British Columbia’s Oil and Gas Reserves and Production Report

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BC Oil and Gas Commission

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With more than 20 years’ dedicated service, the Commission is committed to safe and responsible energy resource management for British Columbia.

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Purpose of Report

British Columbia’s Oil and Gas Reserves and Production Report

This annual report summarizes provincial oil and gas production and remaining recoverable reserves in British Columbia, providing assurance of supply for the development of policy, regulation and industry investment. The report also qualifies the growth and future potential of unconventional resources as a long-term source of natural gas for the province.

Estimates of British Columbia’s natural gas, oil, condensate, and associated by-product reserves are presented in this report as of Dec. 31, 2017. The estimates have been prepared by the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) using the principles of accepted engineering methods (including the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook (COGEH), the SPEE Monograph 3: Guidelines for the Practical Evaluation of Undeveloped Reserves in Resource Plays, and SPEE Monograph 4: Estimating Ultimate Recovery of Developed Wells in Low-Permeability Reservoirs). This report is not subject to the audit requirements of publicly traded companies and is not intended for the evaluation of individual companies.

The reserve numbers represent proved plus probable (2P) recoverable reserves using current technology. The proved reserves reflect a “reasonable certainty” to be commercially recoverable. Probable reserves are less likely to be recovered than proved reserves and are interpreted from geological data or engineering analyses.

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Difference Between Resources and Reserves

The terms “Resources” and “Reserves” are not interchangeable. This section highlights the significant differences in the criteria associated with their classification.

Resources

Resources are the total quantity of oil and natural gas estimated to be contained in subsurface accumulations. The term resource is applied to a geologic formation in a large geographic region or a specific geologic basin. Resource estimates include proven reserves, produced quantities and unproven resources which may not be recoverable with current technology and economics. The Commission cautions those using resources (prospective or contingent) as an indicator of future production.

Reserves

Reserves are quantities of oil and natural gas that are commercially recoverable with development projects from a given date under defined conditions. To be classified as reserves, the oil or gas must meet these criteria:

- Penetrated by a wellbore.
- Confirmation the well will produce (either a production test, or on production).
- Meets regulatory requirements (production or development not prohibited by government policy or legislation).
- Marketable to sell (viable transportation to sales point available either through pipelines, rail or trucking).
- Developed within a reasonable time frame (up to five years for probable reserves).
- Economic to recover, considering development costs, sales price, royalties, etc.
**Difference Between Resources and Reserves**

The Petroleum Resources Classification Framework published by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (Figure 1) provides a detailed analysis of the differences between resources and reserves.

The resources classification system is based on project maturity. This classification system uses an increasing chance of commerciality to categorize the petroleum initially-in-place (PIIP) as prospective resources (undiscovered resources), contingent resources (discovered but sub-commercial) or as reserves (commercial).

Along the horizontal axis, prospective resources are sub-divided into three uncertainty categories providing a low estimate, best estimate, or high estimate. Contingent resources are sub-divided into 1C, 2C and 3C estimates of recovery with 3C having the highest number of resources. Reserves have a comparable system to that of contingent resources with 1P, 2P and 3P to represent proved, probable and possible reserves.
Difference Between Resources and Reserves

Reserves: What we can get. Resources: What is there.

The resource volume provides an understanding of the size of these accumulations and potential for further development. An often used graphic when comparing resources and reserves is the iceberg image to the right. It shows the vast quantity of hydrocarbons available (resources) versus the known established reserves.

A comparison between the resource estimate and remaining reserves (Table 1) illustrates the large differences in gas volumes between the two categories. For example, in the Montney basin the resource estimate (P50) is 1,965 Tcf; however, currently recoverable initial raw gas reserves of 41.8 Tcf are around two per cent.

