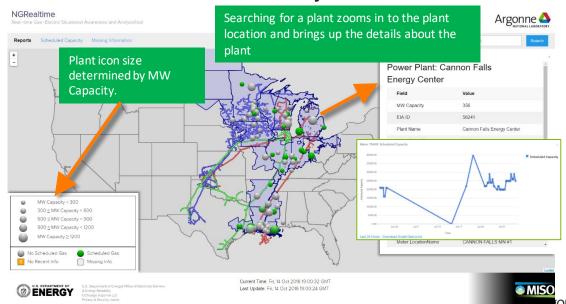
Near-real-time and historic data benefits both operations and planning, respectively.





Argonne Asked in 2016 to Provide Visualizing Capability for Near-Real-Time Gas-Electric Information for MISO

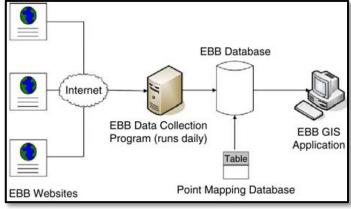
- Web-based tool originally developed in 2016 for MISO to provide near-real-time gaselectric situational awareness to MISO's gas-electric coordination group.
- Initially collected data (five times daily) from EBB websites on nominated gas flows from 21 interstate gas pipelines in MISO service territory.
- Website scraping was found to be unreliable due to changes in pipeline ownership, etc.
- It was decided to pursue more reliable data stream via NAESB and individual pipeline companies through EDI.



Electronic Bulletin Board Data Collection via NAESB-EDI

- Argonne is working with NAESB and individual transmission pipelines to collect EBB data:
 - Current approach is to collect EBB data using Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
 - EDI is computer-to-computer exchange of business documents in a standard electronic format
- Advantages of EDI Data Collection:
 - Expedited transmission of EBB data
 - Data validation is inherent in the process
 - Faster processing compared with Web scraping
 - Increased stability/reliability of collected data
- Uses of EBB/EDI collected data:
 - RTO/ISO dispatch operations
 - Impacts of natural and man-made incidents
 - Transient flow modeling

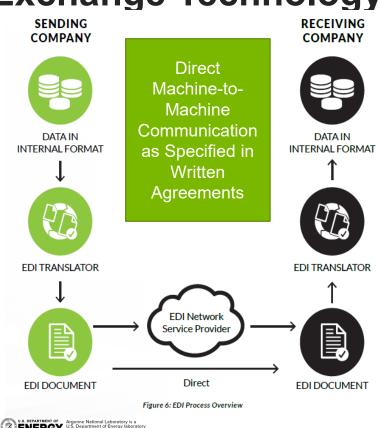


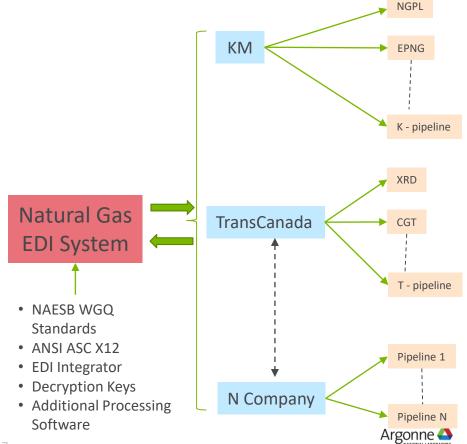




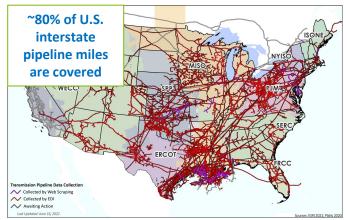


EDI Data Streaming – Business-to-Business Data **Exchange Technology**





Argonne *NGINSIGHT* Tool: Near-Real Time Natural Gas Data Collection, Processing, and Analysis





Need

Utility and power grid system operators state they need situational awareness of potential constraints in interstate natural gas pipeline delivery.

Approach

NGinsight provides national-level, near-real-time data directly from interstate pipeline operators, including:

- Gas volumes consumed by individual customers (20,000+ points).
- Unsubscribed capacity available for additional supply.
- Critical and non-critical notices; planned service outages.
 Critical notices are mined using AI techniques to flag potential major gas delivery issues.

Benefits

NGinsight improves responsiveness to gas disruptions and changing market demands. Individual users are requesting tool enhancements as a resilience investment for gas-electric coordination.

