



Asian LNG Market Development to 2025: pricing and contractual challenges

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Global LNG Liqufaction capacity – existing & FID'd/under construction 2008 - 2020



Since 2014 Gas/LNG prices have fallen and regional price vels have converged (the `Asian premium' disappears!)

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Future Asia-Pacific LNG demand will depend on <u>ENVIRONMENT</u> but also on <u>PRICE</u>

- In many Asia-Pacific countries air quality is a more important environmental issue than carbon reduction
- Many Asia-Pacific countries not just China and India - have policies to build substantial additional coal-fired and renewable capacity; but <u>if they are to</u> <u>improve air quality</u> they will need substantial additional gas in the cities
- Gas demand increases will be affordable if LNG prices remain at 2016 levels BUT..
- This may only be the case for the next five years

As an analytical community we are very poor at predicting price elasticity of demand

Second Second to 2030 – Big Uncertainties



and from long term contracts to a portfolio

PRICES – transition from JCC to spot/hub prices:

- LNG price indices exist: JKM, RIM, Argus, JOE
- too few cargos (at least currently) on which to base long term contracts
- Asia can use NBP for hedging
- developing hubs in Asia will take time

CONTRACTS – not the end of long term contracts BUT:

- a more balanced portfolio long, medium and short
- greater flexibility of destination and volume
- regular price review with precise criteria

This is much easier with <u>new</u> contracts; changing <u>existing</u> contracts is more problematic

Japanese LNG Import Prices 2009-16



Sources: Platts, Argus, METI

In 2016 JKM and NBP have converged



Stages of Hub Development: Singapore, Shanghai or Tokyo (or all three?)

In Europe hub development has been a 5-10 year process, but by 2025 (and perhaps even by 2020) we will see Asian hub(s) established

Indices derived for LT Contracts

Liquid Forward Curve Develops

Futures Exchange

Non – Physical Players enter

OTC Brokered Trading

Balancing Rules & Standardised Trading Contracts

Price Discovery and Disclosure

Bi-Lateral Trades

Third Part Access to Pipelines/Regas Terminals



Asian Hubs: Gas or LNG? Physical or Virtual?

SINGAPORE HUB:

•physical LNG hub, strong `first-mover' advantage, limited domestic growth potential; could become a virtual LNG hub for SE Asia SHANGHAI HUB:

 physical gas hub – huge growth potential – domestic gas production+pipeline and LNG imports

a `benchmark' not a supply/demand price (yet) TOKYO (OSAKA?) HUB (to be created):
LNG hub – physical (due to lack of national pipeline connections) could become virtual



Summary: surplus of LNG supply over demand and low prices for 5/6 years

THIS SHOULD PROVIDE IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR:

- Increased demand
- Increase spot trade and over a 5-10 year period, hub development
 BUT...
- This will require liberalization of prices and access to facilities to create competition
- It is a very destructive process in terms of utilities and the traditional contractual structure
- Governments, regulators and market players will need to revise their view of security of supply



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