Table 1: Unconventional Gas Resource, Reserves and Cumulative Production

<table>
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<th>Basin/Play</th>
<th>Resource</th>
<th>Reserve</th>
<th>% Reserve per Resource</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Basin Total GIP Resource (Tcf)</td>
<td>Ultimate Potential (Marketable, Tcf)</td>
<td>Initial Raw Gas Reserves (Raw, Tcf)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Montney¹</td>
<td>1,965</td>
<td>271</td>
<td>41.84</td>
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<tr>
<td>Liard Basin²</td>
<td>848</td>
<td>167</td>
<td>0.10</td>
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<td>Horn River Basin³</td>
<td>448</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>2.79</td>
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<td>Cordova⁴</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>0.11</td>
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<td>Deep Basin Cadomin, Nikanassin¹</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>3,337</td>
<td>532</td>
<td>45.89</td>
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4. MNGD/OGC Cordova Embayment Resource Assessment (June 2015).
Executive Summary

The reserve estimates, as shown in Table 2, for gas and sulphur slightly decreased from the previous year while oil, pentanes+ and liquid petroleum gas (LPG) increased. The Montney remains the major play for drilling activity, production and reserves growth.

Table 2: Remaining Reserves as of Dec. 31, 2017

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<th></th>
<th>2017</th>
<th>2016</th>
<th>Percent Change</th>
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<tr>
<td>Gas (raw)</td>
<td>1,354.7 Tcf</td>
<td>1,485.5 Tcf</td>
<td>-8.8 %</td>
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<td>Oil</td>
<td>18.2 MMSTB</td>
<td>16.5 MMSTB</td>
<td>10.3 %</td>
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<td>Pentanes+</td>
<td>40.8 MMSTB</td>
<td>32.9 MMSTB</td>
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<td>LPG</td>
<td>125.4 MMSTB</td>
<td>102.2 MMSTB</td>
<td>22.8 %</td>
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<td>Sulphur</td>
<td>13.1 MMLT</td>
<td>13.9 MMLT</td>
<td>-5.8 %</td>
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The number of wells drilled in 2017 significantly increased to 621 from 356 in 2016. The overall reduction in remaining gas reserves in the province was caused by natural decline and lack of activity in the Horn River regional field. The increase in oil reserves was due to reserves revisions and expansion of oil legs in the Montney. The reserve revisions are shown in Appendix A Table A-1.

As shown in Figure 2, well drilling activity was concentrated in the Montney. Of the 621 wells drilled in 2017, 92.4 per cent were drilled in the Montney. The remaining 7.6 per cent of wells drilled in 2017 include water disposal wells and others.
Discussions: Gas Reserves and Production

As of December 2017, unconventional gas zones accounted for 80 per cent of all remaining reserves and 87 per cent of annual gas production in the province.

As of Dec. 31, 2017, the province’s remaining raw gas reserves were 1,354.7 $\times 10^9$ m$^3$, an 8.8 per cent decrease from the 2016 remaining reserves. The decrease in reserves occurred primarily due to a revision to Horn River reserves and the natural decline of conventional gas pools.

Figure 3 illustrates the distribution of remaining conventional and unconventional gas reserves, with 72.8 per cent of the remaining recoverable reserves held in the Montney basin.

Figure 4 echoes the distribution of remaining reserves by showing the gas production split by source (as at December 2017). The majority of production in the province now originates from the Montney.

**Figure 3: Remaining Gas Reserves**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Montney</th>
<th>Horn River + Liard $49.5 \times 10^9$ m$^3$, 1.7Tcf</th>
<th>Jean Marie 2.8%</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Conventional</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>72.8%</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>986.3 $10^9$ m$^3$ (34.8 Tcf)</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Deep Basin 0.7%</td>
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**Figure 4: 2016 Annual Gas Production Split by Source**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Montney</th>
<th>Jean Marie 2.7%</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Liard 1%</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Horn River</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>76.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>38,782 $10^9$ m$^3$ (1,370 Bcf)</td>
<td>13.2%</td>
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Dawson Creek Resource Centre
As shown in Figure 5, unconventional gas production continues to displace conventional production.

Figure 5: Unconventional vs. Conventional Raw Gas Production 2006 to 2017

87% of gas production at the end of 2017 was unconventionally sourced.
Discussions: Gas Reserves and Production

In the last five years gas production has increased by 23 per cent resulting in increased loads within the existing pipeline delivery points for the Montney, Horn River and Liard gas. Gas within these regions is transported by pipelines to Station 2 (shipped on Enbridge, formerly Spectra), AECO (shipped on TransCanada Pipeline) and Chicago (shipped on Alliance). See Figure 6.

