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A New Industrial Revolution?



Following on from the drama of Russia and Belarus the European Commission announced on January 10th a major package of energy and climate policy proposals, that call for Europe to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 20% by 2020 as well as a big shake-up of EU electricity and gas markets.

Although the primary focus is quite clearly to promote the shift to low-carbon energy, other objectives also include limiting the EU's dependence on external gas and oil imports as well as stimulating technology by encouraging jobs and growth.

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mWELCOME

Hello and welcome to the February issue of **MZINE**, our free monthly e-newsletter.

This month we have taken a look at the European Commissions' communication about an Energy Policy for Europe see [MSTORY](#) for our main article. [MPRICES](#) looks at the spot Oil Forward Curve, whilst at [MPHASIS](#) Derek has discovered a new renewable energy source! Don't forget to check out our thought of the month at [MPATHY](#).

Our public course dates for 2007 have now been published and can be seen at http://www.energytrainingnetwork.com/public_courses.htm The first three months can be found at [MTRAIN](#). If you are still debating whether or not to come on our Gas Storage course on the 21st February please don't leave it too long. The places are filling up fast! Our special offer this month comes from [FLAME 2007](#). If you want a good saving and are planning to go take a look at [MOFFERS](#) first.

Please feel free to contact me about this newsletter and let me have your thoughts, what you like and don't like, I am open to your suggestions.

And if you have enjoyed reading this newsletter and think you know someone who might also enjoy it then feel free to forward it on.

Any one may sign up for this monthly newsletter, it is free and your details are protected.

Email:

Kind regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Cassar'.

Paul Cassar
Editor

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All of our training courses can now earn, participating solicitors, CPD points from the law society. Attendance at any of our events may also contribute to meeting accountancy CPD requirements under the terms of the ICAEW's CPD policy. Please visit www.icaew.co.uk/cpd for the ICAEW's CPD policy details.

Over the **next few months** the following one-day events are being held in **London, UK**. For an at a glance view of our 2007 public training dates please visit:
http://www.energytrainingnetwork.com/2007_pcg.htm

More information about these courses can be found by clicking on the course title or visiting energytrainingnetwork.com and clicking on public courses. Alternatively you can contact me by **email** or phone +44 (0) 1235 553917, fax +44 (0) 1235 553917.

Any of our public courses can be held at your location, for your company, or they can be tailor made to your requirements. If you want to find out more contact our Training Manager **Nick White** +44(0) 1235 211161 and get ahead of the rest.

February 21st	* Gas Storage *	London
February 27th	UK Electricity Market	London
February 28th	An INTRODUCTION to the UK GAS MARKET	London
March 1st	An INTRODUCTION to the NETWORK CODE	London

*** New for 2007 ***

Gas storage overview

As the UK and Europe as a whole become increasingly dependent on gas imports and as trading markets develop, gas storage is becoming an increasingly important tool for players in the liberalising markets of the UK and Europe. This one-day course provides an overview of the key issues in gas storage, including the rationale for storage, technologies used, storage services and regulation, storage projects and the crucial question of how to value storage in the competitive market.

Why store gas?

- Supply / demand match
- Load duration curves
- Balancing needs

- Security of supply/strategic security
- Pipeline optimisation
- Trading opportunities

Gas storage technologies and facilities

- Injection, withdrawal and space
- Salt cavity, depleted fields and aquifers, LNG, mines etc
- Overview of storage facilities and operators in Europe

How storage is sold

- Storage models
- Regulation and third party access
- Contract structure
- Storage on the market

Discussion and questions and answers

Building storage – storage projects

- Technical and engineering issues
- Consent and planning
- Project structure
- Overview of current projects

Case study – A storage project

Storage economics

- Valuing flexibility
- Alternatives to storage

The future of storage

Priced at £500 + VAT per delegate, this course will run in London on 21st February 2007. To book your place [click here](#).

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Forward Oil Curve

THE FORWARD CURVE

Warm winter weather, rising non-OPEC supplies and concerns about the global economy triggered a sharp fall in oil prices over the past month. The front end of the forward curve remains in contango as crude stocks are still high compared with historical averages, but nearby WTI prices are now close to \$50/bbl. Refined product stocks are up sharply following a slump in demand, adding to the downward pressure on prompt prices.

