

Midstream/MLP Energy

Gulf Coast basin bottleneck deep dive with BofA gas trading

Industry Overview

Around the horn: Permian, AD and Haynesville/LNG views

Last Friday (1/12), we invited BofA natural gas trader Josh Sahrmann to discuss gas macro and potential bottlenecks in the Permian, Agua Dulce and Haynesville/LNG markets. We discuss in detail all 3 basins with relevant exhibits on Page 3-5. Our main conclusions are 1) a new Permian gas pipe is needed by 1H26, 2) a GCX expansion might be longer dated given legacy EF gas production and proposed bi-directional Katy-Corpus pipes and 3) Golden Pass and Plaquemines have the potential to move gas earlier than expected.

When is the next Permian gas takeaway pipe needed?

Forward '25/'26 Waha basis at -56c/-50c/Mcf suggest the Permian won't have a gas takeaway issue soon. But producers and processors see the need for a new pipe in '26. Following the Whistler/PHP expansions (1.1 Bcf/d total), we see the basin balanced at YE23. And the 2.5 Bcf/d Matterhorn pipe is expected to come online in 2Q24 - though our discussion indicated a bias for a delayed in-service. Nevertheless, we count 11 processing plants (Exhibit 6) totaling 2.4 Bcf/d coming online through 1H25, filling Matterhorn by 3Q25. So a new gas pipe is needed by 1H26, at the latest. OKE's proposed 2.8 Bcf/d Saguaro pipeline could be sanctioned this year to supply the Mexico Pacific LNG project, but the connecting cross-border Sierra Madre pipeline seems to be "substantially delayed", which would make Saguaro irrelevant from a takeaway perspective. So, a new pipe needs to be announced. We think APEX (TRGP) has more commercial interest than Warrior (ET). But TRGP only wants to own 25% of a new gas pipe, to compensate it for the barrels it is bringing to underwrite the project. So, a majority partner is needed, which given its recent commercial success, could be Whitewater. We believe TRGP's potential cash spend is limited to <\$200mm over 2 years (\$2.5bn cost x 80% project debt x 25% equity ownership).

Could the GCX expansion be priced out by Katy-AD pipe?

Following the Matterhorn Express (2-2.5 Bcf/d) and PHP/Whistler expansion FIDs (~1 Bcf/d), the 0.5 Bcf/d GCX expansion seemed unlikely. But then the 2.5 Rio Grande LNG facility (1st LNG in '27) was sanctioned in Sept. '23, requiring more gas to flow to Agua Dulce. Owners KMI and KNTK noted renewed interest in an expansion to supply the new '27+ demand in South TX. But we believe counterparty interest is slow to develop. And KNTK initially planned to announce a sale of its 16% equity interest on its 2Q23 call in August. KNTK has yet to sell the pipe, noting it wants to be compensated for the expansion option, with the delay possibly an indicator that the expansion is longer dated. This could indicate that 1) EF gas production is still material, averaging 0.4 Bcf/d in '23 (Exhibit 9) and 2) bi-directional bullet pipes, with lower rates, are being developed between Katy and AD. With 3.1 Bcf/d of Permian new gas headed to Katy between Matterhorn & the PHP expansion (Exhibit 7), the Katy market is oversupplied and will be looking to move gas both north (Blackfin) and south to AD, with possible 1-1.5 Bcf/d bullet lines. Our gas team believes rates on a new build could be between 20-30c/Mcf, which would be significantly lower than >50c/Mcf rates on a GCX expansion.

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Glossary

AD: Agua Dulce EF: Eagle Ford ET: Energy Transfer LP GCX: Gulf Coast Express Pipeline KMI: Kinder Morgan Corp. KNTK: Kinetik Holdings Inc. LNG: Liquefied natural gas OKE: ONEOK Inc. PHP: Permian Highway Pipeline TRGP: Targa Resources Corp.

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Exhibit 1: LNG capacity announced between '24-27

Plaguemines Phase 1 is the only LNG plant scheduled to come online in '24

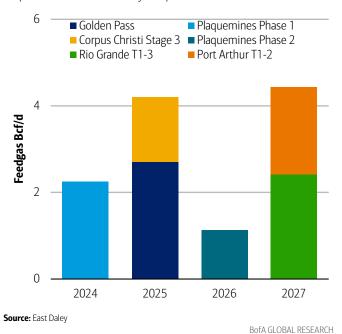
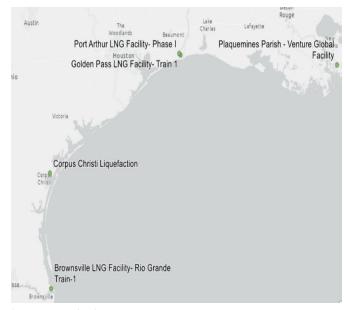


Exhibit 2: Gulf Coast LNG facilities

Gulf Coast LNG facilities scheduled to come online by '27



Source: S&P Capital Markets

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Haynesville pipeline development and LNG timing

Regarding '24 LNG projects, the discussion centered around when Golden Pass and Plaquemines come online. Golden Pass is officially delayed with first cargoes expected in '25, but our BofA guest speaker believes that assessment is not entirely correct. The discrepancy comes from looking at commissioned molecules vs flowing molecules. XOM notes that Golden Pass Train 1 will be mechanically complete in 4Q24. And while there is risk in Plaquemines LNG being delayed past its 2Q24 feed gas timeline, given a lack of a FERC filing to fit with that schedule, we still see a 2H24 in-service classified contractually as "partial service".