Specific to gas, TransCanada has received NEB approval of their North Montney Mainline project. Approval of this pipeline despite having no LNG facility allows more Montney gas to go east.

Figure 6: British Columbia’s Gas Pipeline System
Discussions: Gas Reserves and Production

Figure 7 represents the Commission’s raw gas reserves bookings from 1997 to 2017, highlighting unconventional Montney and Horn River reserves versus all other reserves grouped together.

Remaining reserves were consistent a decade prior to 2003, then increased due to a number of factors including Deep Basin development followed by horizontal unconventional development. Between 2003 and 2006, activity reached record levels (1,300 gas wells drilled in 2006), with predominant targets such as shallow Cretaceous (Notikewin, Bluesky and Gething) and Triassic (Baldonnel and Halfway), in the Deep Basin (the Cadomin and Nikanassin), and the Jean Marie in the north east.

In 2005, the onset of Montney horizontal drilling with hydraulic stimulation created a new supply of gas. This was followed by Horn River development in 2010. Further development of the Horn River basin has now ceased, awaiting economic gas demand.

Raw gas production for the province in December 2017 was 162.7 e6m³ per day (5.75 Bcf/d).

In the last five years, raw gas production in B.C. has risen 23%.

Annual production in B.C. has risen 23% in the last five years.
Montney
Unconventional Gas Play

The Montney contains 72.8 per cent (34.8 Tcf) of the province’s remaining raw gas reserves and contributed 76.8 per cent (4.9 Bcf/d; annual average rate) of the province’s 2017 production.

Significant development of the Montney began in 2005 and the area has become the largest contributor to natural gas production volumes in the province. In 2017, drilling was focused on the liquid rich gas portions of the play trend. As a result, production of natural gas liquids and condensate increased. At the end of December, of the 8,241 producing wells, 2,971 were in the Montney.

Figure 8 displays the identified dry gas, rich gas and oil trends within the greater Montney Play trend. In the eastern area of the play trend a prolific high quality condensate window exists. Drilling continues along the eastern side of this super-condensate rich area where this window continues for a considerable distance on the north eastern side of the Montney play.

In December 2017 the Northern Montney production was 46.27 e$^6$m³ per day (1.63 Bcf/d) while the Heritage field production was 82.33 e$^6$m³ per day (2.91 Bcf/d).
Montney
Unconventional Gas Play

As of Dec. 31, 2017, the remaining gas reserves for the Montney are 34.8 Tcf (raw), which represents a 2.1 percent recovery of the total basin gas-in-place of the Montney resource estimate.

A complete record of reserve estimates for each Montney pool can be found in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Montney Remaining Reserves as of Dec. 31, 2017

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Pool</th>
<th>Horizontal Well EUR (Bcf) per well</th>
<th>Initial Reserves (Raw) Bcf</th>
<th>Remaining Reserves (Raw) Bcf</th>
<th>Existing Horizontal Wells</th>
<th>PUDs</th>
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<td>Pmean</td>
<td>P90</td>
<td>P50</td>
<td>P10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Heritage</td>
<td>Montney A</td>
<td>5.1</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>4.4</td>
<td>9.6</td>
<td>25,137</td>
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<tr>
<td>Northern Montney</td>
<td>Montney A</td>
<td>3.8</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>3.4</td>
<td>6.8</td>
<td>12,528</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Doig Phosphate-Montney A</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>3.1</td>
<td>6.9</td>
<td>3,841</td>
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The initial reserves and remaining reserves do not include solution gas reserves.

Figure 9 shows the number of new production wells drilled versus the number of producing wells in the Montney play from 2005 to 2017. Producing wells continuously increase over the years, from 88 in 2005 to 2,971 by the end of 2017. With the exception of 2016, there has been an upward trend of the number of wells on production, despite annual variances.

Figure 9: Number of New Wells added and Producing Wells in Montney Play 2005 to 2017
Montney
Unconventional Gas Play

As shown in Figure 10, the Heritage Montney’s various subareas differ in their Estimated Ultimate Recovery (EUR) volumes. The Heritage field shows nine subareas with distributions in the P50 category ranging from 2.2 to 7.1 Bcf. These variations occur due to a number of factors, from formation characteristics to completion techniques.

