



Monthly Market Overview November 2024

During November, 33 of the 47 publicly traded TSX E&P companies (with assets focused predominately in Canada) rose in value, while one was flat (**Yangarra Resources Ltd.**) and the remaining 12 companies fell month-over-month. Of those companies that had an increase in their share price, the rise ranged from 0.19% (**International Petroleum Corporation**) to **Tenaz Energy Corp.**'s 48.35% jump to \$14.42/share. Recall that Tenaz had the top honours last month when it jumped 21.80%. On a combined basis, the TSX E&P group had an average increase of 4.31% and a median rise of 2.96%.

As for the companies listed on the TSX Venture Exchange, five companies were in the green month-over-month, six were flat and the remaining 10 companies suffered a drop. Overall, the group had an average increase of 6.11% but was flat on a median basis.

Oil prices were rangebound during November with WTI crude oil prices bouncing between USD \$66.53/bbl and USD \$72.88/bbl; WTI ended the month down 3.95% at USD \$68.00/bbl. Edmonton Par closed down 5.62% at USD \$63.20/bbl while WCS only fell 0.25% to USD \$55.77/bbl. During the month, the Ukraine war intensified with Russian President Vladimir Putin warning of a global conflict after Moscow said the use of Western weapons by Ukraine to strike Russian would be a major escalation in the conflict. Adding support to the oil markets included a halt in production at Norway's Johan Sverdrup oilfield and a 28% to 30% reduction of Kazakhstan's biggest oil field Tengiz due to repairs, helping to further tighten global supplies. However, the ease of supply disruptions from a storm off the coast of the US, disappointments from China's stimulus plan and Donald Trump being reelected as President of the United States kept a cap on any oil prices to the upside. A new Trump administration is pro-oil and gas and with threats of tariffs on its trading partners could have negative global economic growth implications. Later in the month there were reports that Israel and Lebanon had agreed to the terms of a deal to end the Israel-Hezbollah conflict which softened oil prices.

NYMEX natural gas prices increased 23.3% to USD \$3.36/MMBtu while AECO spiked 210.53% to \$1.77/MMBtu and averaged \$1.40/MMBtu. NYMEX prices climbed on a surprise withdrawal from storage and forecasts for colder weather along with rising flows of natural gas to liquified natural gas export plants.

Below we illustrate the changes in commodities and in the Canadian dollar during November 2024; the Canadian dollar fell 0.54% to \$0.7143.

| | WTI Oil (\$USD/bbl) | WCS (\$USD/bbl) | Cdn Light (\$USD/bbl) | NYMEX (\$USD/MMBtu) | AECO (\$CAD/MMBtu) | CDN\$/USD\$ |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| November 2024 Average | \$69.54 | \$57.42 | \$65.38 | \$2.98 | \$1.40 | 0.7156 |
| End of November 2024 | \$68.00 | \$55.77 | \$63.20 | \$3.36 | \$1.77 | 0.7143 |
| End of October 2024 | \$70.80 | \$55.91 | \$66.96 | \$2.73 | \$0.57 | 0.7182 |
| Month-over-Month Change | -3.95% | -0.25% | -5.62% | 23.30% | 210.53% | -0.54% |

Sources: TradingView, Oilprice.com, Oilsands Magazine

TSX-Listed E&P (Canadian Focused Operations) November 2024 Share Price Movements

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The top performer in November was **Tenaz Energy Corp.**, which jumped 48.35% to \$14.42/share. This is the second consecutive month that Tenaz has been the best performer. Recall that in October Tenaz jumped 21.80%. Tenaz announced its Q3 2024 results and a \$140.0 million notes offering.

NuVista Energy Ltd. was the second-best performer in November, rising 21.38% to \$13.57/share. NuVista announced strong third quarter 2024 financial and operating results and an enhanced shareholder return strategy.

Ovintiv Inc. notched third spot, climbing 16.98% to \$63.81/share following its announcement that it entered into a transaction to acquire **Paramount Resources Ltd.** assets in the Karr, Wapiti and Zama areas with aggregate production of 67,600 boe/d (50% liquids) for \$3.325 billion in cash plus certain Horn River Basin properties of Ovintiv.