The Haynesville pipe litigation - Delays imminent for 3 gathering pipes

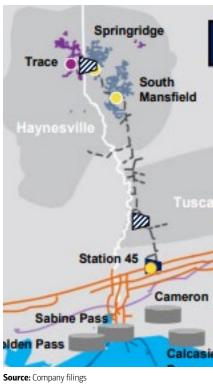
Recent litigation involving 3 gathering pipes and disputed right-of-ways with ET (specifically the Gulf Run system) could delay those pipes from coming online. ET's argument is that these gathering pipes cross FERC regulated Gulf Run 40+ times. Our BofA guest speaker believes that, if the litigation is not settled this month, the projects will be delayed as they will be heard by the State of Louisiana. This could delay Haynesville completions as gas is trapped in the Perryville area. We expect WMB to provide a timing and routing update on its LEG (Louisiana Energy Gateway) pipeline at its February analyst day.



Exhibit 3: DTM Blue Union-LEAP system LEAP expansion is brownfield



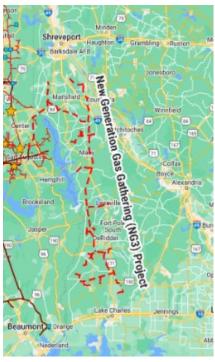
Exhibit 4: WMB LEG buildout Upstream to LNG exposure being built out



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Exhibit 5: Momentum's NG3 project

NG3 moves 1.7 Bcf/d from Haynesville to GC LNG



Source: Company filings

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Lastly, KMI is prepared to build FERC-regulated pipes to support Haynesville egress if the 3 gathering pipes fail to move forward. We expect a delay but still believe the takeaway projects are completed. Note LEAP is already in the ground, so the question is if the Phase 3 Expansion moves forward.

Relevant charts referenced on Page 1

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We count 11 processing plants totaling 2.4 Bcf/d coming online through 1H25 filling Matterhorn by 3Q25.

Exhibit 6: Permian processing plants '24-'25

11 processing plants expected to add ~2.4 Bcf/d of capacity by 1H25

Plant	Company	Facility/Basin	In- service	Capacity (MMcf/d)	Source	Comments
				, ,,,,		Our Wildcat II and Roadrunner II plants remain on track to begin operations
Wildcat II	Targa Resources	Delaware	1Q24	275	3Q23 Earnings Call	in the first and second quarters of 2024 respectively.
Dos Picos II	Pinnacle Midstream	Midland	Nov-24	220		
Campo Viejo S	Stakeholder Midstream	Delaware	Jul-24	80		
Roadrunner II	Targa Resources	Delaware	2Q24	230	December Investor Presentation	1
Tiger II	EnLink Midstream	Delaware	2Q24	150	3Q23 10-Q	We expect to complete the relocation in the second quarter of 2024.
Preakness II	MPI X	Delaware	1H24	200	3023 Earnings Call	We're progressing construction of Preakness II, which we expect to be online in the first half of 2024.
Sundance	Brazos	Midland	Early 2024	200	3 423 2483 64	6.11.11.6.11.13.6.11.11.1.1.0.1.2.5.2.1.1
Greenwood II	Targa Resources	Midland	4024	275		
	0					Our next plant, in the Midland, Greenwood II, remains on track to begin operations in the fourth quarter of 2024 and is expected to be much
Private	Private Plant	Delaware	1Q25	275	3Q23 Earnings Call	needed when it comes online.
						While we expect some Mentone and North Loving Plant capital to push out
						of 2023 and into 2024 based on construction time lines, we still expect the plants to be operational by the end of the first quarter of 2024 and the first
North Loving	Western Midstream	Delaware	1Q25	250	3Q23 Earnings Call	quarter of 2025, respectively.
Bull Moose	Targa Resources	Delaware	2Q25	275	December Investor Presentation	1
Total				2,430		

Source: BofA Global Research

Possible bi-directional Katy to Corpus Christi pipes

There are proposed bi-directional pipelines between Houston and Corpus which could push out the need for a GCX expansion.

Exhibit 7: Katy Hub will be oversupplied

Gas will flow north and possibly south to Corpus Christi



Source: S&P Capital Markets

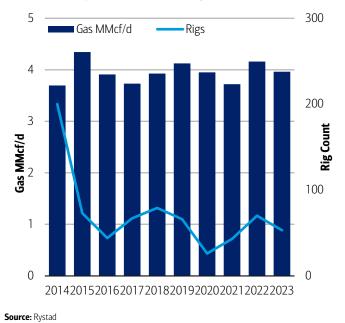
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Eagleford gas production to supply the Agua Dulce market

Residue gas in the Eagleford remains stable despite a lower rig count and the basin maturing. This is largely because Gas-Oil-Ratios (GORs) are rising.

Exhibit 8: Eagleford gas production

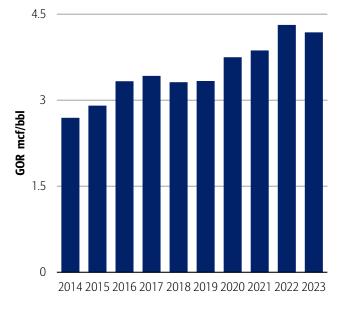
Production has stayed stable despite lower rigs



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Exhibit 9: Eagleford GORs are rising

Basin is becoming gassier



Source: Rystad

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