Figure 10: Heritage Montney EUR Distribution by Subareas
Montney
Unconventional Gas Play

As seen in Figure 11, the top gas producers in the Heritage field by production (Encana, Shell and ARC) differ from those in the Northern Montney (Progress, Painted Pony and Storm Resources). Operators focus within specific areas to optimize on operating, infrastructure and facility costs. Limited wells are drilled outside of these focus areas for reserves delineation and land continuation obligations. Production for most operators increased significantly in 2017, supported by improved completion techniques and new facilities.

Figure 11: Top 10 Gas Producers in Montney Play 2017

![Figure 11: Top 10 Gas Producers in Montney Play 2017](image)

Figure 12: Top 10 Condensate/Pentanes+ Producers in Montney Play 2017

![Figure 12: Top 10 Condensate/Pentanes+ Producers in Montney Play 2017](image)
Other Unconventional Gas Plays
Liard, Horn River and Cordova

Other plays also demonstrate the province’s natural gas potential.

British Columbia has been a leader of exploration and development of unconventional natural gas resources since the mid 1990’s with horizontal drilling in the Devonian carbonates of the Jean Marie. Beginning in 2006, continued unconventional tight gas resources followed with shale gas development in the Devonian Muskwa, Otter Park and Evie shales in the Horn River Basin and the Triassic aged siltstones of the Montney formation. Drilling in the Liard Basin further demonstrates the province’s natural gas resource potential. See Table 1 on pg. 6 for detailed reserve data for each gas play.

Liard Basin

Exploration in the Liard Basin started in 2008. Initial raw gas reserves are 2,933 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3} (0.1 Tcf) based on production from seven wells (two vertical and five horizontal wells).

The Exshaw-Patry shales within the B.C. portion of the Liard Basin, while depositionally similar, are significantly deeper, ranging from 3.5 to 5 km depth, than the productive shales of the adjacent Horn River Basin. Net pay ranges from 30 m near the Liard basin’s eastern edge to over 250 m in the basin interior. The reservoir pressure is at approximately double the value of normal hydrostatic pressure gradient. The brittle nature of the siliceous shales allows them to be effectively stimulated by hydraulic fracturing which, combined with the elevated reservoir pressure, yields high initial gas production rates. The pay zone depth and remote location have resulted in high costs which has limited activity in the current low gas price environment.

Seven wells were evaluated in 2017 to contribute to reserves in the Liard Basin. This included four producing wells and three shut-in wells. The most significant production well, 200/c-016-K/094-O-12/00, peaked monthly production at 48.8 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3} (1.57 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3}/d) in March 2016, then declined to 19.7 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3} (0.64 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3}/d) in December 2017. Estimated recoverable gas is 92 Bcf. Well 200/c-050-B/094-O-12/03 also has high performance; initial production peaked at 21.9 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3}/month (0.71 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3}/d) in April 2016, then declined to 11.7 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3} (0.38 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3}/d) by December 2017. Estimated recoverable gas is 30 Bcf.

Horn River Basin

Production from the Horn River Basin was 205.1 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3}/month (6.61 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3}/d) in December 2017; down 18 per cent from the previous year (December 2016). Operators continued to shut-in wells no longer economic to produce, and no new wells were drilled or completed in 2017. Continued production without new drilling resulted in a decrease in reserves significantly from the previous year. A detailed evaluation resulted in a reduction in recovery factor for initial raw gas reserves, due to lack of drilling activities in the last three years (since March 2015).

Cordova Basin

Development activity in the Cordova Basin ceased in February 2014 as there were no new wells drilled. Further background information on the Horn River and Cordova fields is available in the 2014 Reserves Report.
Other Unconventional Gas Plays
Liard, Horn River and Cordova

Figure 13 shows the initial reservoir pressure versus temperature plot for the Montney, Horn River, Cordova and Liard areas. The temperatures of these fields fall within expected ranges except for Liard, which is significantly higher than that of the Horn River, Cordova or Montney fields. The wide range in values reflects the large geographic area and depths of deposits. The over-pressured areas of these formations has been the focus of development, for gas charging and favourable response to hydraulic fracture stimulation.

