Natural Gas: A Viable Marine Fuel in the United States

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Regulatory Developments

• Formation of International Standards Organization TC67 Committee, Work Group 10 Project Team 1

• To develop Interim *Guidelines for Systems and Installations for Supply of LNG as Fuel to Ships* to be released in Spring 2013.
Regulatory Developments

- ABS – Guide for Gas Fueled Ships
- IMO – Code of Safety for Ships Using Gas or Other Low flash-Point Fuels with Properties Similar to Liquefied Natural Gas (proposed at BLG 16)
- Guidance Document - IGC Code (New Revision)
- USCG CG-521 Policy Letter No. 01-12 (19 April 2012) establishes design criteria for natural gas fuel systems that provide a level of safety that is at least equivalent to that provided for traditional fuel systems by existing regulations.
Regulatory Developments

• Gas Fuel Code

• A new mandatory Code is being developed to establish standards for gas fueled ships, other than vessels covered by the IGC Code, operating with gas or low flash point liquids as fuel. Mandatory criteria are provided for the arrangement, installation and operation of machinery, equipment and systems for such vessels to minimize the risk to the ship, its crew and the environment.
Regulatory Developments

WG 17 GE - Gas Engines

Aim
This CIMAC WG should enhance the technical and scientific exchange of experience and should deal with some of the most urgent issues for gas engines like exhaust emissions, performance, safety and gas quality. Appropriate technical information will be elaborated and published in form of CIMAC Recommendations or as CIMAC Positions.

Position paper About the influence of Ambient Conditions on Efficiency and Emissions of Gas Engines

Position paper Information about the use of LNG as Engine Fuel

Position paper Information about the influence on NOx Emissions of Ammonia in the Fuel Gas

Position paper on TRANSIENT RESPONSE BEHAVIOUR OF GAS ENGINES (April 2011)

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- WG 5 EEC - Exhaust Emissions Control
- WG 7 F - Fuels
- WG 8 ML - Marine Lubricants
- WG 10 - Users
- WG 13 TE - Turbocharger Efficiency (closed after publishing recommendation no. 27)
- WG 14 UR - Unified Rules for Vibration Analysis and Measurement
- WG 16 ES$ - Electronics and Software Systems
- WG 17 GE - Gas Engines (highlighted)
What is LNG?

• LNG is liquefied natural gas
• Liquefied by cooling to -260°F
• Stored at ‘low pressure’ (<150 psig)
• Liquefaction increases the purity – almost pure methane (CH4)
• LNG is 618 times more dense than natural gas
• LNG requires 1.7 times the volume of diesel for the same energy value.
The Role LNG Could Play

Shale Gas Locations in the U.S.

LNG Import/Export Terminals

America's Marine Highway Corridors

Emission Control Areas
**EPA Marine Emissions Summary**

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- Sulfur content of fuel will be reduced both inside and outside the ECA’s.
- CARB more stringent (only recognize distillate fuel).
- EPA regulates HC, PM for Category 1,2 engines with 90% reductions for Tier 4.
- Tier 3 and 4 will require After Treatment for distillate and residual fuel users.
- Category 3 emissions requirements are less stringent (only look at Nox). EPA and IMO are same here only.
Diesel vs Natural Gas Emissions Comparison

25-30% CO2 reduction

80-92% Reduced NOx emissions

98-100% reduced SOx emissions.

92-98% Reduced Particulates

Long-term compliance with local port, IMO and EPA regulations.

Potential tax benefits.
Natural Gas Cost Analysis

Wellhead price comparison for natural gas and crude oil in the USA. Natural Gas and Coal pricing are similar but Natural Gas has the edge with regard to emissions.

International wellhead cost comparison shows USA with lowest pricing.
What does this mean for the Ship Owner?

• Burn Ultra Low Sulfur distillate and install after treatment by 2015

• Or switch to LNG
What is needed to develop Small Scale LNG infrastructure in the United States?

Bulk Storage tanks and LNG Liquifaction plant in close proximity of US Ports. (Halhiem, Norway)

ISO 40' Cryogenic Container for LNG Transport

Carbon pricing - The World Business Council for Sustainable Development has provided a vision for 2050: Secure and Sufficient Supply of Low Carbon Energy.

Small Scale LNG Tank Vessels such as the "NorGas Innovation" are dedicated to the mini-LNG business in Scandinavia.
What is needed to develop Small Scale LNG infrastructure in the United States?

LNG Hybrid Power Barge (Becker Marine Systems). In port power solutions with ultra low emissions.

Mini LNG liquefaction plant that comes in standard 40' ISO container. (Hamworthy)

Intermodal LNG Barge Concept (Argent Marine)

A well organized LNG company working closely with a port authority such as Risavika harbor in Norway. Similar relationships need to develop in the USA.
What is needed to develop Small Scale LNG infrastructure in the United States?

- More Floating Liquid Regassification and Storage Units (FLRSU) in the GOM?
- More Floating Production Storage and offloading units (FPSO) in the GOM?
- More Floating Liquid Natural Gas Units (FLNG) in the GOM?
- More Floating Storage and Re-gasification Units (FSRU) in the GOM?
LNG Marine Technology

TGE Marine New Construction or Conversion Concept

LNG Marine Technology (Rolls Royce Gas Hybrid)

Rolls Royce Lean Burn Gas Powered Supply Vessel UT776 CDG

Wartsila 50DF
Signs of the Times?

Harvey Gulf Charters 6 LNG Fueled OSV’s

Staten Island Ferry to run on LNG

The Staten Island Ferry will receive $2,340,000 in federal funding for a pilot program for conversion from diesel fuel to liquefied natural gas, U.S. Sens. Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand announced last week.

Shell to Charter Barges Powered Solely by LNG
Signs of the Times?

Articulated Tug Barge Concept from Waller Marine
Macro Benefits of Switching to Natural Gas as a Marine Fuel in the USA

- Energy Independence and energy infrastructure here at home.
- A possible revitalization of our industrial base.
- Transportation Independence (i.e. Rebuilding the Jones Act Fleet)
- Improved Efficiency of the U.S. Intermodal Transportation System by utilization of the U.S. Marine Highways.
- Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Provide a bridge to other gaseous fossil and renewable fuels.
Thank You

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