TSX-Listed E&P (Canadian Focused Operations) November 2024 Share Price Movements

| Company | TSX Ticker | November 2024 % Change | End of November 2024 | End of October 2024 |
|--|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Tenaz Energy Corp. | TNZ | 48.35% | \$14.42 | \$9.72 |
| NuVista Energy Ltd. | NVA | 21.38% | \$13.57 | \$11.18 |
| Ovintiv Inc. | OVV | 16.98% | \$63.81 | \$54.55 |
| Paramount Resources Ltd. | POU | 16.68% | \$31.34 | \$26.86 |
| Strathcona Resources Ltd. | SCR | 15.70% | \$31.84 | \$27.52 |
| ARC Resources Ltd. | ARX | 11.93% | \$25.81 | \$23.06 |
| Vermilion Energy Inc. | VET | 10.71% | \$14.37 | \$12.98 |
| Peyto Exploration & Development Corp. | PEY | 9.55% | \$16.63 | \$15.18 |
| Rubellite Energy Inc. | RBV | 9.31% | \$2.23 | \$2.04 |
| Gran Tierra Energy Inc. | GTE | 8.95% | \$9.62 | \$8.83 |
| Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd. | TVE | 7.47% | \$4.46 | \$4.15 |
| PrairieSky Royalty Ltd. | PSK | 6.71% | \$29.73 | \$27.86 |
| Suncor Energy Inc. | SU | 5.99% | \$55.71 | \$52.56 |
| Spartan Delta Corp. | SDE | 4.42% | \$3.54 | \$3.39 |
| Topaz Energy Corp. | TPZ | 4.23% | \$27.84 | \$26.71 |
| Greenfire Resources Ltd. | GFR | 4.07% | \$10.22 | \$9.82 |
| Veren Inc. | VRN | 3.63% | \$7.43 | \$7.17 |
| Saturn Oil & Gas Inc. | SOIL | 3.62% | \$2.29 | \$2.21 |
| Pine Cliff Energy Ltd. | PNE | 3.53% | \$0.88 | \$0.85 |
| Kiwetinohk Energy Corp. | KEC | 3.40% | \$15.51 | \$15.00 |
| Advantage Energy Ltd. | AAV | 3.33% | \$9.00 | \$8.71 |
| Kelt Exploration Ltd. | KEL | 3.06% | \$6.73 | \$6.53 |
| Bonterra Energy Corp. | BNE | 2.98% | \$3.46 | \$3.36 |
| Tourmaline Oil Corp. | TOU | 2.94% | \$66.08 | \$64.19 |
| Headwater Exploration Inc. | HWX | 2.94% | \$6.88 | \$6.86 |
| Cardinal Energy Ltd. | CJ | 2.34% | \$6.56 | \$6.41 |
| Birchcliff Energy Ltd. | BIR | 1.93% | \$5.29 | \$5.19 |
| Gear Energy Ltd. | GXE | 1.89% | \$0.54 | \$0.53 |
| Freehold Royalties Ltd. | FRU | 1.46% | \$13.93 | \$13.73 |
| Obsidian Energy Ltd. | OBE | 1.39% | \$8.01 | \$7.90 |
| Baytex Energy Corp. | BTE | 1.27% | \$3.98 | \$3.93 |
| Canadian Natural Resources Limited | CNQ | 0.36% | \$47.52 | \$47.35 |
| International Petroleum Corporation | IPCO | 0.19% | \$15.87 | \$15.84 |
| Yangarra Resources Ltd. | YGR | 0.00% | \$1.02 | \$1.02 |
| Imperial Oil Limited | IMO | -0.20% | \$103.69 | \$103.90 |
| Journey Energy Inc. | JOY | -0.47% | \$2.14 | \$2.15 |
| Athabasca Oil Corporation | ATH | -0.58% | \$5.14 | \$5.17 |
| Petrus Resources Ltd. | PRQ | -0.69% | \$1.44 | \$1.45 |
| Cenovus Energy Inc. | CVE | -0.94% | \$22.18 | \$22.39 |
| MEG Energy Corp. | MEG | -0.98% | \$25.20 | \$25.45 |
| Whitecap Resources Inc. | WCP | -1.54% | \$10.23 | \$10.39 |
| Surge Energy Inc. | SGY | -3.23% | \$5.70 | \$5.89 |
| Pieridae Energy Limited | PEA | -4.35% | \$0.22 | \$0.23 |
| InPlay Oil Corp. | IPO | -4.76% | \$1.80 | \$1.89 |
| Prairie Provident Resources Inc. | PPR | -12.50% | \$0.04 | \$0.04 |
| Questerre Energy Corporation | QEC | -14.29% | \$0.24 | \$0.28 |
| Average Increase/Decrease | | | 4.31% | |
| Median Increase/Decrease | | | 2.96% | |
| Number of Companies with Share Price Increases | | | 33 | |
| Number of Companies Flat Month Over Month | | | 1 | |
| Number of Companies with Share Price Declines | | | 12 | |
| Largest Share Price Increase | | | 48.35% | |
| Largest Share Price Decline | | | -14.29% | |

