

Weekly Commodities & Shipping Monitor



ENERGY DESK

Week ending October 15, 2026

Analyst: CASC Energy Desk

THE CALL

Tight supply lifts oil, diesel, LPG, gas and PJM power; ERCOT and CAISO soft

WTI ~\$95 (+3.5% w/w), ULSD \$4.93/gal (+8.6%), propane +22.8% m/m and PJM spot at \$1,021/MWh; gas (+6.3%) and EUAs (+5.4%) firmed while ERCOT and CAISO softened.

DESK SNAPSHOT

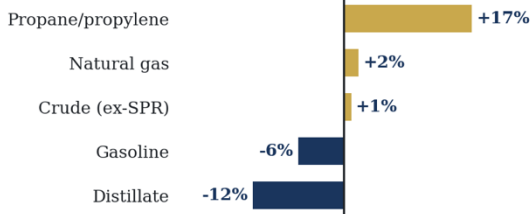
Analysts	CASC Energy Desk
Stance	Bull (selective)
Conviction	Medium
Horizon	1–4 weeks
Key risk	Hormuz reopening

PRICE MONITOR

CONTRACT	LAST	CHANGE	AS OF	DESK VIEW
WTI Nov-26 (CL), \$/bbl	95.09	+3.5% w/w	Oct 14	Split
ULSD Nov-26 (HO), \$/gal	4.934	+8.6% w/w	Oct 13	Bull
Mont Belvieu propane, \$/gal	1.07	+22.8% m/m	Oct 14	Neutral/Bull
Aramco CP propane, \$/t	680	+\$55 m/m	Oct CP	Bull
Henry Hub Nov-26 (NG), \$/MMBtu	3.22	+6.3% w/w	Oct 9	Bull
PJM W. Hub RT (wk avg), \$/MWh	53.68	+6.2% w/w	Oct 5–11	Bull
ERCOT N. Hub RT (wk avg), \$/MWh	40.43	+6.1% w/w	Oct 5–11	Bear
EUA Dec-26 (ICE), €/t	88.05	+5.4% w/w	Oct 13	Neutral/Bull

CHART OF THE WEEK

US stocks vs. 5-yr avg, wk to Oct 2



Products are short; only propane is long

Source: EIA via Oil & Gas 360, RBN; wk to Oct 2

KEY DRIVERS

- **Crude:** Hormuz and Saudi attacks rebuild war premium; WTI 2027 strip at record \$84
- **Products:** US distillate 12% below 5-yr avg; 1.3M b/d diesel exports lost; Russia deal worth only \$1–2/bbl
- **LPG:** Aramco Oct CP \$680/t (+\$55); US propane exports 2.46M b/d, stocks 17% above avg
- **Power:** PJM 62 GW on maintenance, FERC rejected load plan; ERCOT/CAISO soft on wind, solar, storage
- **Carbon:** EUA €88.05 on record EU gas; UKA +9.6% on EU–UK link; EU summit relief is the risk
- **Weather & renewables:** Cold front Oct 19, then warm; US solar +22% YTD; 16 reactors offline

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DESK VIEW: BULL (NEAR TERM)

CURVE, \$/MMBTU	LAST	W/W
Nov-26 front month (NG)	3.22	+6.3%
12-month strip	3.16	+3.6%
Cal-27 strip	3.24	+2.9%
US spot (daily)	3.19	–2.7% d/d

- **Supply:** Hurricane Isaias shut in 59% of Gulf offshore gas Oct 9 (25% by Oct 12); L48 output 110.6 vs. 113.3 Bcf/d in Aug–Sep
- **Storage:** EIA +85 Bcf vs. +79 exp., +96 5-yr; 3,500 Bcf, +2% vs. 5-yr and narrowing
- **LNG pull:** feedgas ~20 Bcf/d; EU storage ~75–78% as Hormuz curbs Qatar/UAE LNG
- **Caps:** warmer forecasts; faster Gulf recovery or mild winter is the downside

TRADE IDEA

Long Dec-26 diesel crack (HOZ6 vs. 1.4x CLZ6) · Entry ~\$113/bbl post-EIA · Target +\$24 · Stop –\$12 · R/R 2.0

Also on desk: long Mont Belvieu propane; long PJM Jan–Feb on-peak vs. ERCOT

Rationale: Refining scarcity pays; a Hormuz reopening or signed US export ban invalidates it.

RISKS TO THE VIEW

- Hormuz deal: crude, diesel crack and LPG arb compress
- Mild El Niño winter: erases heating-oil, propane, gas, PJM premium
- EU summit carbon relief; DOE orders cap power spikes

CATALYSTS AHEAD

- **[Thu]** EIA oil and gas stocks; EU Council
- **[Fri]** DOE PJM emergency order lapses
- **[Mon]** Cold front hits Midwest–NE
- **[Nov 3]** US midterms: export-ban risk