## NYSERDA Heating Fuels Report

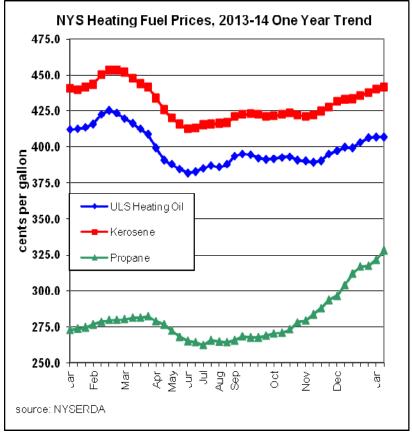
## **Highlights**

- The cold weather of the previous week had a number of impacts on U.S. and New York energy prices and supplies. In New York, the statewide heating degree-days from the previous week were 35.3% greater than last year and 5.3% higher than the normal level. The weekly average New York City gate natural gas spot price spiked to over \$21/mmBtu, an increase over 120% from the previous week and 400% above last year's price. Mid-Atlantic ultra-low sulfur distillate inventories decreased by 1.7 million barrels or 12.8%.
- U.S. natural gas and crude oil inventories saw large declines with natural gas inventories setting a record withdraw of 287 Bcf and crude oil decreasing by 7.7 million barrels.
- The New York statewide average retail propane price increased 6.6 cents per gallon or 2.1% since last week and has increased by 62.4 cents per gallon or 23.5% since the beginning of September.

**Retail Petroleum Prices**—On a statewide basis since the last survey on January 6<sup>th</sup>, prices increased 0.1¢/gallon (0.0%) to 407.0¢/gallon for ULS heating oil, 1.5¢/gallon (0.3%) to 441.7¢/gallon for kerosene, and 6.6¢/gallon (2.1%) to 328.1¢/gallon for propane. Compared to a year earlier, the price decreased 4.9¢/gallon (1.2%) for heating oil, while prices increased 1.1¢/gallon (0.2%) for kerosene and 55.3¢/gallon (20.3%) for propane.

**Crude Oil Prices**—For the week ending 1/10/14, WTI crude oil spot prices averaged \$92.42/bbl, a decrease of \$4.05/bbl (4.2%) from the week-ago average of \$96.47/bbl. WTI prices are now \$0.96/bbl (1.0%) below the year-ago weekly average of \$93.38/bbl. The all-time weekly average high of \$142.52/bbl occurred on 7/03/08.

**Spot Natural Gas Prices**—For the week ending 1/10/14, Henry Hub natural gas spot prices averaged \$4.294 per million Btu (mmBtu), a decrease of \$0.064/mmBtu (1.5%) from the prior week level of \$4.358/mmBtu. Prices are currently \$1.114/mmBtu (35.0%) above the year-earlier weekly average of \$3.180/mmBtu.



**Residential Natural Gas Prices**—The NYS average price in October 2013 was \$1.598/therm, a decrease of \$0.227/therm (12.4%) from the prior month of \$1.825/therm, and was \$0.107/therm (7.1%) higher than the year earlier average of \$1.492/therm.

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

<b>Fuel Туре</b>	1/10/2014	1/3/2014	% Change vs. Last Week	Year Ago	% Change vs. Last Year	5-Year Average	% Change vs. 5-Year Avg	
Highway Diesel (ULS) (0-15 ppm)	12.0	13.7	-12.8%	13.8	-13.4%	11.0	9.1%	
Non-road Diesel (15-500 ppm)	0.4	0.5	-16.6%	0.5	-22.4%	2.6	-83.5%	
Home Heating Oil ( >500 ppm)	5.8	5.5	4.3%	10.0	-42.3%	18.2	-68.2%	
Propane	2.204	2.389	-7.7%	2.361	-6.6%	1.813	21.5%	
#6 Residual Oil	5.3	6.2	-14.9%	5.8	-9.0%	8.8	-40.2%	
US Natural Gas	2,530	2,817	-10.2%	3,189	-20.7%	2,973	-14.9%	
US Crude Oil	350.2	357.9	-2.1%	360.3	-2.8%	336.4	4.1%	

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

			% Change vs.		% Change vs. Last
<b>REGION</b>	1/13/2014	1/6/2014	Prior Survey	Year Ago	Year
Long Island	416.1	416.2	0.0%	424.8	-2.0%
New York City	416.3	416.4	0.0%	424.7	-2.0%
Lower Hudson	417.9	417.9	0.0%	419.7	-0.4%
Upper Hudson	401.7	399.8	0.5%	408.2	-1.6%
Capital District	394.8	392.5	0.6%	401.1	-1.6%
North Country	395.5	396.6	-0.3%	399.6	-1.0%
Central	400.6	402.6	-0.5%	401.5	-0.2%
Western	399.2	398.8	0.1%	394.6	1.2%
Statewide	407.0	406.9	0.0%	411.9	-1.2%
New York S	state Retail Propane I	Posted Credit Prices -	1,100 gallon usage	category (cents pe	r gallon)
Long Island	381.3	382.1	-0.2%	312.6	22.0%
Mid-Hudson	328.4	325.0	1.0%	282.9	16.1%
Capital District	371.9	362.9	2.5%	290.3	28.1%
North Country	367.4	362.6	1.3%	298.6	23.0%
Central	303.1	295.6	2.5%	256.1	18.4%
Western*	283.5	271.7	4.3%	238.2	19.0%
State wide *	328.1	321.5	2.1%	272.8	20.3%
	New York State Re	tail Kerosene Posted	Credit Prices (cents	s per gallon)	
Mid-Hudson	456.0	453.9	0.5%	453.0	0.7%
Capital District	433.9	433.1	0.2%	438.1	-1.0%
North Country	424.2	423.9	0.1%	423.5	0.2%
Central	443.4	440.7	0.6%	444.4	-0.2%
Western	435.4	434.9	0.1%	430.3	1.2%
Statewide	441.7	440.2	0.3%	440.6	0.2%
	New York State	Average Residential	Natural Gas Prices	(\$/therm)	
REGIO N	October 2013	September 2013	% Change vs. Prior Month	October 2012	% Change vs. Last Year
Statewide	1.598	1.825	-12.4%	1.492	7.1%

