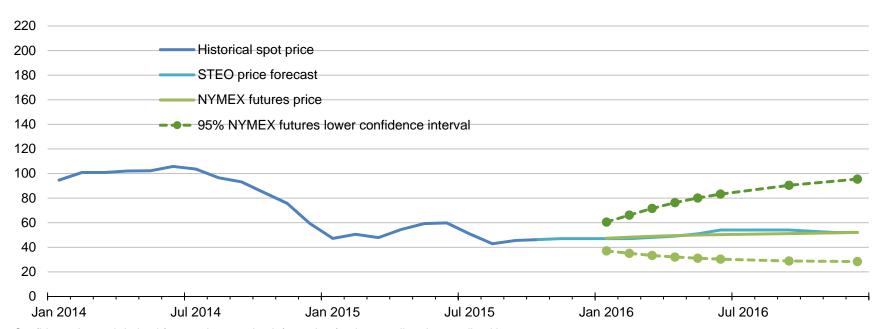
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### **Crude Oil Prices**

### West Texas Intermediate (WTI) Crude Oil Price dollars per barrel



Note: Confidence interval derived from options market information for the 5 trading days ending Nov. 5, 2015. Intervals not calculated for months with sparse trading in near-the-money options contracts.

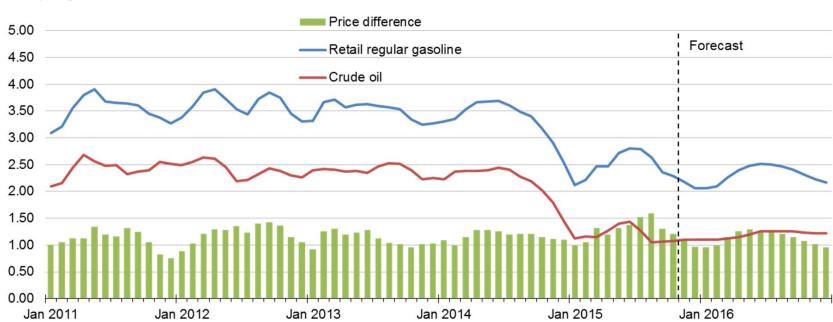
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### Gasoline v. Crude Oil Prices

### U.S. Gasoline and Crude Oil Prices dollars per gallon



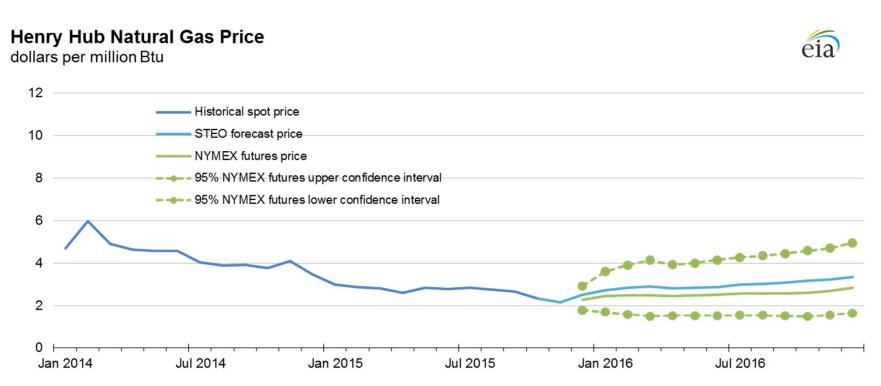


Crude oil price is composite refiner acquisition cost. Retail prices include state and federal taxes.

Source: Short-Term Energy Outlook, November 2015.



### **Natural Gas Prices**



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Source: Short-Term Energy Outlook, November 2015.



### **2016 Energy Forecast**

- Crude price will remain low (\$56/b average)
- Crude production and inventory stays high
  - ➤ Iran supply on line second quarter 2016
- ➤ Natural gas price will remain low (\$2.50/MMBtu)
- Natural gas production and inventory stays high
  - > lower than average winter draw down due to warmer than normal temps



## **2016 Energy Issues to Watch**

- 1. Congressional response to increased domestic production
  - a) Lifting of 40 year U.S. crude oil export ban
  - b) Streamline process for LNG export licenses
- 2. Renewables & Alternatives
  - a) EPA regs on renewables in transportation fuel
- 3. Infrastructure
  - a) Transportation bill passed with 5 year plan
  - b) US\$80 billion earmarked for SW Louisiana under House plan
- 4. Geopolitical
  - a) New US President will face continued unrest and geopolitical issues in Russia, Syria, Iraq, China, etc.

### **Fun Louisiana Energy Facts**

- Henry Hub in Erath, LA is pricing point for natural gas futures trading on NY Mercantile Exchange
- ♣ LA is leading importer of foreign crude oil
  - LA Offshore Oil Port is only port in US capable of offloading deep draft tankers
- LA has three onshore LNG terminals (more than any state)
- ♣ LA has nineteen oil refineries accounting for 1.5 of US refining capacity
  - ♣ Plantation oil pipeline in BR supplies most of the south with gasoline, jet fuel, diesel and biodiesel

### Fun Non-Energy Louisiana Facts

- What is the highest elevation?
  - Driskill Mountain in Bienville Parish (535 ft)
- What is the state insect?
  - Honeybee
- What is the state drink?
  - Milk
  - Unofficial drink is Hurricane
- What is the state reptile?
  - Alligator
- What is the state fossil?
  - Petrified palmwood



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