Figure 14 illustrates “typewells” for the Montney, Horn River, Liard and Cordova fields. The most prolific wells are in the Liard Basin where operators have stated “exceptional results from two proof-of-concept horizontal wells” and “world-class deliverability of the basin”.

Figure 13: Pressure vs. Temperature Plot

Figure 14: Comparison of Montney, Horn River, Liard & Cordova Production Typewells
Discussions: Oil Reserves

Oil remaining reserves increased 10.3 per cent in 2017 for total remaining reserves of 18.2 \(10^6\text{m}^3\) (114.5 MMSTB). This reserves increase is due to adding new Montney oil wells and reserves.

Historical remaining oil reserves, wells drilled, production and reserves-to-production ratio (R/P) are plotted in Figure 15. The oil production peak of 2.7 \(10^6\text{m}^3\) (17.0 MMSTB) in 1998 declined until 2010 when it began to stabilize with continued horizontal drilling and waterflood pressure maintenance.

The R/P ratio has been steady since 2009 with approximately 15 years of reserve life. In 2017 the R/P ratio slightly increased due to adding Montney oil reserves. Montney oil continues growing and has surpassed Boundary Lake to become the largest oil pool in B.C.

Thirty-two per cent of the remaining oil reserves in B.C. are located in pools with secondary recovery pressure maintenance schemes, predominantly waterfloods. These oil pools are listed in Table A-4: Oil Pools Under Waterflood.

Gas injection recovery schemes account for 0.6 per cent of remaining oil reserves, occurring in seven oil pools (see Table A-5: Oil Pools Under Gas Injection).

Figure 15: Historical Oil Development 1997 to 2017
Montney A Oil

The regional Triassic Montney in northeast B.C. consists generally of dry gas in the west transitioning to oil in the east. Significant oil reserves are present in the Tower Lake area of the Montney play trend.

Conventional oil production continued to decline from 2006; however growth from the unconventional Montney became significant commencing in late 2013 as shown in Figure 16 and 17.
Discussions: Condensate and NGLs

Production of condensate/pentane\textsuperscript{+} and LPG increased in 2017.

Condensate/pentane\textsuperscript{+} and butane production continue to increase in B.C., while ethane and propane is decreasing slightly. This is likely due to ethane and propane remaining in plant outlet streams for extraction closer to markets. This trend is contributed by the development of gas/liquids rich portions of the Montney play. Across all of B.C. the condensate/pentanes\textsuperscript{+} increased 30 per cent from last year (Figure 18).

Similarly reflecting Montney “rich gas” development, remaining reserves of pentanes\textsuperscript{+} in 2017 is 40.8 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3}, increased by 24 per cent from last year, and LPG, 125.5 e\textsuperscript{6}m\textsuperscript{3}, increased by 22.8 per cent.

Drilling concentrated in liquid rich areas in the eastern side of the Montney field have ratios reaching as high as 100+ bbl/mmcf. The Commission has identified an oil leg and several new “oily” areas, as illustrated earlier in Figure 8.

Annual natural gas liquid and oil production from 2007 to 2017 is shown in Figure 18.

Figure 18: Annual Oil, Condensate and NGL Production 2007 to 2017
Discussions: Condensate and NGLs

Figure 19: Condensate/Pentane+ and Raw gas Ratio (CGR)(m³/e³m³) 2009 to 2017

Figure 20: Annual Montney Raw Gas and Condensate/Pentanes+ 2009 to 2017
Discussions: Condensate and NGLs

At current development (not including PUDs), estimated condensate recovery is 7,240 e³m³ at Northern Montney and 10,152 e³m³ at Heritage Montney. As more wells are added in the liquid rich areas, condensate will continue to increase in the near future.
Discussions: Sulphur

Sulphur production continues to decrease year over year.

As of Dec. 31, 2017, recoverable sulphur remaining reserves was 106 tonnes (12.9 MMLT). Sulphur reserves continue to decrease year over year due to a natural decline in production from the sour gas Bullmoose (> 30 per cent \( \text{H}_2\text{S} \)), Sukunka (> 20 per cent \( \text{H}_2\text{S} \)) and Ojay fields, where significant sulphur production occurs. Figure 18 shows the breakdown as of Dec. 31, 2017.

