## Highlights

- Over the past two weeks, WTI crude oil spot prices have declined by $\$ 2.55 / \mathrm{bbl}$ (2.3\%) while Brent crude oil spot prices have declined by $\$ 6.05 / \mathrm{bbl}(5.2 \%)$ putting downward pressure on petroleum product spot prices. Over the same two week period, New York Harbor ultra-low sulfur distillate prices have decreased by $12.3 ¢ /$ gallon (3.9\%).
- New York statewide average retail prices for ultra-low sulfur (ULS) heating oil, kerosene, and propane all decreased from the last survey period.
Retail Petroleum Prices-On a statewide basis since the last survey on September 16th, prices decreased 2.1 //gallon ( $0.5 \%$ ) to $392.4 \mathrm{q} /$ gallon for ULS heating oil, $0.6 \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{gallon}(0.1 \%)$ to $422.6 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{gallon}$ for kerosene, and $0.2 \mathrm{q} /$ gallon ( $0.1 \%$ ) to $267.6 \mathrm{q} /$ gallon for propane. Compared to a year earlier, prices decreased $13.5 \Phi /$ gallon ( $3.3 \%$ ) for heating oil, 3.7¢/gallon ( $0.9 \%$ ) for kerosene and increased $0.2 \mathrm{q} / \mathrm{gallon}$ ( $0.1 \%$ ) for propane.

Crude Oil Prices—For the week ending 9/20/13, WTI crude oil spot prices averaged $\$ 106.22 / \mathrm{bbl}$, a decrease of $\$ 2.14 / \mathrm{bbl}(2.0 \%)$ from the week-ago average of $\$ 108.36 / b b l$. WTI prices are now $\$ 12.52 / \mathrm{bbl}$ ( $13.4 \%$ ) above the year-ago weekly average of $\$ 93.70 / \mathrm{bbl}$. The all-time weekly average high of $\$ 142.52 / \mathrm{bbl}$ occurred on 7/03/08.

Spot Natural Gas Prices-For the week ending 9/20/13, Henry Hub natural gas spot prices averaged $\$ 3.704$ per million Btu (mmBtu), an increase of $\$ 0.104 / \mathrm{mmBtu}(2.9 \%)$ from the prior week level of $\$ 3.600 / \mathrm{mmB}$ u. Prices are currently $\$ 0.942 / \mathrm{mmB}$ u (34.1\%) above the year-earlier weekly average of \$2.762/mmBtu.


Residential Natural Gas Prices-The NYS average price in June 2013 was $\$ 1.799 /$ therm, an increase of $\$ 0.241 /$ therm (15.4\%) from the prior month of $\$ 1.558 /$ therm, and was \$0.125/therm (7.5\%) higher than the year earlier average of \$1.674/therm.

Middle Atlantic Stocks-Current and historic heating fuel inventory data is presented in the table below.

| Middle Atlantic Region, Weekly Inventories (million barrels) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Fuel Type | 9/20/2013 | 9/13/2013 | \% Change vs. Last Week | Year Ago | \% Change vs. Last Year | 5-Year <br> Average | \% Change vs. 5-Year Avg |
| Highway Diesel (ULS) (0-15 ppm) | 18.0 | 18.8 | -4.2\% | 8.5 | 112.7\% | 10.2 | 76.9\% |
| Non-road Diesel (15-500 ppm) | 1.1 | 1.0 | 8.0\% | 0.6 | 66.3\% | 2.8 | -62.1\% |
| Home Heating Oil ( >500 ppm) | 5.9 | 5.4 | 9.4\% | 13.9 | -57.7\% | 22.5 | -73.8\% |
| Propane | 2.554 | 2.488 | 2.7\% | 3.132 | -18.5\% | 2.597 | -1.7\% |
| \#6 Residual Oil | 5.8 | 5.9 | -1.2\% | 6.3 | -7.6\% | 9.1 | -36.2\% |
| US Natural Gas | 3,386 | 3,299 | 2.6\% | 3,565 | -5.0\% | 3,356 | 0.9\% |
| US Crude Oil | 358.3 | 355.6 | 0.7\% | 365.2 | -1.9\% | 338.1 | 6.0\% |