Near-Real-Time Natural Gas Interstate Pipeline Data via

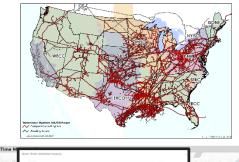
NAESB-EDI

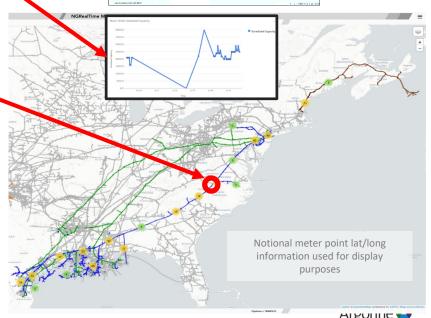
• Argonne-developed *NGinsight* viewer:

 Natural gas supply for gas-fired generators.

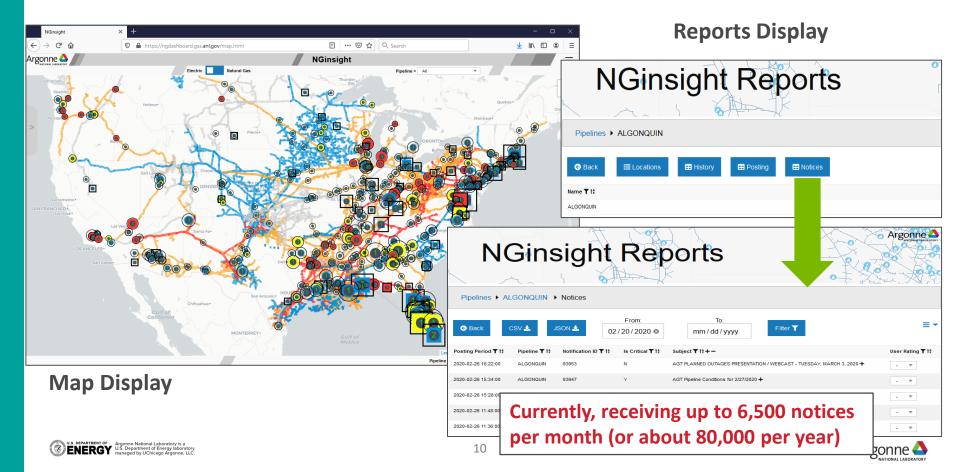
Interruptible vs. firm MW capacity served.

- Dual-fuel vs. single-fuel plants; single connect vs. multiple connect.
- Ranked critical notices.
- Rankings customized for individual user organizations.
- Outreach to EIA, EIPC, ISO-NE, PJM, AGA, and INGAA for testing.





NGINSIGHT Assimilates Near-Real-Time Gas Data



NGINSIGHT Provides At A Glance Natural Gas And Electric **Generation Insights**

Pipeline Notification Legend



Most Important **Important** Advisory None or Unranked Notices

NG/EP Interdependence Legend



No Gas Scheduled



< 50% Gas Capacity



50% - 75%



> 75%





Multiple Fuels • NG Dependent



of Meter Points

Power Plant Legend



<500 MW Capacity



500 - 1000MW



1000 - 1500MW



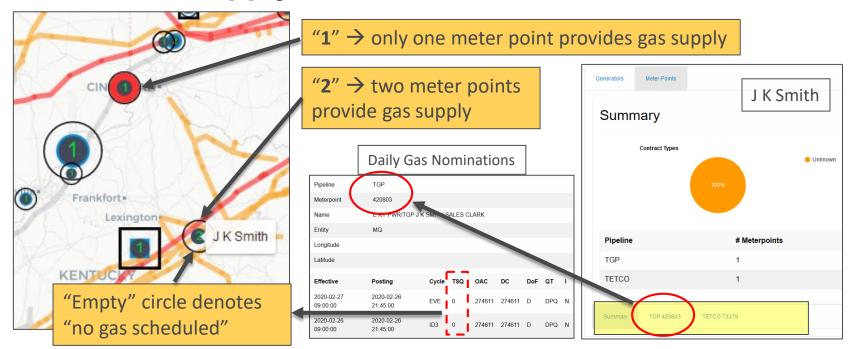
1500 - 2000MW



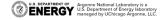




NGINSIGHT Shows Which Generators Could Have Multiple Natural Gas Supply Points



Number within icon denotes the number of meter points that provide NG fuel to the generating plant.





