

Early Morning Update:

The May18 natural gas contract is trading down \$0.02 at \$2.70. The May18 crude contract is down \$0.12 at \$63.25.

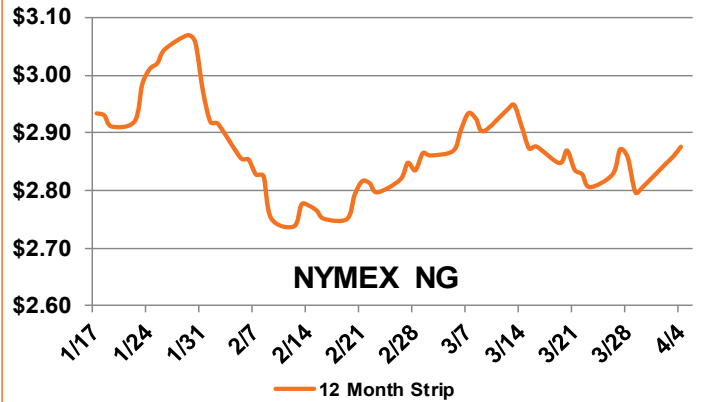
Summary: With colder temperatures in store for some of the major heating-demand areas of the U.S. in the coming days, the accompanying rise in demand expected for natural gas helped push prompt month prices a little higher on Wednesday. The May contract settled at \$2.718/MMBtu yesterday, up 2.1 cents day-over-day. With colder-than-normal temperatures forecast in the Northeast and the Midwest in the next 6-10 days, demand is expected to grow 3.2 Bcf/d, from the 75 Bcf/d past seven-day average to 78.2 Bcf/d anticipated over the next week. Supply, though, should help keep prices in check, as U.S. dry production has averaged 78.1 Bcf/d so far this month, an increase of 7.1 Bcf/d over April 2017. Estimates for the weekly storage withdrawal range from 22 to 39 Bcf, with a consensus at 26 Bcf. This is right in line with the 28 Bcf five-year average withdrawal. Projections for the next two weeks have changed with the fluctuating weather outlooks, with the possibility of two more withdrawals before summer storage rebuilding begins.

Bullish Factors

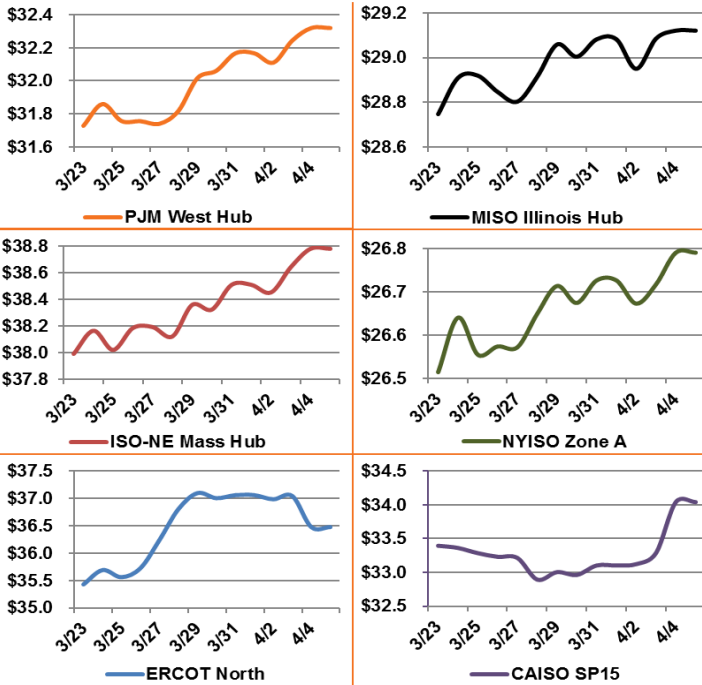
- Low expected storage levels
- LNG exports ramping up
- Exports to Mexico at all-time high

Bearish Factors

- NG production at record levels
- Growing renewable energy generation
- Increasing normal temperatures



12 Month Strips, ATC Power Prices

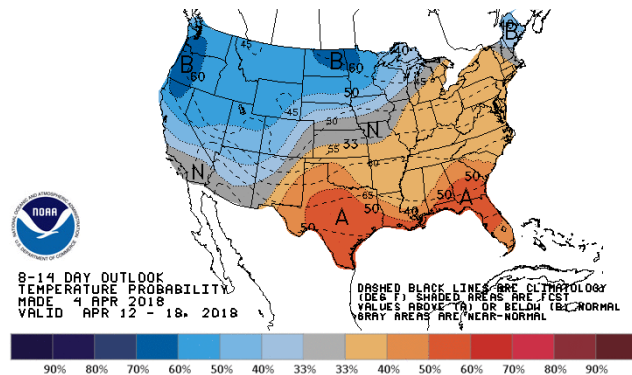
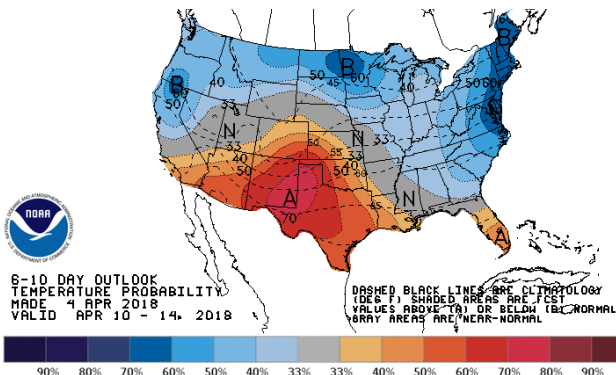


Next Day On-Peak Power (traded for 4/5/2018)

ISO-NE Mass Hub \$64.61	MISO Indiana Hub \$34.75	NYISO Zone G \$36.91
PJM West Hub \$40.39	ERCOT North \$27.00	CAISO SP15 \$27.39
NYMEX NG	Close	Change
Apr-18	2.718	0.021
May-18	2.766	0.021
12 Month	2.876	0.017
Cal 19	2.801	-0.003
Cal 20	2.765	-0.014

EIA Natural Gas Storage

EIA Reported Storage (Bcf)	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg.
Total	1,446	1,532	2,113	1,775
Diff v. Current		-86	-667	-329
% Diff			-31.6%	-18.5%



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