Notes: Natural Gas in billion cubic feet (Bcf), Middle Atlantic is DE, DC, MD, NJ, NY, and PA
ppm = parts per million sulfur content
Source: US DOE/EIA

| New York State Retail ULS \#2 Heating Oil Posted Credit Prices (cents per gallon) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| REGIO N | 9/23/2013 | 9/16/2013 | \% Change vs. Prior Survey | Year Ago | \% Change vs. Last Year |
| Long Island | 406.5 | 409.8 | -0.8\% | 421.0 | -3.4\% |
| New York City | 408.4 | 412.4 | -1.0\% | 430.9 | -5.2\% |
| Lower Hudson | 400.7 | 403.3 | -0.6\% | 418.0 | -4.1\% |
| Upper Hudson | 386.2 | 385.6 | 0.2\% | 396.2 | -2.5\% |
| Capital District | 378.5 | 381.5 | -0.8\% | 392.4 | -3.5\% |
| North Country | 376.1 | 378.7 | -0.7\% | 386.9 | -2.8\% |
| Central | 383.0 | 383.9 | -0.2\% | 392.4 | -2.4\% |
| Western | 377.1 | 377.0 | 0.0\% | 385.3 | -2.1\% |
| Statewide | 392.4 | 394.5 | -0.5\% | 405.9 | -3.3\% |
| New York State Retail Propane Posted Credit Prices - 1,100 gallon usage category (cents per gallon) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Long Island | 326.1 | 326.1 | 0.0\% | 316.1 | 3.2\% |
| Mid-Hudson | 278.8 | 278.8 | 0.0\% | 271.5 | 2.7\% |
| Capital District | 297.1 | 298.3 | -0.4\% | 296.2 | 0.3\% |
| North Country | 294.5 | 295.2 | -0.2\% | 298.1 | -1.2\% |
| Central | 239.5 | 238.8 | 0.3\% | 243.2 | -1.5\% |
| Western | 229.7 | 229.9 | -0.1\% | 235.0 | -2.3\% |
| Statewide | 267.6 | 267.8 | -0.1\% | 267.4 | 0.1 \% |
| New York State Retail Kerosene Posted Credit Prices (cents per gallon) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mid-Hudson | 437.5 | 437.7 | 0.0\% | 436.7 | 0.2\% |
| Capital District | 417.8 | 419.3 | -0.4\% | 426.8 | -2.1\% |
| North Country | 406.9 | 408.3 | -0.3\% | 409.9 | -0.7\% |
| Central | 419.8 | 420.5 | -0.2\% | 425.8 | -1.4\% |
| Western | 415.0 | 414.4 | 0.1\% | 421.4 | -1.5\% |
| Statewide | 422.6 | 423.2 | -0.1\% | 426.3 | -0.9\% |
| New York State Average Residential Natural Gas Prices (\$/therm) |  |  |  |  |  |
| REGIO N | June 2013 | May 2013 | \% Change vs. Prior Month | June 2012 | \% Change vs. Last Year |
| Statewide | 1.799 | 1.558 | 15.4\% | 1.674 | 7.5\% |

Historic Retail Prices—Statewide average high and low prices since Sept. 1997 for \#2 \& propane \& Sept. 2000 for kerosene.

- Heating oil—highest price $477.8 \Phi /$ gallon on $7 / 14 / 08$, lowest price $87.6 \Phi /$ gallon on 9/08/98.
- Propane—highest price 325.4¢/gallon on 3/07/11, lowest price 107.2¢/gallon on 9/20/99.
- Kerosene—highest price 506.8థ/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price 130.9థ/gallon on 9/09/02.

Residential Natural Gas Prices: Statewide average prices are derived from US EIA most currently available data. NYS gas utility specific prices can be found on the NYS DPS website at http://www.dps.ny.gov/TypicalBills.htm\#GasRes.

New York State Regions: Long Island: Nassau and Suffolk New York City: Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond Lower Hudson: Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Upper Hudson: Columbia, Greene, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Capital District: Albany, Fulton Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, and Washington North Country: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, and Warren Central: Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, Tioga, and Tompkins Western: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties. Propane \& Kerosene: Mid-Hudson: Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties.

Btu Price Equivalents-The Btu graph equates the spot market price, in table below, for NY Harbor ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel and $0.3 \%$ sulfur high pour \#6 residual fuel, Mont Belvieu propane, and the New York City gate natural gas price on a dollar per million Btu (mmBtu) basis.

| New York Spot Prices, Weekly Average |  |  |  |
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| Fuel | $\mathbf{9 / 2 0 / 2 0 1 3}$ | Year Ago | \% Change |
| Ultra LS Diesel | 301.7 | 318.0 | $-5.1 \%$ |
| \#2 Fuel Oil | 293.2 | 310.0 | $-5.4 \%$ |
| \#6 Residual 0.3\% | 244.2 | 270.6 | $-9.8 \%$ |
| Propane | 111.8 | 87.8 | $27.4 \%$ |
| Natural Gas | 3.829 | 2.889 | $32.5 \%$ |

Note: Fuel in $\$ /$ gallon, natural gas (\$/mmBtu)=NYcitygate




Additional historic regional specific prices and supply information is available at NYSERDA's website. For more information please contact Charlie Wesley at (518) 862-1090 ext. 3364, e-mail cmw@nyserda.ny.gov.

