LNG: Worth the price... ...at any cost?
Oklahoma Earthquakes
Magnitude 3.0 and larger

We can say with virtual certainty that the increased seismicity in Oklahoma has to do with recent changes in the way that oil and gas are being produced.

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U.S. Geological Survey
New York, Citing Health Risks, Moves to Ban Fracking

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said his administration will prohibit the controversial oil and gas drilling process.
Fracking Resumes In Denton, Texas, After Governor Outlaws Local Bans On Oil And Gas Drilling

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An oil and gas rig drills a horizontal well in West Texas in this 2013 file photo. Natural gas drilling resumed Monday in Denton, Texas, despite the city's 7-month-old ban on hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. Reuters/Terry Wade
Methane leaks erode green credentials of natural gas

Losses of up to 9% show need for broader data on US gas industry’s environmental impact.
Lifecycle emissions benefits: Unclear. Using natural gas instead of petroleum reduces lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions if gas leakage is minimal. Because of the high global warming potential of methane, even low rates of leakage could result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions compared to gasoline.
...rather than husbanding long-term assets, like conventional oil firms, they are constantly investing in creating and depleting a whirl of ephemeral assets. If conventional oil firms are like ranching, shale is a rodeo.
Unintended consequences: potential loss of utilities’ large commercial customers to stand-alone, fossil LNG-powered CHP facilities
Price is the most important; use the cheapest energy available.

Market Trends Pacific Poll of 615 households statewide, April 2015

- Price must be balanced with environment, health, jobs, community: 49%
- Environment, health, community, jobs most important: 26%
- Price is important, but less than environment, health, jobs, community: 20%
- Price is the most important; use the cheapest energy available: 5%
Skeena River, British Columbia
Lax Kw'alaams Band reject $1B LNG deal

Experts say the project could still go ahead without the First Nation's consent

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Lelu Island, near Prince Rupert, BC, is the proposed site of the Pacific Northwest LNG project, backed by the Malaysian energy company Petronas. (Robin Rowland/Canadian Press)
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