Ranking of Electronic Bulletin Board (EBB) Notices

- Pipelines communicate with customers through EBB notices based on NAESB standards:
 - Critical updates (outages, restrictions)
 - Non-critical updates (invoices, website updates)
- EBB notice structure:
 - Posted date & time
 - Subject & body (textual)
 - Critical / non-critical flag
- Information contained only in the text:
 - Is the notice reporting an outage? How critical is it?
 - What locations or system components are affected?
 - Is the outage ongoing or resolved?
 - What is the restriction amount?
- Project goal: Extract actionable information from EBB notices using Machine Learning and Natural Language Processing
- Would answer question: How critical is a given notice?
 - Level 1: Informative posting (websites updates, invoices)
 - Level 5: Major unexpected outage, force majeure

The tool currently rank notices 1 through 5, with 5 being the "most important" requiring the user to contact the pipeline for further information and discussion. The tool uses Machine Learning and Natural Language processing algorithms to support this task. It takes into account terms such as "OFO", force majeure, etc. provided by individual users.

Due to the ongoing Force Majeure, until further notice, AGT has restricted interruptible, secondary out of path, secondary in path and 100% primary firm nominations sourced upstream of the Weymouth Compressor Station (Weymouth) for delivery downstream of Weymouth. No increases in nominations sourced from points upstream Weymouth for delivery downstream of Weymouth will be accepted.

In order to maintain the operational integrity of the system, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (AGT) is issuing an Operational Flow Order (OFO) pursuant to Section 26 of the General Terms and Conditions of AGT's FERC Gas Tariff effective 9:00 AM CCT, November 7, 2020, to all parties, with the exception of those Operational Balancing Agreements required by FERC regulations, on the AGT system.





NGINSIGHT Determines What Pipeline Notices Should Be **Examined More Closely**

Keywords Identified by Electric and Gas Industry Contributors

- Limited
- Constraint(s)
- Restrict/Restriction(s)/Restricted
- Impact(ed)
- Maintenance
- Outage
- Imbalance
- Shortfall
- Compressor
- Capacity
- Reduction(s)/Reduce(d)
- Force majeure
- Repair
- Shut down/Shut-down
- Curtail/Curtailed/Curtailment
- Planning/Planned/Unplanned

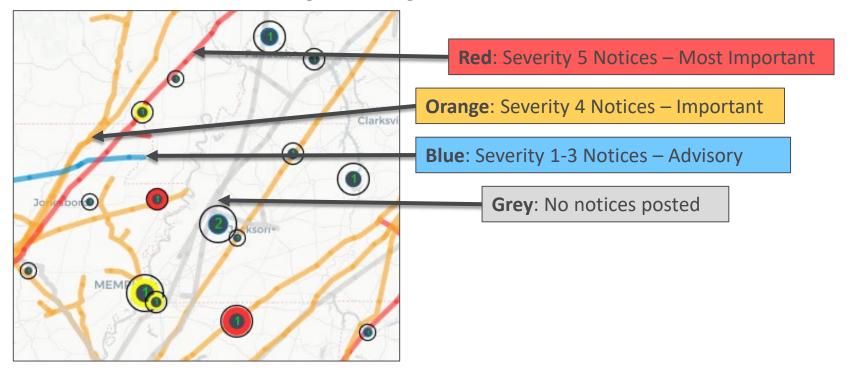
- Due to
- Critical
- Time
- Must
- Off-rate or LOR (location off-rate)
- Restrictions
- Flow Control
- Service
- Conducting
- Testing
- Reduced
- Unscheduled/ Scheduled
- Shut in/Shut-in
- Lower than normal
- Concern

- Remediation
- Line pack
- System integrity Underperformance
- Backhaul
- Capped
- Performance cap
- Delivery point
- Unavailable/Available
- Operational Flow Order/OFO
- Allocation/Allocate(d)
- Adhere
- Rupture
- Leak
- Unplanned
- Balancing/Balancing Alert





NGINSIGHT Shows What Pipeline Notices Should Be Examined More Closely Today



Pipeline color denotes potential relevance and severity of real-time notices.