Most of the natural gas recovered from the unconventional Montney Play Trend in B.C. has very little to no \( \text{H}_2\text{S} \) component. There are exceptions however, where the percentage of \( \text{H}_2\text{S} \) can reach significant levels (Figure 25).

Operators continue to shut-in wells in these areas where acid gas levels are high, as continued production is no longer economic. Sulphur sales for the past five years are shown decreasing in Figure 24.
Discussions: Sulphur

In the Doe-Dawson area of the regional Heritage Field average concentrations are 0.1 per cent but H$_2$S levels have been recorded at over 0.5 per cent. In the Northern Montney Field, the Birch-Nig-Umbach area has a more significant H$_2$S presence as concentration levels average over one per cent, with some recorded values as high as 2.2 per cent. The volume of sour natural gas continues to decline from 2011 to 2017.

The most active areas in the Montney and Horn River contain little to no H$_2$S and are expected to have a minimal effect on future sulphur reserves.

The trend in Montney dedicated gas plants is dedicated H$_2$S (acid gas) disposal wells, resulting in no increase in sulphur recovery source.

Figure 25: Average H$_2$S in the Montney Field
## Definitions

### SI Units

British Columbia’s reserves of oil, natural gas liquids and sulphur are presented in the International System of Units (SI). Both SI units and the Imperial equivalent units are used through this report. Conversion factors used in calculating the Imperial equivalents are listed below:

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<th>Equivalent in Imperial Units</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 cubic metre of gas (101.325 kPa and 15°C)</td>
<td>35.493 73 cubic feet of gas (14.65 psia and 60°F)</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 cubic metre of ethane (equilibrium pressure and 15°C)</td>
<td>6.330 0 Canadian barrels of ethane (equilibrium pressure and 60°F)</td>
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<td>1 cubic metre of propane (equilibrium pressure and 15°C)</td>
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<td>1 cubic metre of butanes (equilibrium pressure and 15°C)</td>
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<td>1 cubic metre of oil or pentanes plus (equilibrium pressure and 15°C)</td>
<td>6.292 9 Canadian barrels of oil or pentanes plus (equilibrium pressure and 60°F)</td>
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<td>1 cubic metre of water (equilibrium pressure and 15°C)</td>
<td>6.290 1 Canadian barrels of water (equilibrium pressure and 60°F)</td>
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<td>1 tonne</td>
<td>0.984 206 4 (U.K.) long tons (2,240 pounds)</td>
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<td>1.102 311 short tons (2,000 pounds)</td>
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<td>1 kilojoule</td>
<td>0.948 213 3 British thermal units (Btu as defined in the federal Gas Inspection Act [60°- 61°F Fahrenheit])</td>
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## Definitions

**Aggregated P90**  
The 90 per cent probability of a distribution that forms as a result of an aggregation of outcomes.

**Area**  
The area used to determine the adjusted bulk rock volume of the oil, or gas-bearing reservoir, usually the area of the zero isopach or the assigned area of a pool or deposit.

**Butane**  
\((C_4H_{10})\) An organic compound found in natural gas. Reported volumes may contain some propane or pentanes plus.

**COGEH**  
Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluations Handbook (Volume 1, 2 and 3). First published in 2002 by the Calgary Chapter of the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers (SPEE) to act as a standard for the evaluation of oil and gas properties.

**Compressibility Factor**  
A correction factor for non-ideal gas determined for gas from a pool at its initial reservoir pressure and temperature and, where necessary, including factors to correct for acid gases.

**Condensate**  
A mixture mainly of pentanes and heavier hydrocarbons \((C_n^+)\) that may be contaminated with sulphur compounds that is recovered at a well or facility from an underground reservoir and that may be gaseous in its virgin reservoir state but is liquid at the conditions under which its volume is measured.

**Density**  
The mass or amount of matter per unit volume.

**Density, Relative (Raw Gas)**  
The density, relative to air, of raw gas upon discovery, determined by an analysis of a gas sample representative of a pool under atmospheric conditions.

**Discovery Year**  
The year in which the well that discovered the oil or gas pool finished drilling.

**Estimated Ultimate Recovery (EUR)**  
Total volume of oil or gas recoverable under current technology and present and anticipated economic conditions, specifically proven by drilling, testing, or production; plus contiguous undeveloped reserves that are interpreted from geological, geophysical, and/or analogous production, with reasonable certainty to exist. Also referred to as Initial Reserves in the detailed reserves tables listed in Appendix A.

