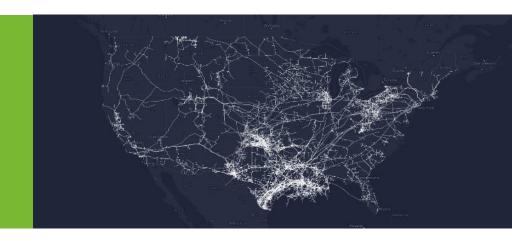


# ARGONNE'S NGINSIGHT TOOL FOR ELECTRIC SECTOR RELIABILITY



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### Relevance of *NGInsight* Tool for Electric-Gas Sector Coordination and Communications

■ Recommendations of North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) report to "identify concrete actions (....) to improve the reliability of the natural gas infrastructure system necessary to support the Bulk Electric System":

**Recommendation 2**: 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.





■ FERC-NERC Final Report on Winter Storm Elliott supported these recommendations:

NAESB Report Recommendations 2 and 3 identified a potential tool that can be used to accomplish the desired information sharing—Argonne National Laboratory's NGInsight Tool.<sup>315</sup> The tool makes it possible to identify the potential impact of weather or other critical events on overall natural gas supply.<sup>316</sup>



#### **Near-Real-Time Natural Gas Interstate Pipeline Data**

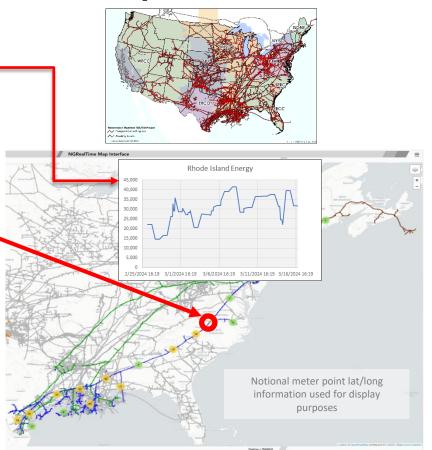
• Argonne-developed NGInsight viewer:

Natural gas supply for gas-fired generators.

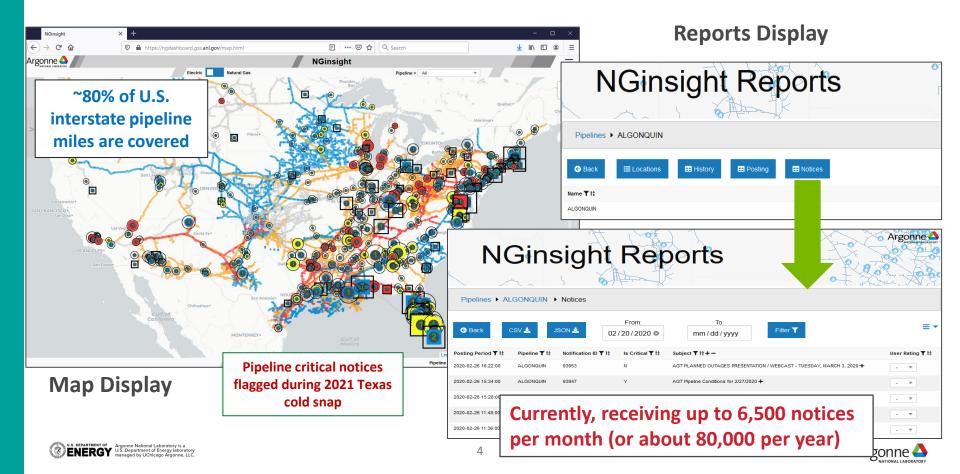
Interruptible vs. firm MW capacity served.

• Dual-fuel vs. single-fuel plants; single connect vs. multiple connect.

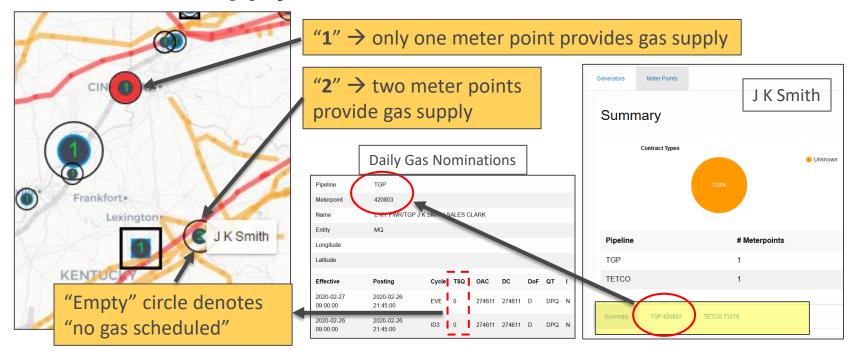
- Ranked critical notices.
- Rankings customized for individual user organizations.
- Outreach to electric and gas industry companies including EIA, EIPC, ISO-NE, NY-ISO, PJM, AGA, and INGAA for testing.



