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NATURAL GAS EXPORT

The international market for natural gas is driving the construction of new interstate pipelines in the USA. In the United States, the major end uses of natural gas are electric power generation, industrial process, residential and commercial buildings.

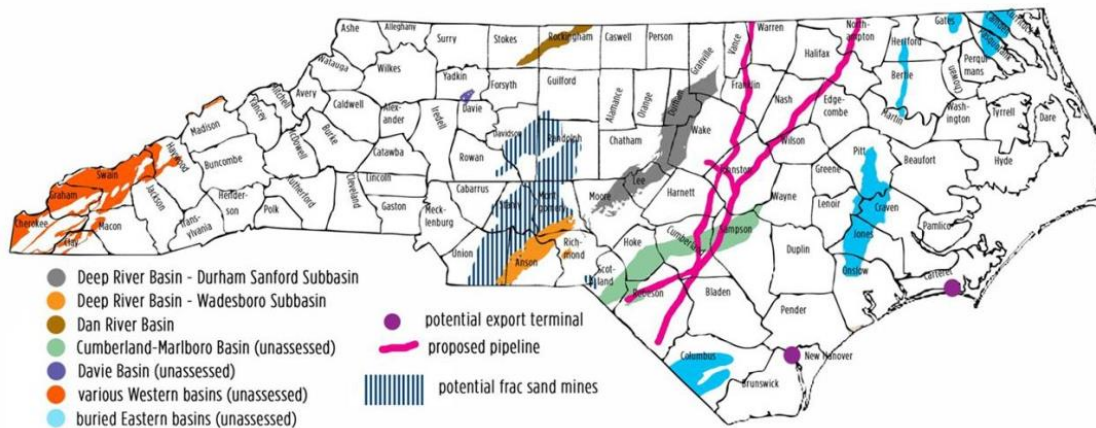
The table compares annual natural gas usage in 2012 and 2017.

End Use	Market Share	Volume 2012 ^a	Volume 2017 ^a	Annual Increase
Electric	34 %	9,110,793	9,250,066	0.3 %
Industrial	31 %	7,225,215	7,901,570	1.9 %
Residential	21 %	4,149,519	4,422,498	1.3 %
Commercial	14 %	2,894,926	3,177,113	1.9 %
Total	100 %	25,538,487	27,090,402	1.2 %

a. natural gas data in millions of cubic feet

Table Source: Energy Information Agency of the US Dept. of Energy

To build a pipeline, a natural gas company must obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. As shown in the above table, for the last five years, the overall domestic use of natural gas has grown but little: just over one percent annually. Thus, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's approval to build pipelines is based on a lie.



Map Source: Clean Water for NC