

ROCKIES EXPRESS PIPELINE

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The timeline is in line with prior estimates and signals that good progress is being made following Zone 3 maintenance in July that shut in much of the Rockies Express mainline. The maintenance finished three days early, suggesting things went well. The receipt point for this project is the Clarington Hub in Monroe County, Ohio, and it will deliver 520 MMcf/d as far as Lebanon, Ohio, and an additional 280 MMcf/d to the Moultrie, Ohio, interconnect with the Kinder Morgan-operated Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America line.

The east-west flow developments amid a surge in output in Northeast production basins come as some analysts predict slower growth in west-to-east flows from the Rockies.

“It’s the new paradigm — Marcellus-Utica is the juggernaut for new gas supply,” Kevin Petak, vice president at consulting firm ICF International, said at the conference. “That’s displacing gas molecules from across the continent. Those supplies are being pushed back into their markets and staying in their markets. We see declining flows going from the Rockies going eastward.”