SWAPS PRICES

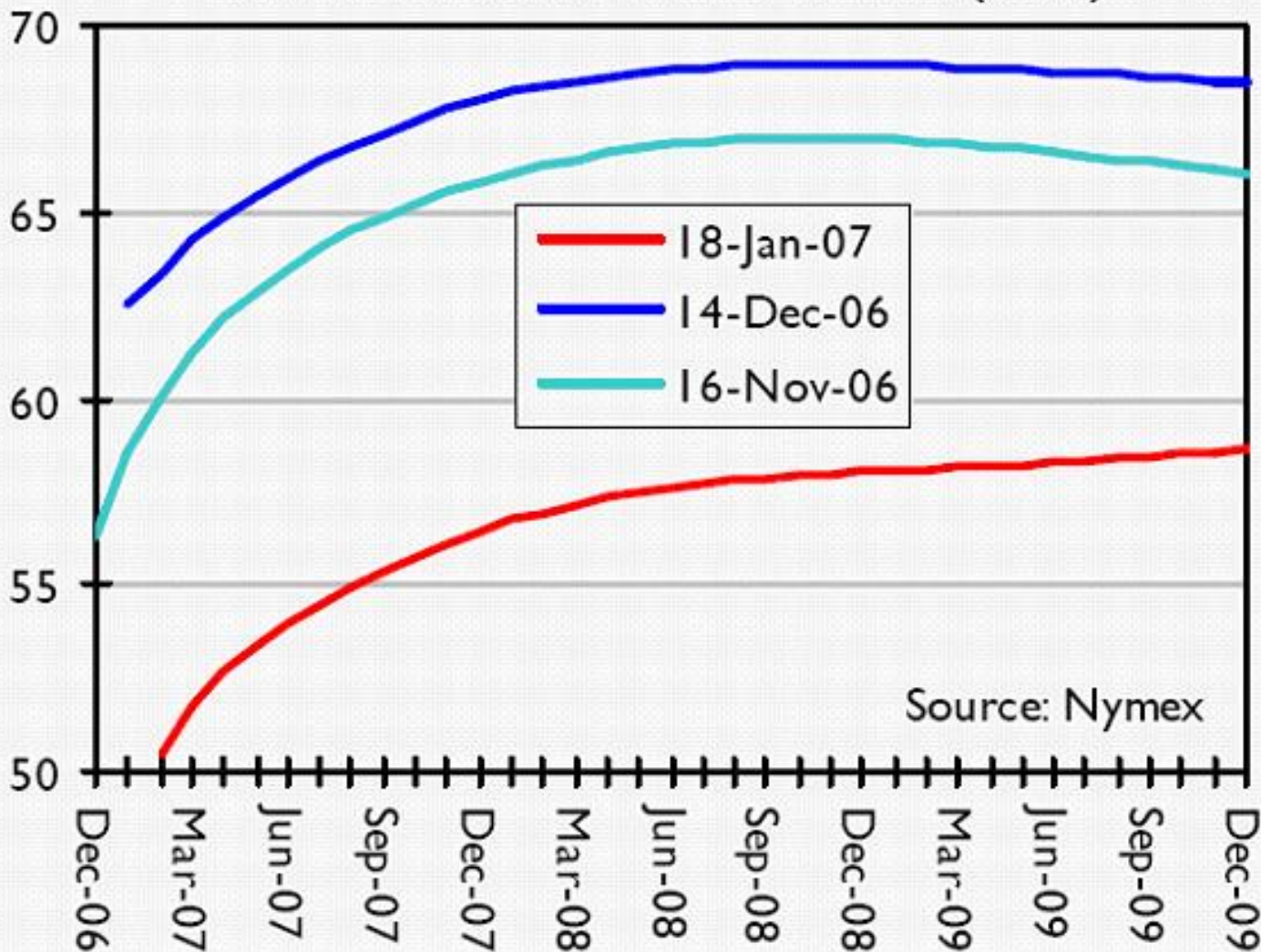
Period averages at close of business on 18/01/07

\$/bbl	2Q07	3Q07	4Q07	1Q08	2008	2009	2010
WTI	54.09	55.50	56.54	57.20	57.70	58.35	58.93

Source: Icap Energy Ltd.

Longer-term prices have collapsed, with the back end of the forward curve now below \$60/bbl all the way out to 2012. Although the market expects OPEC to cut output, weaker demand growth and growing supply competition make it more difficult to defend high prices. The balance of Calendar 2007 WTI is under \$55/bbl – 10 cents above Brent or \$51/bbl for the new OPEC basket of crudes.

WTI FORWARD PRICE CURVE (\$/bbl)