The three worst-performing stocks in November 2024 were **Questerre Energy Corp.**, **Prairie Provident Resources Inc.** and **InPlay Oil Corp.** Questerre declined 14.29%, Prairie Provident fell 12.50%, while InPlay dropped 4.76%.

TSX-Venture Listed E&P (Canadian Focused Operations) November 2024 Share Price Movements

As previously mentioned, and outlined below, during November 2024, five TSX-V listed companies had an increase in their share price, six were flat and the remaining 10 companies experienced a drop.

Coelacanth Energy Inc. had the largest increase in November, rising 9.59% to \$0.80/share. Coelacanth announced its Q3 2024 financial results and provided an operations update to its Two Rivers East project.

Highwood Oil Company Ltd. experienced the second largest increase, rising 8.66% to \$6.02/share. Highwood announced its third quarter 2024 financial results, stated that its corporate production is currently exceeding 6,300 boe/d and that as a result of a successful third quarter drilling program, Highwood has experienced significant PDP reserves growth. In addition, Highwood stated that “In the first quarter of 2025, Highwood plans to begin development on its potential new core area targeting the Mannville stack, by drilling two unbooked multi-lateral open hole wells. The Company acquired these Eastern Alberta lands primarily through Crown land sales in 2024”.

Logan Energy Corp. rounded out the top three best performers in November, notching out a gain of 6.08% to \$0.79/share. Logan announced the acquisition of Montney focused assets in its Simonette core area for \$52.0 million plus it would drill one carried interest well for the vendor, **Gran Tierra Energy Inc.**, which will retain a 50% non-operated working interest in the property. Logan also announced an upsized equity offering for gross proceeds of \$45.0 million.

On a combined basis, the TSX-V E&P companies had an average decrease of 6.11% but was flat on a median basis. The biggest decliners were **Vital Energy Inc., Pulse Oil Corp. and Prospera Energy Inc.** Vital fell 25.93% while Pulse and Prospera fell another 25% this month. Recall that last month, each of Pulse and Prospera fell 20% and were among the top decliners for October.

| Company | TSX Ticker | November 2024 % Change | End of November 2024 | End of October 2024 |
|--|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Coelacanth Energy Inc. | CEI | 9.59% | \$0.80 | \$0.73 |
| Highwood Oil Company Ltd. | HAM | 8.66% | \$6.02 | \$5.54 |
| Logan Energy Corp. | LGN | 6.08% | \$0.79 | \$0.74 |
| Westgate Energy Inc. | WGT | 2.78% | \$0.19 | \$0.18 |
| Hemisphere Energy Corporation | HME | 2.17% | \$1.88 | \$1.84 |
| Altima Resources Ltd. | ARH | 0.00% | \$0.16 | \$0.16 |
| Canadian Spirit Resources Inc. | SPI | 0.00% | \$0.04 | \$0.04 |
| ROK Resources Inc. | ROK | 0.00% | \$0.17 | \$0.17 |
| Source Rock Royalties Ltd. | SRR | 0.00% | \$0.90 | \$0.90 |
| Wescan Energy Corp. | WCE | 0.00% | \$0.09 | \$0.09 |
| Fiddlehead Resources Corp. | FHR | 0.00% | 0.14 | 0.14 |
| Lycos Energy Inc. | LCX | -3.15% | \$2.77 | \$2.86 |
| Tenth Avenue Petroleum Corp. | TPC | -5.00% | \$0.10 | \$0.10 |
| Tuktu Resources Ltd. | TUK | -10.00% | \$0.09 | \$0.10 |
| Criterion Energy Ltd. | CEQ | -11.11% | \$0.08 | \$0.09 |
| Cobra Venture Corporation | CBV | -12.50% | \$0.14 | \$0.16 |
| PetroFrontier Corp. | PFC | -20.00% | \$0.04 | \$0.05 |
| Petrolympic Ltd. | PCQ | -20.00% | \$0.04 | \$0.05 |
| Prospera Energy Inc. | PEI | -25.00% | \$0.03 | \$0.04 |
| Pulse Oil Corp. | PUL | -25.00% | \$0.02 | \$0.02 |
| Vital Energy Inc. | VUX | -25.93% | \$0.20 | \$0.27 |
| Average Increase/Decrease | | | -6.11% | |
| Median Increase/Decrease | | | 0.00% | |
| Number of Companies with Share Price Increases | | | 5 | |
| Number of Companies Flat Month Over Month | | | 6 | |
| Number of Companies with Share Price Declines | | | 10 | |
| Max Share Price Increase | | 9.59% | | |
| Greatest Share Price Decline | | -25.93% | | |

