Oil and Natural Gas Outlook: Implications for Alaska

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Challenging Oil and Natural Gas Outlook

- Weak global economic and energy demand growth

- Global oil supply growth outpacing demand, causing present oil price weakness

- Need for U.S. crude exports

- Weak N.A. natural gas market
  - Sufficient supplies available below $5/MMBtu prices

- Loosening international natural gas market
  - Pipeline and LNG supply competition
  - Lower economic and gas demand growth
  - Lower oil prices reducing LNG contract prices

- Environmental, cost and tax pressures
Downward Revisions to Global Economic Growth Forecasts

Downward revision has been a constant theme

Source: IMF semi-annual forecasts

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Recent weakness in economic and oil demand growth lowered prices

**Source:** IEA 12/14 Monthly & Medium Term, U.S. includes NGLs  
**Notes:** 2014 Brent price is annual average; Futures from 1/5/2015
U.S. Oil Production is Set to Expand

Liquids production has returned to levels not seen since 1972


Source: Rystad Energy Upstream Database

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Oil & Gas Has Spurred Growth in the Broader U.S. Economy

Energy production prevented U.S. downturn from being worse, and spurred recovery

Affordable energy has given U.S. industry a competitive advantage

Source: Markit

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Changing Pattern of U.S. Crude Imports

- Declining light, sweet crude imports, with year round exports needed by 2017
  - Condensates and super light crudes are already in surplus
  - Seasonal exports needed before then during U.S. refinery turnarounds / outages
- Eventual reductions in light, sour and medium crude imports
- U.S. likely to maintain heavy crude imports that better matches domestic refinery configuration


Need for exports of surplus light, sweet crudes
Case for ANS Crude Exports

West Coast imports of ANS face stiffer competition from Lower-48, Canada & South America

Source: ConocoPhillips, Various; Platts for prices
Ability to Export Lower 48 Crude Would Increase U.S. Oil Production

- Lifting the ban on U.S. Lower 48 crude exports would increase production by 1.5 to 3.0 MMBD by 2020
  - 10-20% increase

- Removing domestic crude price discounts caused by the ban would increase investment in new production
  - More wells and plays would become economic
  - Increased cash flow to invest

Increased production comes with significant economic benefits to the U.S.

Benefits of U.S. Crude Oil Exports

- Would lower consumer fuel costs at the pump by $18 billion annually
- U.S. economy could gain $135 billion and about one million jobs at its peak
- Reduce nation’s oil import bill by $67 billion annually
- Increase government revenues by $1.3 trillion between 2016-2030
- Strengthen U.S. geopolitical position

More jobs & economic development would result from continued growth in U.S. oil production

Refined product prices around the world track each other demonstrating that US gasoline prices are set globally.

Refined product prices more closely track international crude prices (Brent) than US domestic crude prices (WTI).

U.S. crude exports should lower U.S. gasoline prices

Source: Bloomberg
U.S. LNG Exports

Wide Divergence Between Pricing in Major Markets

Historical U.S. Department of Energy Projections

U.S. is poised to become an LNG exporter

Alaska Activities Announced Since Tax reform (SB21) Passed

- Added two rigs to the Kuparuk rig fleet
  - *Investment has decreased Kuparuk Unit field decline from 7% to 1%*

- Two new-build rigs are on order – deliver 2016
  - Rotary rig Doyon 142
  - Coil tubing drill rig Nabors CDR-3

- New Drill site at Kuparuk (DS-2S) – Approved October 2014

- Evaluating plans for additional development in NPRA (GMT-1)
  - In dialogue with Federal Government for acceptable terms

- Pre-engineering for viscous oil expansion in Kuparuk (1H NEWS)

*Gross dollars

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Implications for Alaska

• Alaska North Slope oil needs to be cost competitive, especially in today’s low oil price environment

• ANS crude export option driven by increased flows of competing crude oils to the U.S. West Coast

• Relatively low natural gas prices in Lower 48 makes those LNG projects competitive and they are helping set global LNG prices

• With stiff competition, Alaska LNG needs to be competitive with regard to cost and fiscal terms