#### **NGINSIGHT** Assimilates Near-Real-Time Gas Data



## NGINSIGHT Shows Which Generators Could Have Multiple Natural Gas Supply Points



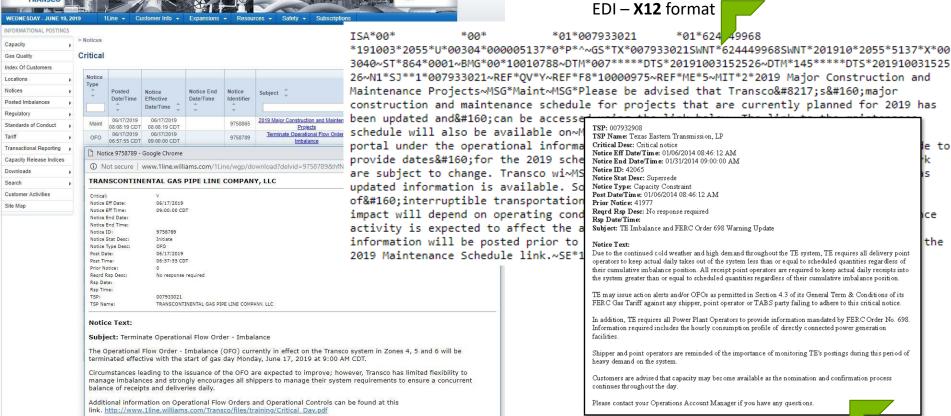
Number within icon denotes the number of meter points that provide NG fuel to the generating plant.





### Machine learning - North American Energy Resiliency Model (NAERM)

**Notices** - Critical Notices

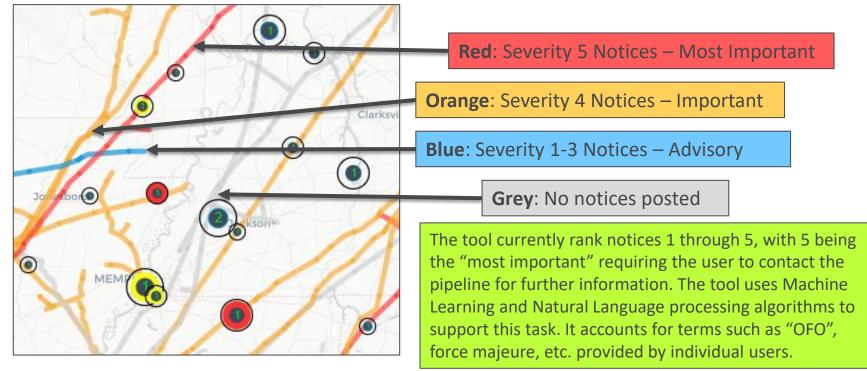


ce Due to the continued cold weather and high demand throughout the TE system, TE requires all delivery point operators to keep actual daily takes out of the system less than or equal to scheduled quantities regardless of their cumulative imbalance position. All receipt point operators are required to keep actual daily receipts into the system greater than or equal to scheduled quantities regardless of their cumulative imbalance position. TE may issue action alerts and/or OFOs as permitted in Section 4.3 of its General Term & Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff against any shipper, point operator or TABS party failing to adhere to this critical notice. In addition, TE requires all Power Plant Operators to provide information mandated by FERC Order No. 698 Information required includes the hourly consumption profile of directly connected power generation Shipper and point operators are reminded of the importance of monitoring TE's postings during this period of Customers are advised that capacity may become available as the nomination and confirmation process

If you have any questions, please call your Customer or Transportation Service Representative

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## **NGINSIGHT** Shows What Pipeline Notices Should Be Examined More Closely Today



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





#### **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. (information at key points would be helpful)

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■ E	nable Gas Transmission (Centerpoint) Northern Natural Gas Pipeline							
■ E	Paso 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	1 690.0	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	1 200.0	16719 - SHELL-YELLOWHAMMER - MOBILE BAY (R)	Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP		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		