Canadian E&P M&A Activity in November 2024

In November 2024, there were a number of upstream M&A transactions announced in the Canadian oil & natural gas sector.

The largest transaction was **Ovintiv Inc.**'s acquisition of **Paramount Resources Ltd.**'s Karr, Wapiti and Zama properties for \$3.325 billion in cash plus certain Horn River Basin properties of Ovintiv. The average production from the assets during the third quarter 2024 was approximately 67,600 boe/d (50% liquids) with annualized net operating income of \$600.0 million. The assets include approximately 170 net sections of Montney lands with 114 MMBoe of proved developed producing reserves, 270 MMBoe of total proved reserves and 523 MMBoe of proved plus probable reserves as at December 31, 2023. Ovintiv will acquire the related gathering systems and other field infrastructure along with certain processing and transportation commitments relating to the properties.

The Horn River Basin properties to be received by Paramount as part of the transaction include Ovintiv's 50% operated interest within the current joint venture with Paramount at the Two Island Lake field and a 50% operated interest at the Kiwigana field. The Two Island Lake field and Ovintiv's interest in the Kiwigana field were producing over 40 MMcf/d of natural gas prior to being shut-in in March 2024.

Following closing of the transaction, Paramount will focus on the development of its Duvernay assets at Willesden Green and Kaybob North and advance the ongoing appraisal of its newly acquired Sinclair Montney property. Pro forma, Paramount will have approximately 30,000 boe/d of liquids-rich production and "a deep inventory of opportunities at various stages in the development lifecycle."

The purchase price metrics were \$49,186/boe/d, 5.54X the forecasted NOI, \$29.17/boe for the PDP reserves, \$12.31/boe for the total proved reserves and \$6.36/boe on a 2P basis.

Ovintiv also announced during November that it expects to receive cash of approximately \$150 million from the settlement of a legacy asset disposition in the fourth quarter of 2024.

Tourmaline Oil Corp. announced that it entered into a definitive agreement to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of **Todd Energy Canada Limited** for total consideration of approximately \$300.0 million, to be paid through a combination of Tourmaline common shares and cash inclusive of Todd's net debt at closing. Todd Energy Canada's website states that it has a 50/50 JV with Tourmaline, wherein Todd Energy Canada is the operator. Todd Energy has estimated production of approximately 5,425 boe/d (29% liquids).

On November 26, 2024, **Logan Energy Inc.** announced that it entered into a definitive agreement with a subsidiary of **Gran Tierra Energy Inc.** to acquire an operated 50% working interest in certain assets located in the company's core area at Simonette, Alberta, for a cash purchase price of \$52.0 million. The assets primarily target the Montney Formation and include Gran Tierra's gross overriding royalty in the Simonette area.

The acquisition includes current production of approximately 795 boe/d (48% liquids), 25 net (52.5 gross) sections of "highly prospective Montney acreage including 45 net identified Montney drilling locations, 16 gross 5-10% GORR sections, and interests in important infrastructure including a 50% working interest in a 9-million-barrel water reservoir and an oil battery at 06-09-061-27W5." The forecasted 2025 NOI from the assets is \$18.1 million. The estimated remaining reserves associated with the properties are 933 Mboe of PDP reserves and 13.96 MMBoe on a 2P basis.

