Spare Capacity :

Is it required under new supply and demand realities? Who must provide it and at what cost?

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The new supply and demand realities





In both cases the market overshot and then collapsed.



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Swing producer and recovery to a 'New Normal'



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- a) Call on US, Canada, Mexico and Chile grows 3 Mn bpd by 2020.
- b) But near term, production is 1 Mn bpd over Call.
- c) Based on data from IEA MTOMR of Feb 2015.
- d) Assume OPEC crude 30.5 Mn bpd in 2015 rising to 32.5 in 2020 (UAE, Libya, Iran, Iraq).



Bakken Rigs - Citi Research

		2015	
Company	3q14	plan	
Abraxas	1	1	
ConocoPhillips	10	3	
Continental	22	11	
Emerald	3	1	
EOG	6	3	
Halcon	3	2	
Hess	17	9.5	
Marathon	6	3	
Oasis ***	16	7	
QEP	7	2.5	
Whiting	21	12	
Total	112	55	

Baker Hughes ND rig count



14-Jan-15	Breakevn	Rigs	
Billings	\$31	1	
BOT-REN	\$52	0	
BOW-SLP	\$75	3	
Burke	\$61	1	
Divide	\$63	5	
Dunn	\$28	23	
Golden Valley	\$49	1	
McKenzie	\$29	58	
McClean	\$77	0	
Mountrail	\$39	28	
Stark	\$35	1	
Williams	\$34	32	

ND DMR say breakeven costs \$28-\$77/b but basic operating costs are only \$15, or \$25 basis WTI.

\$/во	Rigs	New wells	1-Jul-15	1-Jul-16	1-Jul-17
25	40	1,100	1,000,000	800,000	700,000
35	90	2,400	1,030,000	875,000	720,000
45	120	3,200	1,100,000	1,050,000	975,000
55	140	3,800	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,150,000
65	155	4,200	1,200,000	1,225,000	1,250,000
75	170	4,600	1,200,000	1,300,000	1,400,000
85	190	5,000	1,250,000	1,400,000	1,550,000

ND DMR say need \$55 at wellhead / \$65 WTI for 140-150 rig count to drill 3800 wells/yr to maintain ND prodn at 1.2 Mn bpd through 2017.





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Conclusions :

- 1) The market is at the tail end of the turbulent transition from the marginal cost of North Sea to the marginal cost of shale.
- 2) OPEC has given up the role of swing producer.
- 3) US shale producers are unlikely to deliver on the 3 responsibilities of the swing producer:
 - a) The market will decide the price there will be no 'fair value'.
 - b) Shale producers will not invest in spare capacity.
 - c) So there can be no rapid adjustment of supply to manage volatilty.
- 4) If the market remains volatile at a low level for an extended period there is a risk that other large upstream projects will be delayed too long.
- 5) This increases the severity of any future supply risk.
- 6) If there is no spare capacity there is a risk that price will rise to ration demand, and this will kill the economy.
- 7) Coordinated use of stocks may help replace the role of spare capacity.
- 8) But to avoid the consequences of a future shock, enhanced dialogue is advisable.

