

IEA Expects Higher LNG Demand in India Compared With BNEF: React

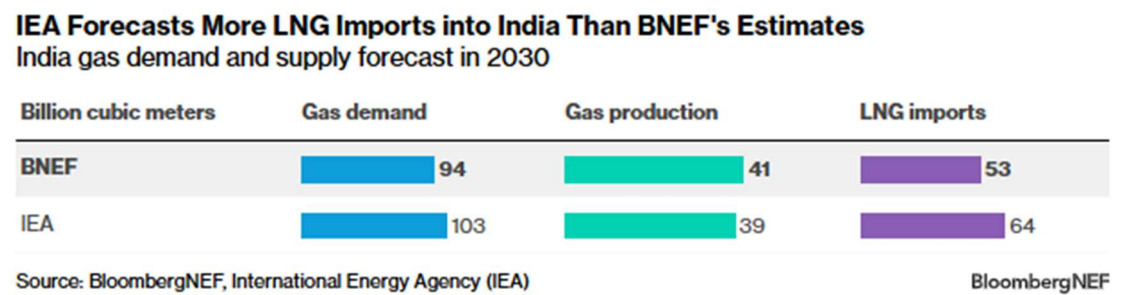
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- IEA’s power sector gas demand is 9Bcm higher than BNEF in 2030
- City gas and industries to drive gas demand in both outlooks

[The International Energy Agency](#) (IEA) expects liquefied natural gas imports to supply a bigger share of India’s gas demand by 2030 compared with BloombergNEF estimates, a difference that is largely due to the IEA’s higher gas demand estimates for the country in the coming years.

In its [India gas market outlook](#) report, IEA predicts total gas demand will reach 103 billion cubic meters by 2030, almost 9Bcm higher than BNEF’s estimated gas demand for the same year. Most of this difference stems from the power sector. Both outlooks are aligned on industry and city gas playing a key role to support country’s gas demand growth over 2024-30.



The IEA forecasts gas demand from the power sector and industries to rise by 9Bcm and 4Bcm, respectively, between 2024 and 2030. In contrast, BNEF expects gas use in power will fall by 4Bcm over the same period due to possible decline in domestic gas availability to the power plants located in south and east India amid growing renewables generation. Both views are aligned on gas demand from compressed natural gas (CNG) in transport, fertilizers and petrochemicals. However, BNEF sees more demand from the residential segment in city gas and refineries, forecasting a combined 4Bcm increase above the IEA’s estimates for 2030.

On the domestic gas production side, the IEA expects this to peak by 2028, in line with BNEF’s forecast. However, the IEA’s base case does not account for a potential increase in gas production from the [ONGC](#) and BP Exploration (Alpha) Ltd. partnership as it expands production at the Mumbai High fields. This leads to a slightly lower forecast for India’s domestic gas output compared with BNEF.

Higher gas demand and modestly lower growth in local gas production leads to more LNG needs in the IEA’s outlook compared with BNEF’s estimates.

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