**Ethane**  
\((C_2H_6)\) An organic compound in natural gas and belongs to the group of natural gas liquids (NGLs). Reported volumes may contain some methane or propane.

**Formation Volume Factor**  
The volume occupied by one cubic metre of oil and dissolved gas at reservoir pressure and temperature, divided by the volume occupied by the oil measured at standard conditions.

**Gas (Non-associated)**  
Gas that is not in communication in a reservoir with an accumulation of liquid hydrocarbons at initial reservoir conditions.

**Gas Cap (Associated)**  
Gas in a free state in communication in a reservoir with crude oil, under initial reservoir conditions.

**Gas (Solution)**  
Gas that is dissolved in oil under reservoir conditions and evolves as a result of pressure and temperature changes.

**Gas (Raw)**  
A mixture containing methane, other paraffinic hydrocarbons, nitrogen, carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulphide, helium, and minor impurities, or some of them, which is recovered or is recoverable at a well from an underground reservoir and which is gaseous at the conditions under which its volume is measured or estimated.
Gas ( Marketable )
A mixture mainly of methane originating from raw gas, if necessary, through the processing of the raw gas for the removal or partial removal of some constituents, and which meets specifications for use as a domestic, commercial, or industrial fuel or as an industrial raw material.

Gas-Oil Ratio (Initial Solution)
The volume of gas (in thousand cubic metres, measured under standard conditions) contained in one stock-tank cubic metre of oil under initial reservoir conditions.

Gross Heating Value ( of dry gas )
The heat liberated by burning moisture-free gas at standard conditions and condensing the water vapour to a liquid state.

Initial Reserves
Established reserves prior to the deduction of any production. Also referred to as Estimated Ultimate Recovery (EUR).

Liquid Petroleum Gases ( LPG )
A hydrocarbon mixture comprised primarily of propane and butanes. Some ethanes may be present. Also referred to as natural gas liquids (NGLs).

Mean Formation Depth
The approximate average depth below kelly bushing of the mid-point of an oil or gas productive zone for the wells in a pool.

Methane
In addition to its normal scientific meaning, a mixture mainly of methane which ordinarily may contain some ethane, nitrogen, helium or carbon dioxide.

Natural Gas Liquids
Ethane, propane, butanes, or pentanes plus, or a combination of them, obtained from the processing of raw gas or condensate.

Oil
A mixture mainly of pentanes and heavier hydrocarbons that may be contaminated with sulphur compounds, that is recovered or is recoverable at a well from an underground reservoir, and that is liquid at the conditions under which its volume is measured or estimated, and includes all other hydrocarbon mixtures so recovered or recoverable except raw gas or condensate.

Original Gas and Original Oil in Place ( OOIP )
The volume of oil, or raw natural gas estimated to exist originally in naturally occurring accumulations, prior to production.

Pay Thickness ( Average )
The bulk rock volume of a reservoir of oil or gas, divided by its area.

Pentanes Plus
A mixture mainly of pentanes and heavier hydrocarbons, (which may contain some butane), that is obtained from the processing of raw gas, condensate, or oil.

Pool
A natural underground reservoir containing or appearing to contain an accumulation of liquid hydrocarbons or gas or both separated or appearing to be separated from any other such accumulation.

Porosity
The effective pore space of the rock volume determined from core analysis and well log data, measured as a fraction of rock volume.

Pressure ( Initial )
The reservoir pressure at the reference elevation of a pool upon discovery.

Probabilistic Aggregation
The adding of individual well outcomes to create an overall expected reserve outcome.
Definitions

Project/Units
A scheme by which a pool or part of a pool is produced by a method approved by the Commission.

Propane
(C₃H₈) An organic compound found in natural gas. Reported volumes may contain some ethane or butane.

Proved Plus Probable Reserves
Proved plus probable reserves are estimates of hydrocarbon quantities to be recovered. There is at least a 50 per cent probability that the actual quantities recovered will equal or exceed the estimated proved plus probable reserves.