In addition to the initial cash consideration, Logan will carry the first development well in the Lower Montney region valued at \$3 million net to Gran Tierra. Gran Tierra will obtain priority access and preferential terms on existing Logan owned infrastructure as part of the newly formed joint venture.

Concurrent with the announcement of the transaction, Logan announced a \$45 million bought-deal private placement equity financing at \$0.73/share which was upsized from \$35.0 million.

Saturn Oil & Gas Inc. announced that it closed a tuck-in acquisition for \$20.5 million on October 1, 2024. The acquisition has production of approximately 700 boe/d in the Brazeau area of central Alberta targeting the Cardium Formation. Saturn has identified 63.0 net drilling locations across the acquired land.

ROK Resources Inc. announced that it sold an existing non-core gross overriding royalty interest for \$4.0 million. The proceeds represent 5.5X of 2025 estimated cashflow from the asset which had a year end 2023 reserve value of \$1.0 million on a PDP basis.

Peyto Exploration & Development Corp. announced that it divested non-core land in Saskatchewan, which was acquired in the **Repsol** acquisition, for \$1.0 million.

Journey Energy Inc. announced that it closed the divestment of assets in Central Alberta to a private company for nominal value On October 1. The asset had production of 130 boe/d (35% liquids). Journey stated that "the divested assets, along with Journey's ongoing asset retirement program is forecast to reduce Journey's end-of-life-costs by over \$20 million. The divestment is neutral to PDP value and adjusted funds flow."

Board of Director & Executive Changes in November 2024

The **Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers** (CAPP) announced the appointment of Mr. Jon McKenzie, President and CEO of **Cenovus Energy Inc.**, as Chair of its Board of Directors for a two-year term. Mr. McKenzie has served as Vice-Chair of CAPP since November 2023. In addition, CAPP also announced that Mr. Terry Anderson, President and CEO of **ARC Resources Ltd.**, as the new Vice-Chair, serving until December 2025.

Prospera Energy Inc. announced that Mr. Jasdip Dhaliwal, Mr. Samuel David and Mr. Mel Clifford (Chairman) have all resigned from its board of directors for personal reasons. Mr. Shubham Garg has become Chairman of the board of directors.

Tourmaline Oil Corp. announced that Mr. Travis Toews was appointed to its board of directors effective November 6, 2024. Mr. Toews is a Chartered Professional Accountant and cattle rancher who served as a Member of the Alberta Provincial Legislature from 2019 to 2023. During that time, he acted as the Minister of Finance, a member of the Executive Council and served as President of the Treasury Board for the **Province of Alberta**.

Vermilion Energy Inc. announced that Mr. Robert Michaleski stepped down as Chair of the Board of the Directors of Vermilion effective November 1, 2024 and advised the company of his intention to retire from Vermilion's board of directors effective at the Company's next Annual General Meeting, currently scheduled for May 7, 2025. Mr. Michaleski joined Vermilion's Board of Directors in 2016 as an Independent Director and assumed the role of Chair of the Board on September 1, 2022.

As part of its planned board succession, Vermilion announced that Mr. Myron Stadnyk assumed the role of Chair of the Board effective November 1, 2024. Mr. Stadnyk was appointed to Vermilion's Board of Directors in 2022. Mr. Stadnyk has over 39 years of business and industry knowledge and was most recently the President and Chief Executive Officer of **ARC Resources Ltd.**

Saturn Oil & Gas Inc. announced that Ms. Cindy Gray joined its leadership team in the role of Vice President, Investor Relations. Ms. Gray was most recently the CEO and founder of a Calgary-based IR consulting firm specializing in the energy sector. Prior thereto, Ms. Gray held senior and executive roles at a number of public companies and led a global business development group. Ms. Gray holds an MBA from the **University of Calgary's** Haskayne School of Business and sits on the board of **Providence**, a Calgary-based not-for-profit company.

Miscellaneous News Announced in November 2024

The **Alberta government** announced that it has forecasted a \$4.6-billion surplus this fiscal year, but Alberta's Finance Minister Nate Horner stated that Alberta's in for a "challenging" future. In the government's second-quarter fiscal update, it stated that \$2.9 billion of the surplus is expected to be cash, which would be split between paying down debt and adding to the **Heritage Savings Trust Fund**. It stated the surplus is largely the result of higher-than-expected income tax revenue thanks to Alberta's sharp population growth and oil and natural gas royalties.