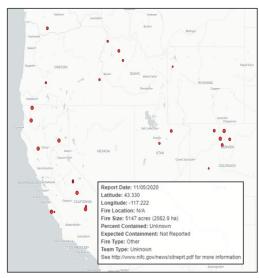


Capability Added to Include Background Layers

○ Dark
 ● Light
 ✓ Service Territories
 ✓ Earthquakes
 ✓ Wildfires

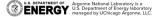


LDC Service Territory Layer shown in light green.



Major Fire Events Recent Earthquakes

- Layers can be static datasets, such as the LDC Service Territories, or they can be dynamic data sets displayed in real-time from their source sites, like Earthquakes and Wildfires.
- Other data layers can be added as requested.

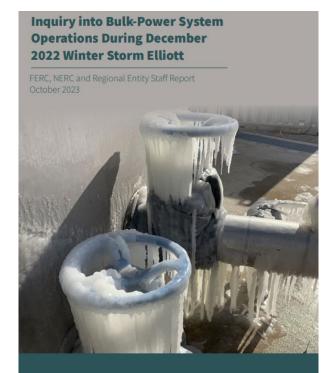






ISSUE: FERC–NERC Final Report on Winter Storm Elliott Identified Possible Ways to Provide Greater Insights on Gas Production to Regional Organizations

- **TOPIC:** Electric sector requires timely information on natural gas production.
- **ENHACEMENT OPTION:** Argonne could enhance the *NGinsight* tool to evaluate each cycle's scheduled nominations with the prior cycles and "red flag" those with set threshold reduction as a general indicator of potential issues.
- This information would be conveyed to all RTOs and other stakeholders, who could also highlight their own pre-selected points of interest (e.g., natural gas processing plants within their service territory, etc.).







Natural Gas Production Data

- EBB data can be used to determine scheduled volumes (not actual flow) of natural gas production as a function of State, county, and pipeline:
 - Can be used to identify future reductions in natural gas supply due to extreme weather, etc.
- Pipeline nomination data provides the type for each receipt point:
 - Helps determine which receipt point is associated with a "Gas Processing Plant" or "Gathering System Interconnect".
 - Argonne has compiled list of pipelines connected to each processing plant (see example below).
- Comparing scheduled volumes from one cycle to the prior could provide indicator that production is experiencing issues during extreme weather, etc. (will review in demo)

	Natural Gas Daily Nominations
212/2021	
■ Enab	ole Gas Transmission (Centerpoint) Northern Natural Gas Pipeline
■ EIPa	so Natural Gas Cameron Interstate Pipeline LLC

EBB Receipt Point Descriptions					
CITYGATE	R				
COMPRESSOR	R				
END USER	R				
GAS PROCESSING PLANT	R				
GATHERING SYSTEM INTERCONNECT	R				
INTERSTATE INTERCONNECT	R				
INTRASTATE INTERCONNECT	R				
LNG TERMINAL	R				
MEXICO BORDER	R				
PARK AND LOAN	R				
POOL POINT	R				
STORAGE	R				
THROUGHPUT METER	R				

EXAMPLES OF NATURAL GAS PROCESSING PLANTS CONNECTED TO MULTIPLE GAS PIPELINES									
NAME	STATE	COUNTY	Plant Capacity	Meter Station Name1	Plpeline1	Meter Station Name2	Pipeline2	Meter Station Name3	Pipeline3
MOBILE BAY GAS PLANT (MOBILE BAY PROCESSING)	AL	MOBILE	300.0	16706 - DUKE - MOBILE BAY (R)	Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP	15915 - DEFS Mobile Bay (R)	Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C.	75008 - MBPP Inlet Primary (X)	Dauphin Island Gathering
WILLIAMS MOBILE BAY GAS PLANT	AL	MOBILE	1 690.01	16714 - WILLIAMS FLD SERVICE - MOBILE BAY (R)	Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP	15922 - Williams Mobile Bay (R)		24265 - MOBILE BAY PLT WFS MP 123.1 (R)	Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC
YELLOWHAMMER GAS PLANT	AL	MOBILE	200.0	16719 - SHELL-YELLOWHAMMER - MOBILE BAY (R)	Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP	17794 - YELLOWHAMMER M3560 MP 122.859 (R)	Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC	N/A	N/A
BADGER WASH GAS PLANT	со	MESA	N/A	4890 - BADGER WASH RECEIPT (R)	Northwest Pipeline Corporation	4889 - BADGER WASH DELIVERY (D)	Northwest Pipeline Corporation	N/A	N/A



What the *NGinsight* Tool Does and Doesn't Do

- Provides near-real-time gas-electric situational awareness to >75% of U.S. interstate and offshore gas transmission pipelines:
 - Gas volumes consumed by individual customers (20,000+ points);
 - Unsubscribed capacity available for additional available supply:
 - Nominated gas supply to directly-connected gas-fired electric generators.
- Current and future gas pipeline conditions:
 - Critical updates (outages, restrictions);
 - Non-critical updates (invoices, website updates).
- Machine-learning-based ranking of critical notices to identify those most-significant to individual tool users.
- Incorporates outside feeds such as weather alerts, major wildfires, earthquakes, etc.

