

U.S. Pipeline Capacity Trading Bulletin



September 2026

Trends for Top 10 Pipelines

	August 2026	% change m/m	% change y/y
Number of Deals	1,309	11%	14%
Traded Capacity Dth/d	14,751,981	57%	6%
Annualized Equiv Dth/d	3,118,477	117%	54%
Spot Deals	322	28%	50%
Mo. to Yr. Deals	2,780	9%	2%
Yr. + Deals	17	113%	87%

August Trading Highlights

- Deals rose in number and volume m/m per usual for August, but dropped y/y, with the exception of Annualized Equivalents jumped appreciably m/m and y/y
- For the first half of 2026 (1H26), marketed natural gas production averaged 4% more than 1H25, concentrated mostly in the Permian region (Texas-New Mexico) and the Haynesville region (Louisiana-Texas).*
- LNG exports rose 23% for 1H26 due to higher capacity from addition of new terminals and expansions at existing terminals.*
- STEO for August expects natural gas inventories to be a record 3,985 billion cubic feet (Bcf) at the end of October, an increase of 19 Bcf compared with the July STEO and 5% above the five-year average.**

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Capacity Release Details for Top 10 Pipelines

July Rank	August Rank	Pipeline	Annualized Equiv Dth/d	No of Deals	Traded Capacity Dth/d	Spot Deals	Month to Year Deals	Year + Deals
7	1	TETCO (TEXAS EASTERN)	1,027,395	476	1,861,969	1	475	0
3	2	TRANSCO	770,096	609	2,970,112	32	573	4
19	3	GULF SOUTH PIPELINE	279,814	34	1,496,820	0	34	0
4	4	TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE	188,529	357	667,880	11	342	4
10	5	EL PASO NATURAL GAS	181,929	14	269,919	1	10	3
6	6	COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION	164,539	787	1,785,517	20	766	1
9	7	EASTERN GAS TRANSMISSION	148,460	431	1,937,236	129	302	0
5	8	SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS	133,835	183	979,055	5	174	4
12	9	ALGONQUIN	117,166	212	2,640,360	119	93	0
15	10	NORTHWEST PIPELINE	106,714	16	143,113	4	11	1

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