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EXPECT HIGHER-THAN-AVERAGE NATURAL GAS PRICES THIS WINTER, EIA SAYS

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Natural gas prices are projected to be higher than average this winter amid low inventories and strong demand globally, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). LNG (liquefied natural gas) exports are expected to jump 17% in the fourth quarter.

The EIA released Wednesday (Sept. 7) the September Short-Term Energy Outlook that shows the U.S. natural gas spot price at the Henry Hub will rise this winter, reaching a monthly average of \$9.10 per million British thermal units in January 2023. The price will be the highest inflation-adjusted monthly average price since 2008. Natural gas demand is expected to remain strong despite the high prices for the commodity.

"There are limited options for replacing natural gas in the short term, especially for electricity generation," said EIA Administrator Joe DeCarolis. "We expect electricity producers — particularly in Europe — will have to generate some electricity from oil-based fuels this winter."

In Europe and Asia, natural gas prices set records in August as pipeline exports from Russia to Europe fell to the lowest level in 40 years, and U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports remained limited because of the outage at the Freeport LNG facility.

In the United States, natural gas inventories are projected to be 7% below the previous five-year average at the end of October. Natural gas is the primary source of heat for 46% of U.S. households. In 2023, U.S. natural gas prices are expected to fall as production rises.

Following are other highlights from the Short-Term Energy Outlook:

- U.S. LNG exports are expected to rise by 17% to an average of 11.7 billion cubic feet per day in the fourth quarter, from the third quarter. DeCarolis said the exports are expected to return to record levels if the Freeport facility resumes partial operations as expected in November.
- Oil prices are projected to be flat for the remainder of this year, but DeCarolis noted the various factors that could affect the prices in the fourth quarter, including changes in OPEC production, conflict in Libya and U.S. production and transportation disruptions as a result of late-season hurricanes.
- U.S. households consumed 1.7% more electricity this past summer (between June and August), compared to summer 2021. The increase is largely because the summer was hotter than summer 2021.

LINCOLN AND LEA COUNTY TOYS FOR TOTS

Campaign Drop Off Locations:

Start - 10/1/2022 End - 12/23/2022

Zia Natural Gas Ruidoso
100 Short Dr Ruidoso
Downs NM 88346

Zia Natural Gas Hobbs
510 E. Bender
Hobbs NM 88240



RELATED DATES

Application Open Date: 10/1/2022

Date campaign begins accepting toy applications

Application Close Date: 11/15/2022

Date campaign stops accepting toy applications

Application Response Start Date:

11/16/2022

Date when campaign will begin reviewing and responding to applications.

Application Response End Date:

11/23/2022

Date when campaign will complete reviewing and responding to applications.

Distribution Start Date: 12/1/2022

First date of toy distribution. Approved applicants will be notified of specific distribution dates and locations. Check website for additional distribution details.

Distribution End Date: 12/15/2022

Date when all toy distributions are expected to be completed.

Last Collection Date: 12/15/2022

Date campaign will complete pickup from toy drop locations. If you still have toys that need to be picked up, Contact Us to arrange to either have them picked up, or have them dropped off to the campaign.

Zia Natural Gas would like to wish all a very
Happy Holiday Season.

Our offices will be closed on Monday,
December 26th in observance of Christmas
and, again on Monday, January 2nd 2023, in
observance of New Year's Day.

2023

Happy new year!

COATS for kids



COATS FOR KIDS 2022

Fall is here and your Bravo Mic family of radio stations have teamed up with US Bank, Comet Cleaners, Knights of Columbus, and D2 Designs for this year's Coats for Kids!

We're asking for your help in keeping the kiddos in need warm this winter with a donation of a new or gently used coat!

Bring your new or gently used coat to any of the Las Cruces Comet Cleaners locations along with: Pitre Kia of Las Cruces, Clear Imaging, Hacienda Carpet and Tile, Sun City Finance, Rad Retrocade, Zia Natural Gas, and Viva Auto Group of Las Cruces.

Recipe

DIRECTIONS

Baked French Toast Casserole with Maple Syrup

Ingredients:

1 loaf of French bread (13 to 16 oz)	¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
8 large eggs	¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 ½ cups half and half	Dash of salt
1 cup milk	Maple Syrup
2 tablespoons granulated sugar	Praline Topping (recipe below)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	

Praline Topping

½ pound butter (2 sticks)	2 tablespoons light corn syrup
1 cup packed light brown sugar	½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 cup chopped pecans	½ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Directions

Slice French bread into 20 – 1-inch pieces. Arrange slices into two overlapping rows in a generously buttered 9" X 13" flat baking dish. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, half and half, milk, sugar, vanilla cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt and beat with a rotary beater or whisk until blended but not too bubbly. Pour the mixture over the bread slices, making sure all are covered evenly with the milk-egg mixture. Spoon some of the mixture between the slices.