## Possible Concept – Estimating Future Gas Pipeline Flows at Key Locations using Al/ML Techniques

### Comparing published gas nomination flows versus predicted values to provide early warning in the event of extreme weather

- Hourly gas flows are known to depend on weather and human factors
  - Different customers (residential, commercial, generation) display unique and nonlinear hourly gas demands
- Multi-year weather data includes geolocated temperature, solar, precipitation
- We can model hourly gas flows using historical daily flows and weather
- We can predict hourly gas flows using past or future weather data
- Data sources:
  - Historical US geolocated hourly validated climate data (NOAA, >10<sup>6</sup> records)
  - Historical US daily meter volumes (NGinsight, >10<sup>6</sup> records)
  - Meter locations US (>10<sup>5</sup> records)



### PREDICTING TRANSIENT METER FLOW DATA

**Conceptual data workflow** 

Historical Weather Data

Historical Gas Flow Data

Pipeline GIS

crossreference meter and weather locations

regression,

Real-time EBB daily meter volumes, weather

Data pre-processing

Python

Performed frequently

Regression model coefficients for each meter

> Hourly meter volumes

Aggregated Volumes at **Key Points** 

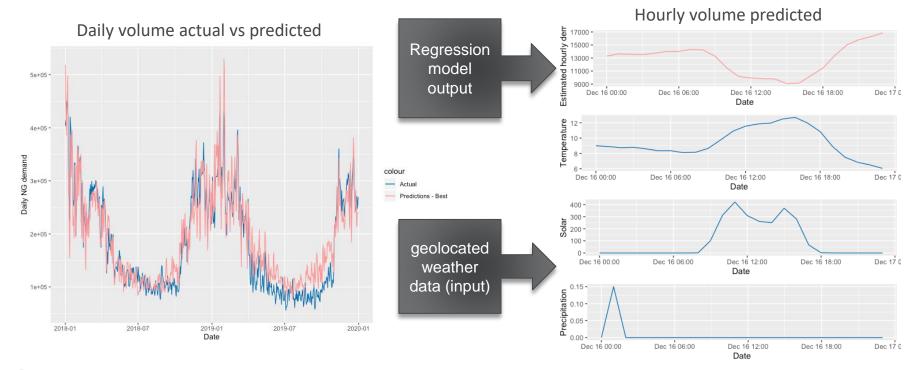
Performed once per set of pipeline data





### PREDICTING TRANSIENT METER FLOW DATA (2)

#### Single meter regression model results using AI/ML techniques



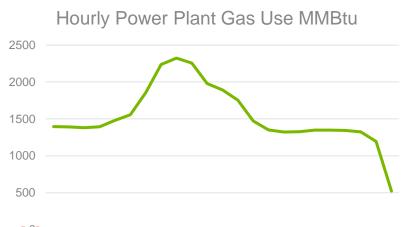




#### PREDICTING POWER PLANT DEMANDS

#### Historical plant hourly gas demands from public EPA emissions data

- Highly correlated to EP load (heat rate)
- Poor correlation to weather
  - Higher temps drive EP demand, but nonlinear response
  - Peaking plants don't correlate
  - Regional vs local weather effects
- Lots of missing data
- For future predictions, electric sector would have to provide the hourly EP load profiles to estimate future pipeline flows at key locations.



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#### **Current and Proposed Tool Capabilities**

#### **CURRENT STATUS:**

- Provides near-real-time gas-electric situational awareness to >75% of U.S. interstate and offshore gas transmission pipelines:
  - Gas volumes as a function of pipeline cycle (minimum of five times per day).
  - 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).
- 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, hurricanes, etc.:
  - Provides situational awareness during hurricanes, extreme cold weather, etc.

#### PROPOSED ENHANCEMENTS:

- Build out remaining 25% of gas interstate pipelines:
  - Contact and sign new EDI access agreements for remaining gas interstate pipelines.
  - Conduct EBB web scraping for pipelines and storage areas without EDI.
- Include EBB data from intrastate pipelines (e.g., in California and Texas):
  - Collect nomination and notice data from LDCs such as SoCalGas, PG&E, etc. who provide EBB data via the web.
- Provide near-real-time information on natural gas production:
  - Each cycle's scheduled nominations would be compared with prior cycles to identify potential supply issues.
- Predict pipeline flows at key locations:
  - Compare predicted values with future nominations to identify possible gas supply issues



# THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION!

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