It was announced that municipalities in Alberta paid out more than \$37.0 million in federal carbon taxes in 2023, based on a recent survey commissioned by **Alberta Municipal Affairs**, with data provided to the **Canadian Energy Centre**.

Steven Guilbeault **Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Canada** announced that the oil and gas GHG pollution cap for the first compliance period, 2030-2032, would be set at 27% below emissions reported for 2026, which is estimated to be equivalent to 35% below 2019 emissions. The 35% cap will undoubtedly reduce production and revenues to Canada.

On November 14, 2024, the **Alberta Energy Regulator** issued an order requiring **Sunshine Oilsands Ltd.** to suspend its wells, facilities, and pipelines; post a security deposit; and provide reasonable care and measures for its sites as the company has repeatedly failed to comply with regulatory requirements and address compliance issues in a timely manner.

U.S. President Joe **Biden's administration** finalized a methane fee for big oil and gas producers meant to slash emissions of the powerful greenhouse gas. The methane charge is among the last actions the Biden administration has taken. The fee will start at \$900 per metric ton of methane emitted in 2024, and increases to \$1,200 in 2025, and \$1,500 for 2026 and beyond. Under the rules, it would only apply to facilities that release more than 25,000 tons per year of carbon dioxide equivalent.

In addition, the Biden administration announced that it bought its last batch of oil (2.4 million barrels for delivery in April and May 2025) for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

On November 5th **Donald Trump was reelected as President of the United States**. Trump, who takes office on Jan. 20, 2025, pledged during the election campaign to boost domestic oil and natural gas output and vowed tariffs of 25% on oil imports from Canada (and Mexico) until it clamped down on drugs, particularly fentanyl, and migrants crossing the border. More than 77% of Canadian exports go to the U.S. and trade comprises 60% of Canada's GDP. A significant proportion of that comes from oil and natural gas.

In a move to become more oil and gas friendly, President-elect Donald Trump announced that Mr. Chris Wright, founder and CEO of **Liberty Energy**, an oilfield services company based in Denver, Colorado would lead the **Department of Energy**. Mr. Wright is expected to support Trump's plan to maximize production of oil and natural gas and to seek ways to boost the generation of electricity, demand for which is rising for the first time in decades. Mr. Wright has written extensively on the need for more fossil fuel production to "lift people out of poverty".

In addition, Trump announced that he was creating a **National Energy Council** to coordinate policies to boost U.S. energy production that will be led by his pick for interior secretary, North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum. The National Energy Council will represent federal departments and agencies involved in permitting and regulating all forms of energy. He stated "This Council will oversee the path to U.S. ENERGY DOMINANCE by cutting red tape, enhancing private sector investments across all sectors of the Economy, and by focusing on INNOVATION over longstanding, but totally unnecessary, regulation.

The methane fee that the Biden administration announced above will most likely be scrapped by Trump.

Analysts have stated that “Trump will lift the freeze on new liquefied natural gas export permits, expand federal drilling auctions, speed up new pipeline permitting and try to reverse or weaken regulations aimed at cutting power plant and auto emissions. Trump’s support for the oil and gas industry could also lead him to temper his opposition to the Inflation Reduction Act, since oil companies are receiving some funding from it for carbon-free endeavors like carbon capture and sequestration.”

The United States became the world’s top oil producer following a surge in shale oil production, pumping over 13 million barrels per day earlier this year. The US is also the world’s leading natural gas producer.

United States **exports of LNG** to Europe are set to jump after the price spread between domestic natural gas and Europe’s main gas pricing hub hit one-year highs. The price differential between U.S. Henry Hub natural gas futures and the TTF gas trading facility in The Netherlands has widened by over 30% from the current 2024 average for delivery during the coming winter. The higher demand for natural gas at LNG export terminals also raises the potential for a further climb in U.S. domestic natural gas prices.

In addition, Trump put some focus on “**BRICS**” countries and stressed that they do not commit to creating a new currency or supporting another currency over the U.S. dollar. He stated, “If those countries do so they will face “100% tariffs”. BRICS refers to original members of the intergovernmental group of economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. It also includes Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, and the United Arab Emirates. BRICS is a real threat to the dominance of the US dollar and if BRICS does support its own currency, it could prove detrimental to the US dollar. BRICS is in retaliation to the US weaponizing its dollar.