Cover with foil and refrigerate over-night. The next day, preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spread Praline topping evenly over the bread and bake for 40 minutes, until puffed and lightly golden. Serve with Maple syrup
Praline Topping: Combine all of the Praline topping ingredients in a medium bowl and blend well. Makes enough for Baked French Toast Casserole

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program LIHEAP: Notice of Winter Shut-Off Protection

Protection from winter shut-off begins November 15, 2021. To avoid potential disconnection of services please contact the Human Services Department at 800-283-4465, or the appropriate tribal or pueblo entity, for eligibility information for the LIHEAP program. Your service will not be disconnected from November 15, 2021, through March 19, 2022, if you meet the qualifications of LIHEAP and have no past due amounts or remain current on any installment agreements for amounts due as of November 15, 2021. Members of New Mexico's tribes or pueblos who need help with translation or with other matters may contact the commission's consumer relations division at 888-427-5772, who will contact the appropriate tribal or pueblo official for assistance. For an application, please visit www.hsd.state.nm.us.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Monday Night – Ruidoso - **Monday Night Games** 5 PM to 8 PM at the Lost Hiker Midtown Location. Bring your own game or join one here!

Every Thursday Night – Ruidoso - **Thursday Night Trivia** 6:30 PM at the Lost Hiker Ruidoso Downs Location

Every Friday and Sunday – Mesilla - **Mercado on the Plaza** Local vendors are available with local produce, homemade crafts and unique gift ideas. Make a day of it and visit one of our local shops in old Mesilla for more unique products, flavorful local food and tasty beverages.

December 1 – Ruidoso - **Christmas in the Park** 6 PM to 8 PM Wingfield Park. Come Celebrate the Holidays with the annual Christmas in the Park. There will be pictures with Santa, lighting of the Tree, and cocoa, coffee, and cookies provided by Cornerstone Bakery.

December 2 – Mesilla - **Christmas Tree Lighting** Plaza in Old Mesilla. Performances, refreshments and festivities launch the beginning of the holiday season. Family fun for all!

December 2-3 – Hobbs - **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** Shipp Street Plaza West Broadway, Hobbs NM

December 3 – Ruidoso - **Festival of Lights** 5 PM to 10 PM. An annual Ruidoso Christmas tradition, the Festival of Lights returns December 3 for another magical parade to kick off the Christmas season in the village. This year's theme is Christmas in the Stars, so wear your Star Wars best and head to Ruidoso to be amazed by the floats on display from a galaxy far...

December 10 – Hobbs - **Christmas Concert Ft. Lubbock Christian University Acappella Choir** 7 PM - 9 PM St. Helena Catholic Church 100 E Bender Blvd., Hobbs NM, 88240 Come enjoy the Spirit of the Season with the Lubbock Christian University Choirs as they present their program "Joy to the World"! From classic Christmas songs you can sing along with, to more traditional choral Latin hymns, this moving performance will bring home the enchantment of the Holidays. Bring the family and celebrate with us!

December 10 & 11 – Mesilla - **Native American Market** Plaza in Old Mesilla. Friends of the Organ Mountains present the Native American Market. Performances, Food and craft Vendors will be on the Plaza.

December 10-12 – Las Cruces - **Festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe** The annual religious celebration begins with the procession of the image of La Virgen de Guadalupe to the Casa del Pueblo on Saturday, includes the pilgrimage up Tortugas "A" Mountain on Sunday, and culminates with dancing by matachines groups and the procession of La Virgen back to the church, on Monday.

December 11 – Las Cruces - **Mesilla Valley Chorale Holiday Concert** 3 PM. Rio Grande Theatre. Enjoy all your favorite holiday songs, as the Mesilla Valley Chorale presents seasonal favorites such as Carol of the Bells, And the Angels Sang, I'll Be Home For Christmas, Shepherd's Pipe Carol, and many more.

December 16 – Las Cruces - **Light It Up Las Cruces** 4:30 PM. Plaza de Las Cruces. The Chabad of las Cruces invites you to celebrate Jewish Pride with the lighting of an 18-foot menorah, the largest in southern New Mexico, along with traditional music, decorations and food, such as potato latkes, and sufganiyot.

December 16 – Las Cruces - **Nate Bargatze: The Raincheck Tour** 7 PM. Plaza Theatre. The nicest man in stand-up, the 2021 Grammy-nominated comedian and podcaster continues his sold-out tour, with comedy that is both clean and relatable.

December 17 & 18 – Ruidoso - **The Nutcracker** Sat. 2 PM and 7 PM, Sun. 2 PM. \$39 Spencer Theatre.

December 24 – Mesilla - **Christmas Tree Lighting** Plaza in Old Mesilla. 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM - Join the Town of Mesilla for the tradition of Luminarias on the Plaza! Hot Cocoa, Caroling, and Fun! A truly magical experience!

December 31 – Las Cruces - **Nutcracker! Magic of Christmas Ballet** 3 PM and 7 PM. Plaza Theatre The acclaimed holiday tradition celebrates its 30th anniversary, with larger-than-life puppets, breath-taking acrobatics, dazzling costumes and the exquisite artistry of an international cast.

December 31 – Ruidoso - **Ring It Inn New Year's Eve Celebration** Starting at 7 PM. Tickets \$125 At Inn of the Mountain Gods Doors & Dinner | 7 PM Pop Vision Band | 8 PM Drive Band | 9:30 PM Young Guns | 11 PM Champagne Toast | Midnight Get.

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– Benjamin Spock



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