PUD (Proved Undeveloped)
Proved undeveloped reserves that are assigned to undrilled well locations that are interpreted from geological, geophysical, and/or analogous production, with reasonable certainty to exist.

P10
There is a 10 per cent probability (P10) that the quantities actually recovered will equal or exceed this value.

P50
There is a 50 per cent probability (P50) that the quantities actually recovered will equal or exceed this value.

P90
There is a 90 per cent probability (P90) that the quantities actually recovered will equal or exceed this value.

Pmean
The expected average value or risk-weighted average of all possible outcomes.

Recovery
Recovery of oil, gas or natural gas liquids by natural depletion processes or by the implementation of an artificially improved depletion process over a part or the whole of a pool, measured as a volume or a fraction of the in-place hydrocarbons so recovered.

Remaining Reserves
Initial established reserves (IER) less cumulative production.

Reserves
Reserves are estimated remaining quantities of oil and natural gas and related substances anticipated to be recoverable from known accumulations, as of a given date, based on the analysis of drilling, geological, geophysical, and engineering data; the use of established technology; and specified economic conditions, which are generally accepted as being reasonable.

Reserves are further classified according to the level of certainty associated with the estimates and may be subclassified based on development and production status (from COGEH).

Resource
Resources are those quantities of hydrocarbons estimated to be potentially recoverable from undiscovered accumulations by application of future development projects. Prospective resources have both an associated chance of discovery and a chance of development (adapted from COGEH).

Saturation (Water)
The fraction of pore space in the reservoir rock occupied by water upon discovery.

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Definitions

**Surface Loss**
A summation of the fractions of recoverable gas that are removed as acid gas and liquid hydrocarbons, used as lease or plant fuel, or flared.

**Temperature**
The initial reservoir temperature upon discovery at the reference elevation of a pool.

**Ultimate Potential**
Defined in the NEB/MEM Oil and Gas Reports 2011-1, Ultimate Potential for Unconventional Natural Gas in Northeastern BC’s Horn River Basin (May 2011): A term used to refer to an estimate of the marketable resources that will be developed in an area by the time exploratory and development activity has ceased, having regard for the geological prospects of an area, known technology and economics. It includes cumulative production, remaining reserves and future additions to reserves through extension and revision to existing pools and the discovery of new pools. For most of this report it is used as a short form of “ultimate potential of natural gas.”

**Unconnected Reserves**
Gas reserves which have not been tied in to gathering facilities and therefore do not contribute to the provincial supply without further investment.

**Unconventional Gas**
Natural gas and associated hydrocarbon liquids from a geologic formation not previously capable of economic production rates, but with horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracture stimulation technology is now a development objective.

**Zone**
Any stratum or any sequence of strata that is designated by the Commission as a zone.
### Appendix A

#### 2015 Hydrocarbon Reserves

**Table A-1: Established Hydrocarbon Reserves (SI Units) at Dec. 31, 2017**

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These values are taken from previously published ministry reserve estimates. This compilation is provided for historical value and to aid in statistical analysis only. Values shown for any given year may not balance due to changes in production and estimates over time.

Appendix A

Table A-2: Historical Record of Raw Gas Reserves
### Appendix A

**Table A-3: Historical Record of Oil Reserves**

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% of Total British Columbia Reserves 0.8 0.6

2. Currently not producing.
Appendix B

Current Montney Play Development and EUR Distribution

Well density reflects the stage of Montney development. The number of wells per gas spacing unit is utilized to determine the number of PUDs in the estimation of recoverable reserves. For regulatory purposes, the Commission amalgamated the Montney "A" and "B" Pool Designated Areas in the Northern Montney area in 2016.

The following well density maps are for three Montney areas. As illustrated, the variable density and coverage of wells in the areas reflects current ability to establish proven reserves.

Map B-1: Heritage Montney - Montney "A" Well Density Map
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Map B-2: Northern Montney - Montney "A" Well Density Map
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Map B-3: Northern Montney - Doig Phosphate - Montney "A" Well Density Map
Figure B-1 below, shows overall Montney well population EUR values; P90 of $37 \times 10^6$ m$^3$, P10 of $244 \times 10^6$ m$^3$, mean of $129 \times 10^6$ m$^3$, and median of $113 \times 10^6$ m$^3$.
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