- The *NGinsight* tool does NOT have national coverage:
 - Does not account for about 25% of gas interstate pipelines;
 - Does not include EBB data from intrastate pipelines (e.g., in California and Texas).
- Does NOT sectionalize the affected pipelines for a more refined location of at-risk assets.
- Does NOT correlate refined locations to the Critical Notice information (e.g., disrupted compressors and impacted downstream pipeline segments).
- Does NOT currently provide EBB data for "behindthe-meter" natural gas-fired power plants:
 - Have researched pipeline meter stations which most-likely serve these power plants but have not implemented this change in NGinsight.





Possible Ways to Provide Greater Insights on Gas Production to Regional Organizations

- Argonne could set up the NGinsight tool to evaluate each cycle's scheduled nominations with the prior cycles and "red flag" those with set threshold reduction as a general indicator of potential issue.
- This information could be conveyed to all RTOs and other stakeholders, and could highlight their own pre-selected points of interest (e.g., natural gas processing plants within their service territory, etc.).
- It should be recognized that natural gas producers, in general, have the ability to pull from diverse set of resources so caution should be used in how to assess "red flags" on specific gas production assets:
 - Could lead to misinterpretations of cuts when market is responding to keep end-use deliveries intact.
 - The tool cannot specify how gas production drops would impact end-user/specific generators.





Potential Future Activities – Partial List (as funding permits)

- Continue preparing and maintaining EBB data feeds.
- Contact and sign new EDI access agreements for remaining gas interstate pipelines.
- Conduct EBB web scraping for pipelines and storage areas without EDI (some pipelines are exempt by FERC).
- Collect nomination and notice data from LDCs such as SoCalGas, PG&E, etc. who provide EBB data via the web.
- Investigate EBB data availability for intrastate pipelines.
- More refined location of assets so we would be sectionalizing the pipeline assets (e.g., market regions).
- Correlate refined locations to the Critical Notice information (e.g., disrupted compressors and impacted downstream pipeline segments).
- Enhance machine learning (ML) models for ranking NG EBB notices using recent data and key words from BES outreach.
- Help support future appropriate / controlled tool users with their work through appropriate restricted secure protocols.
- Develop need and security access levels for different tool user requirements.

What possible tool enhancements are missing from this list?

We welcome your suggestions!



THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME! WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

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INTERSTATE PIPELINES NOT CURRENTLY COLLECTED

Company Name / Owner	Pipeline Name	Previously Webscraping?
Alliance Pipeline L.P.	Alliance Pipeline L.P.	Yes
Black Bear Transmission LLC	Ozark Gas Transmission	EDI
Black Bear Transmission LLC	AlaTenn	
Black Bear Transmission LLC	Midla	
Black Bear Transmission LLC	Trans-Union	
Bluewater Gas Storage, LLC	Bluewater Gas Storage, LLC	Yes
Cheniere Energy, Inc.	Cheniere Corpus Christi Pipeline, L.P.	Yes
Cheniere Energy, Inc.	Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P.	Yes
Cheniere Energy, Inc.	Midship Pipeline Company, LLC	
Crestwood Equity Partners LP	Tres Palacios Gas Storage	Yes
DCP Midstream, LLC	Cimarron River Pipeline, LLC	
DCP Midstream, LLC	Dauphin Island Gathering Partners	
Eastern Shore Natural Gas	Eastern Shore Natural Gas	
Energy Transfer	Gulf Run Transmission, LLC	
Energy Transfer	Stingray Pipeline Company, L.L.C.	
Energy Transfer	Southwest Gas Storage Company	
Energy West Development Inc	Black Hills Shoshone Pipeline, LLC	
EnLink Midstream Company	Sabine Pipe Line LLC	Yes
ENSTOR GAS, LLC	BayGas Storage	Yes
ENSTOR GAS, LLC	Freebird Gas Storage LLC	Yes
ENSTOR GAS, LLC	Caledonia Energy Partners	Yes
ENSTOR GAS, LLC	Mississippi Hub LLC	Yes
ENSTOR GAS, LLC	Katy Storage and Transportation, L.P.	
ENSTOR GAS, LLC	Grama Ridge Storage and Transportation	
Golden Pass	Golden Pass Pipeline LLC	Yes
Golden Triangle Storage, Inc.	Golden Triangle Storage, Inc.	Yes
Hartree Natural Gas Storage Co.	Cadeville Gas Storage LLC	Yes
Hartree Natural Gas Storage Co.	Monroe Gas Storage Company, LLC	Yes
Hartree Natural Gas Storage Co.	Perryville Gas Storage LLC	Yes
Hartree Natural Gas Storage Co.	Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC	Yes