\* Revision

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

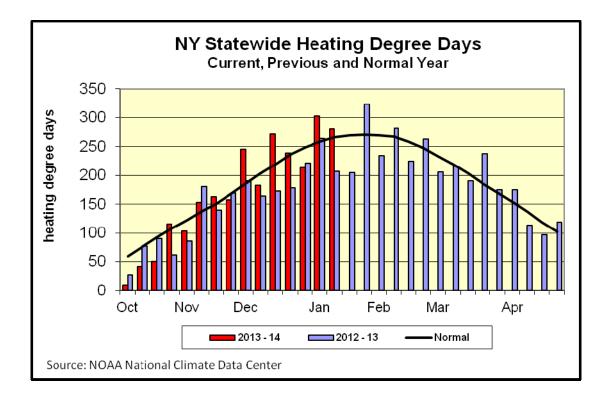
- Heating oil—highest price 477.8¢/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price 87.6¢/gallon on 9/08/98.
- Propane—highest price 325.4¢/gallon on 3/07/11, lowest price 107.2¢/gallon on 9/20/99.
- Kerosene—highest price 506.8¢/gallon on 7/14/08, lowest price 130.9¢/gallon on 9/09/02.

**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.

**Heating Degree Days**—On a statewide basis during the past week, the number of heating degree days (280) was 35.3% above the year-ago level of (207) and 5.3% above the normal trend (266). On a cumulative basis since October 1<sup>st</sup>, current year heating degree days (2,530) are ahead of the year-ago level (2,229) by 13.5% and trail the normal trend (2,531) by 0.0%.

New York State Heating Degree Day Information, Weekly & Cumulative							
Week Ending January 11				Cumulative From October 1			
Region	2014	2013	Normal	2013-14	2012-13	Normal	
Albany	299	254	280	2,905	2,572	2,743	
Binghamton	308	234	297	3,001	2,729	2,973	
Buffalo	291	212	280	2,801	2,399	2,714	
Glens Falls	317	292	325	3,268	2,870	3,148	
Massena	307	288	348	3,527	3,082	3,358	
NYC	249	161	224	1,996	1,711	1,965	
Rochester	284	210	280	2,817	2,393	2,732	
Syracuse	280	238	289	2,816	2,398	2,789	
Watertown	273	245	319	3,101	2,693	3,120	
Statewide	280	207	266	2,530	2,229	2,531	



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.

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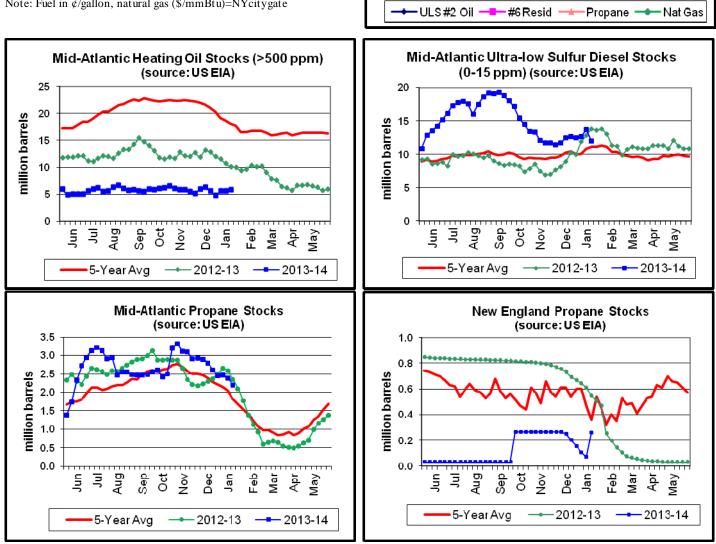
Spot Market Price in mmBTU's

Jan

Dec

New York Spot Prices, Weekly Average						
Fuel	1/10/2014	Year Ago	% Change			
Ultra LS Diesel	297.6	309.1	-3.7%			
#2 Fuel Oil	296.7	305.8	-3.0%			
#6 Residual 0.3%	259.2	266.7	-2.8%			
Propane	126.5	82.9	52.5%			
Natural Gas	21.067	4.172	405.0%			

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.