U.S. energy regulators rejected an amended interconnection agreement for an **Amazon** data center connected directly to a nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania. Members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission said the agreement to increase the capacity of the data center located on the site of **Talen Energy’s** Susquehanna nuclear generating facility could raise power bills for the public and affect the grid’s reliability.

Data centers, AI generation and Cryptocurrency mining, especially Bitcoin, have been putting pressure on the power grids in North America with companies looking for large sources of power for their operations.

Venezuela announced that its oil exports rose to a four-year high boosted by growing crude output and more sales to India and the United States. The rise in crude oil production was mainly due to the stabilization of processing operations at Venezuela’s largest oil region, the Orinoco Belt. In total, **PDVSA** and its joint ventures exported an average of 947,387 bpd of crude and fuel, 21% over the previous month and the highest monthly figure since early 2020.

BP plc announced that after five years of attempting to transform its business from an oil and gas company into a “business focused on low-carbon power” that it is now trying to “return to its roots as a big oil and gas player with a growth story to match rivals, revive its share price and allay investor concerns over future profits.” Rivals **Shell plc** and Norway’s state-controlled **Equinor ASA** are also scaling back energy transition plans set out earlier this decade. Their change of direction reflects two major developments – the energy shock from Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and a drop in profitability for many renewables projects, particularly offshore wind, due to surging costs, supply chain issues and technical problems.

The association formerly known as the **Canadian Association of Petroleum Land Administration (CAPLA)** announced its official name change and associated brand refresh to the **Land and Energy Management Association of Canada (LEMAC)**, “marking a new era of growth, innovation, and commitment to delivering exceptional value to our members, partners, and communities.” LEMAC stated “the name change reflects our association’s evolution over the years and that of the careers of our members, aligning with our vision for the future and our strategic focus on embracing more dynamic and innovative changes while being more inclusive of land and energy asset management professionals working in various sectors of the energy industry. Along with the new name, LEMAC is launching a refreshed brand identity, including a new logo, website (coming soon), and visual elements designed to better present our values, mission, and the dynamic nature of our industry while reflecting the needs of our membership. The rebranding initiative follows an extensive review and consultation process, including input from members, directors, executive staff, and industry partners. It embodies LEMAC’s core values of fellowship, skill development, education, and innovation and its mission to establish recognized standards of excellence and positively influence the energy industry.”

CNOOC Limited announced that its Long Lake Northwest Project in Alberta has commenced production. The main production facilities include a new well pad and 4 pipelines. It will be developed with steam-assisted gravity drainage operations with eight well pairs planned to be commissioned. The project is expected to achieve a peak production of approximately 8,200 bbl/d in 2025.

CNOOC Petroleum North America ULC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CNOOC Limited, holds 100% interest in this project and is the operator.

On November 25, 2024, **MEG Energy Corp.**’s board of directors approved the final investment decision to proceed with a multi-year Facility Expansion Project to add 25,000 bbl/d of new productive capacity to its existing facility, with an estimated cost of \$440 million over the next three years. This project and the additional well capital to fill the expanded plant will be delivered at an economic capital efficiency under \$25,000/boe/d.

Tourmaline Oil Corp. and **Topaz Energy Corp.** announced that Tourmaline sold 12,420,000 Topaz shares through a secondary bought deal offering at a price of \$27.80/share for total gross proceeds of \$345.3 million. The offering was upsized from \$242.0 million (excluding the over-allotment option). Following the closing of the sale, Tourmaline now holds 32,729,494 common shares of Topaz, representing approximately 21.34% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Topaz.

Highwood Asset Management Ltd. announced that on November 26, 2024, it paid in full (principal and accrued interest of approximately \$10.7 million) the early repayment of the promissory note that was issued in conjunction with the acquisition of **Boulder Energy Ltd.** in August 2023. The promissory note, originally issued on August 3, 2023, was set to mature on July 1, 2025, with equal payments of \$3.5 million each on January 1, 2025, April 1, 2025 and July 1, 2025, with the outstanding principal (if any) due in full on maturity. The promissory note bore interest at 13% per annum payable quarterly.