Company Name / Owner	Pipeline Name	Previously Webscraping?
Hartree Natural Gas Storage Co.	SG Resources Mississippi, L.L.C.	Yes
Kinder Morgan, Inc.	Stagecoach Pipeline & Storage (sold by Crestwood)	Yes
Kinder Morgan, Inc.	Arlington Storage (sold by Crestwood)	Yes
Kinetica Partners LLC	Kinetica Deep Water Express, LLC	Yes
Kinetica Partners LLC	Kinetica Partners LLC	Yes
Markwest Energy Patners, L.P.	Arkoma Connector Gas Pipeline - MarkWest Pioneer, L.L.C.	Yes
Markwest Energy Patners, L.P.	Rendezvous Pipeline Company, LLC	
MV Pipelines, LLC	KPC Pipeline	Yes
NJR Midstream	Leaf River Energy Center	Yes
Sempra	Cameron Interstate Pipeline LLC	EDI
Sempra	LA Storage LLC	EDI
Spire Energy	MoGas Pipeline LLC	Yes
Spire Energy	Spire Storage West LLC	Yes
Southwest Gas Corporation	Great Basin Gas Transmission (Paiute Pipeline)	
Tallgrass Energy	East Cheyenne Gas Storage	Yes
TC Energy	ANR Storage	Yes
TC Energy	Bluelake Storage Company	Yes
Third Coast Infrastructure, LLC	Chandeleur Pipe Line, LLC	
Third Coast Infrastructure, LLC	Destin Pipeline Company, LLC	
Third Coast Infrastructure, LLC	High Point Gas Transmission	
UGI Storage	UGI Storage	Yes
UGI Storage	UGI LNG Storage	Yes
UGI Storage	UGI Sunbury, LLC	
Unitil Gas Transmission	Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.	Yes
USG Corporation	B-R Pipeline Company	
USG Corporation	USG Pipeline Company, LLC	
Venture Global LNG, Inc.	TransCameron Pipeline, LLC	
White River Hub, LLC	White River Hub, LLC	
WhiteWater Midstream	Gateway Pipeline LLC	
Xcel Energy Inc.	WestGas InterState, Inc.	





PREPARING AND MAINTAINING EBB DATA FEEDS

- Coordinate formal documentation required by NAESB standards and pipeline companies.
- Collect technical attributes needed for EDI exchange.
- Run data exchange tests for
 - Network connectivity.
 - Encryption protocols.
 - NAESB and X12 standard compliance.
 - Data availability.
 - Data format.
- Repeat process for the production site.
- Establish schedule for data requests, running multiple trials (each of these activities incurs a cost to the pipeline).
- Control interaction timing with each pipeline (so as not to crash the pipeline's EDI system).
- Monitor complex dynamic system of entities with different technical/structural characteristics that can change on a daily basis.

It takes much time (potentially months) to complete the setup process with each pipeline – which can be a huge cost to the pipeline.

- Provide production site maintenance (24/7), including
 - Performing daily inspections of received data.
 - Investigating and resolving exchange interruptions.
 - Updating server operating system software.
 - Proactively avoiding errors that can disrupt the pipeline company's system (costing them money).
 - Weekly archiving of data files.
 - Updating supporting software library and maintaining annual licenses.
- Maintain pipeline and storage facility database.
- Match data to pipeline system assets.
- Conduct EBB web scraping for pipelines and storage areas without EDI (some pipelines are exempt by FERC).

