

- On Thursday, U.S. stocks finished much lower as sovereign debt problems in Europe and an unexpected rise in U.S. jobless claims spooked investors. Indeed, Greece, Spain and Portugal remain on investors minds as sovereign debt payments are becoming less certain. MasterCard was one of the largest decliners losing 10.3% after posting poor results. Cisco was the only Dow 30 company to post a gain after releasing strong results Wednesday. As a result, many flocked to U.S. treasuries while the CBOE VIX spiked to 26.08 (up 20.7%) The Dow Jones finished 268.37 points lower at 10,002.18 while the NASDAQ finished down 65.48 points at 2125.43.
- Yesterday, Canadian markets finished much lower as commodity focused companies plunged as demand worries overwhelmed investors. As such, Potash Corp. of Canada was down 5.0%, Barrick Gold was down 4.2% and Suncor was down 3.0%. Of the sub-sectors, 8 of 10 were in the red on Thursday. The TSX/S&P index finished 261.70 points lower at 11,128.76.
- Canadian natural gas prices were weaker yesterday as U.S. draws were below market expectations. In Canada, inventories are now 56.4% full compared to last year's level of 48.2%. It is expected be colder than average in Toronto through Tuesday while Southern Alberta is expected to be close to the seasonal average for the next six days. AECO spot prices decreased \$0.05 to \$5.43 per Mcf.
- U.S. natural gas prices finished marginally lower Thursday as a weak draw was balanced by colder-than-average weather forecasts. According to the EIA, natural gas inventories fell 115 Bcf compared to market expectations of a 121 Bcf draw (FCC – 135 Bcf). Over the next three weeks, weather forecasters are expecting frigid temperatures in the eastern and central U.S. In addition, many other areas of the U.S. are expected to see colder-than-usual temperatures. NYMEX natural gas for March finished down \$0.003 at \$5.416.
- The markets were not as kind to crude on Thursday as prices moved materially lower. Crude markets took its queue from falling equity markets. Indeed, the sovereign debt and jobs data mentioned above weighed heavily on prices. NYMEX crude for March delivery closed down 5% (\$3.84) at \$73.14.

MARKET NEWS

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	Feb. 4 Close	Change
Dow Jones Industrial Average	10,002.18	-268.37
NASDAQ	2,125.43	-65.48
S&P 500	1,063.11	-34.17
Amex Oil Index	1,001.48	-40.77
S&P/TSX Composite Index	11,128.76	-261.70
S&P/TSX Cdn. Energy Index	279.31	-6.98
S&P/TSX Oil & Gas Producers	3,024.45	-76.94
S&P/TSX Oil & Gas Services	1,274.15	-26.89
S&P/TSX Energy Trusts	140.96	-2.34
Can-US Exchange Rate (US ¢)	93.16	-1.10
10Yr Gov't Canada Bond	3.37%	-0.06

COMMODITY NEWS

Natural Gas	(\$C/Mcf)	Feb. 4 Close	Change
Aeco Spot		\$5.43	-5¢
Differential (H. Hub/Aeco)		\$0.44	+8¢
Aeco 12 Month Strip (NGX)		\$5.85	+4¢
Aeco Calendar Strip 2011 (NGX)		\$6.26	+4¢
Huntingdon		\$5.79	+5¢
Dawn		\$6.14	-2¢
	(\$US/Mmbtu)		
Henry Hub Spot		\$5.47	-4¢
New York Citygate		\$6.20	+5¢
Chicago Citygate		\$5.64	-5¢
Rockies Average		\$5.27	-4¢
California Border Average		\$5.60	-8¢
NYMEX Mar10		\$5.416	-0.3¢
NYMEX 12 Month Strip		\$5.842	-1.3¢
NYMEX 2011 Strip		\$6.283	-3.0¢
UK NBP (Day Ahead)		\$5.84	+4¢
Netherlands TTF (Day Ahead)		\$5.69	+9¢
Zeebrugge (Day Ahead)		\$5.72	-\$1.11
	(\$C/Bbl)		
Crude Oil			
Synthetic Crude		\$79.10	-\$2.94
Western Canada Select		\$68.47	-\$3.17
Differential (Synthetic/WCS)		\$10.63	+23¢
Differential (WTI/Synthetic)		-\$0.59	-22¢
	(\$US/Bbl)		
WTI Cushing Spot		\$73.14	-\$3.84
NYMEX Mar10		\$73.14	-\$3.84
NYMEX 12 Month Strip		\$75.95	-\$3.83
NYMEX 2011 Strip		\$79.73	-\$3.64
Brent (ICE) Mar10		\$72.13	-\$3.79
OPEC Basket (As of Feb. 3)		\$75.14	+\$2.09
	(\$C/MWh)		
Electricity		Feb. 3 Close	
Alberta Power Pool (Peak) ¹		\$61.17	+\$8.34
Alberta Power Pool (24 Hr.)		\$54.90	+\$6.85
Ontario Power Market (Peak) ¹		\$40.83	+84¢
Ontario Power Market (24 Hr.)		\$36.15	+\$1.88

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