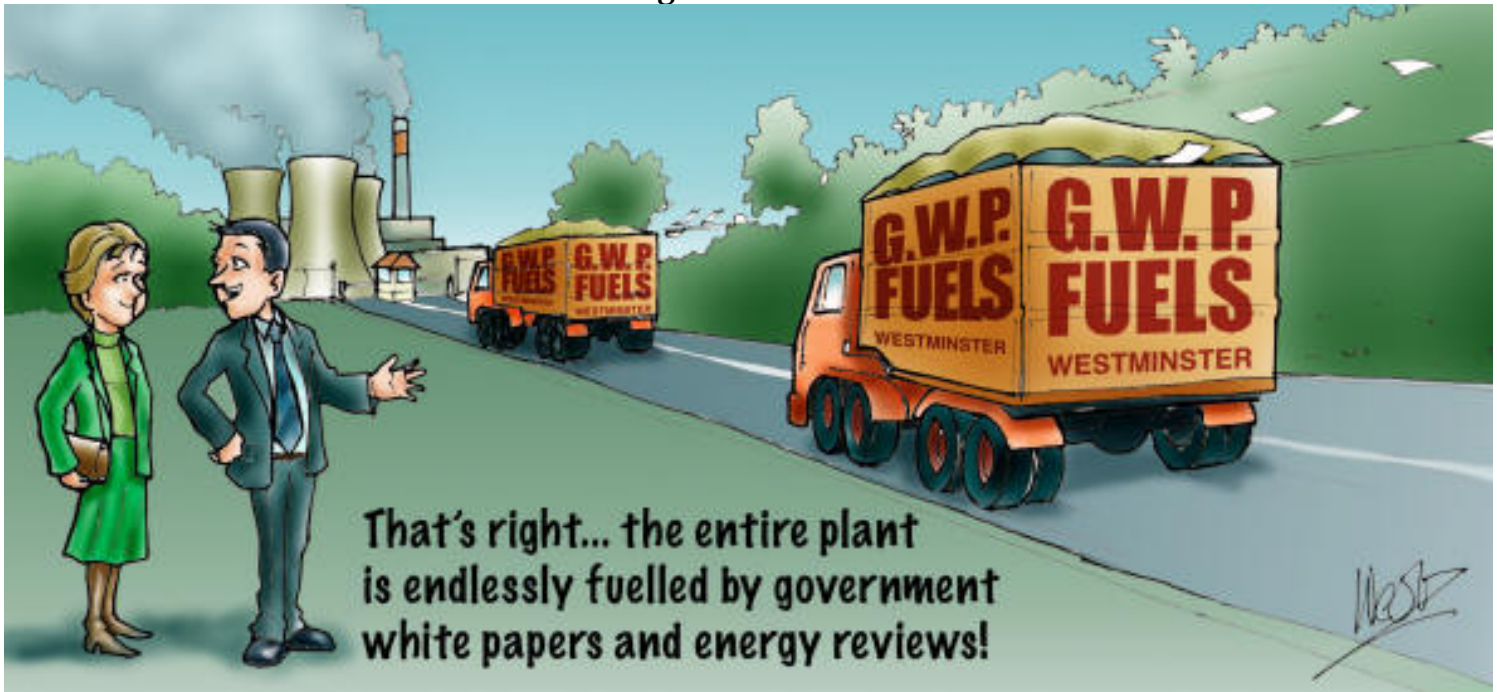


CGES Monthly Oil Report, 22 January 2007 www.cges.co.uk

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for the lighter side of life!



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mPATHY

thought of the month

I recommend that you take care of the minutes, for the hours will take care of themselves.

Philip Chesterfield Letter to his son, 6th Nov

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this month's exciting offers!

RE: FLAME 2007 – £750 Discount! - <http://www.icbi-uk.com/KN2140MZINEEM1>

750+ Senior Attendees already confirmed

120+ Expert Speakers

We are delighted to inform you that MZINE is a media partner for ICBI's **FLAME 2007** conference, taking place from 12th – 16th March 2007 at the Hotel Okura in Amsterdam. You can download the agenda on <http://www.icbi-uk.com/KN2140MZINEEM1> or if you would like me to email it to you, please send me a quick email on hcoetzee@icbi.co.uk with your request.

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To claim this discount quote **VIP CODE: KN2140MZINEEM1** when you book your place.

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Highlights for FLAME 2007

1. 120+ Senior Expert Speakers include:

Jean-François Cirelli, *Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*, **GAZ DE FRANCE**

Alexander Medvedev, *Deputy Chairman Management Committee*, **GAZPROM & Director General**, **GAZEXPORT**

Philip Lowe, *Director General, Competition*, **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Gertjan Lankhorst, *CEO*, **GASTERRA**

Dieter Pfaff, *Vice-President, Gas Supply Policy Division*, **E.ON RUHRGAS**

Tore Torvund, *Executive Vice President*, **NORSK HYDRO**

David Wells, *Vice President Global LNG Supply*, **SHELL GAS & POWER**

Ahmed Al Khulaifi, *COO-Commercial & Shipping*, **QATARGAS**

Anders Eldrup, *President/CEO*, **DONG**

Herbert Vogel, *Managing Director*, **BP GAS, POWER & RENEWABLES**

A full list of speakers is available on <http://www.icbi-uk.com/KN2140MZINEEM1>

2. **NEW WORKSHOP: Storage Trading & Optimization Workshop – A Practitioner’s View**
3. **NEW WORKSHOP: Price Forecasting And Valuation Workshop**

Full workshop programmes can be downloaded on <http://www.icbi-uk.com/KN2140MZINEEM1>

4. Plus: Touching The Void – survival of the fittest

Special Guest Speaker: Joe Simpson, One of the world’s most successful and respected mountaineers & authors.

5. NEW: Global, Regulatory & Political Views From:

Republican Party of Ukraine, UK Conservative Party, Dutch Ministry Of Economic Affairs,

Ofgem, ERGEG, German Regulatory Authority For Energy, French Energy Regulatory Commission, CREG, FERC – U.S.View!, Mitsubishi Corporation – Asian View!,

Qatargas & Qatar Petroleum – Middle Eastern View!

6. NEW: Networking Opportunities:

NEW: SPOTME – Brand new electronic delegate identifier & communicator device: a revolution in networking at Flame 07.

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