Birchcliff Energy Ltd. announced that the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”) accepted its notice of intention to make a normal course issuer bid (the “NCIB”). The NCIB allows Birchcliff to purchase up to 13,489,975 common shares from November 27, 2024, to November 26, 2025.

Cenovus Energy Inc. announced the TSX approved the renewal of its NCIB to purchase up to 127,489,549 common shares from November 11, 2024, to November 10, 2025.

Hemisphere Energy Corp. announced that during the third quarter of 2024 that it purchased and cancelled 756,400 shares under its NCIB.

International Petroleum Corporation announced that it completed its current NCIB. IPC purchased for cancellation 8,342,119 IPC common shares between December 2023 and November 2024, representing approximately 6.5% of the total outstanding common shares at the commencement of the NCIB. The IPC board of directors have approved, subject to acceptance by the TSX, the renewal of its NCIB for to purchase an additional 7.5 million shares between December 2024 and December 2025.

MEG Energy Corp. announced that it repurchased and cancelled 4.1 million shares for \$108.0 million in the third quarter of 2024 bringing its year-to-date repurchases to a total of 11.1 million shares for \$303.0 million.

NuVista Energy Ltd. announced that it repurchased and subsequently cancelled 816,800 common shares under its 2024 NCIB program at a weighted average price of \$13.81/share for a total cost of \$11.3 million.

Saturn Oil & Gas Inc. announced that under its NCIB it acquired an additional 1,150,800 shares purchased in the open market after September 30, 2024, at a weighted average price of \$2.33/share for \$2.7 million.

Gran Tierra Energy Inc. announced that the TSX approved its NCIB for the purchase for cancellation up to 3,545,872 shares from November 6, 2024, to November 5, 2025. Gran Tierra has also entered into an Automatic Share Purchase Plan (the “ASPP”) in connection with the NCIB.

Ovintiv Inc. announced that in the third quarter of 2024, it purchased for cancellation, approximately 3.7 million shares of common stock for consideration of approximately \$162.0 million and share buybacks in the fourth quarter are expected to total approximately \$181.0 million.

Suncor Energy Inc.’s board of directors approved a 5% increase in its quarterly dividend to \$0.57/share. Rich Kruger, Suncor’s President and CEO stated “Sustained operational improvements across our asset base, the continued realization of free funds flow improvements as well as meaningful share buybacks have driven stronger free funds flow per share. The board of directors’ confidence in improving operating performance and the strengthening of our financial position supports increasing the quarterly dividend as part of our commitment to increasing shareholder returns.” In the third quarter of 2024, Suncor returned \$1.5 billion to shareholders, with \$800 million in share repurchases and \$700 million in dividends. Suncor stated that it will be returning all excess funds to shareholders after achieving its debt-reduction target ahead of schedule as it pumps record amounts of oil.

Tourmaline Oil Corp. declared a special dividend of \$0.50/share. Tourmaline has distributed total dividends of \$3.2/share (inclusive of this November 2024 special dividend) since December 1, 2023.

Fortuna Operating, the operating arm of **North Hudson Resources Partners, LP** non-operated investment platform, announced a drilling partnership with a top-tier Canadian operator for working interest in a seven-well development program targeting the Duvernay and Montney resource plays in Alberta.

Financings Announced in November 2024

During the month, there were a few financings announced.

Tenaz Energy Corp. announced the closing of a private placement of \$140.0 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Unsecured Notes due 2029. The notes replace the \$90 million delayed-draw term loan to facilitate the acquisition of **NAM Offshore B.V.** The notes are non-callable for the first two-and-one-half years, bear interest at 12% per annum, and are priced at par.

Peyto Exploration & Development Corp. announced that it issued \$75.0 million of senior secured notes on October 17, 2024. The notes have a coupon rate of 5.638% and mature on October 17, 2034. The notes were issued by way of a private placement pursuant to a note purchase agreement and rank equally with Peyto’s obligations under its credit facilities and existing note purchase and private shelf agreement. Proceeds from the notes were used to repay Peyto’s \$65.0 million, 4.26% notes that were due May 1, 2025.

Logan Energy Corp. announced a bought-deal private placement equity financing for the sale of 61,644,000 shares at \$0.73/share for gross proceeds of \$45.0 million. Net proceeds were used initially to repay outstanding bank debt in full. Directors and officers of Logan will subscribe for \$2.8 million of the financing.

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