

All About Cashout



How do I determine what makes up my imbalances that are being cashed out?



Your cashout imbalances for an imbalance period are made up of current month activity, prior period adjustments processed during the month of the current imbalance period, and trades processed through the 17th business day of the month following the imbalance period. The remaining net imbalance is priced using the rate for the current imbalance period.

ANR has implemented a new screen in GEMS to provide imbalance support for your cashout invoice. The screen provides detail of prior period adjustments, current month activity, and trades. To access this screen, double click on Volumes/Imbalance/Imbalance Support for Cashout. Select an area and an imbalance period and then click on the retrieve icon. To print a report, click on the print report icon. Data is available for imbalance periods beginning August 2005. Data for an imbalance period is updated daily until the trade period closes. If you have any questions, please contact your ANR accountant.

Why aren't all of the prior period adjustments on my transportation invoice reflected in the imbalance on my next cashout invoice?

There may be timing differences between the two invoices. Prior period adjustments processed prior to the 9th business day of a month will be included on the transportation invoice for the previous month that just ended. However, the imbalance associated with these PPAs will be included in the beginning imbalance for the current month, and cashed out on the following month's invoice.

What are my options for resolving an imbalance?



Cashout imbalances that arise as a result of prior period adjustments can be resolved on an in-kind basis during the current month by scheduling a payback nomination. In addition, PPAs will be netted with current month cashout imbalances within the same area. Any imbalance remaining at the end of the month will be available for trading between the 9th and 17th business day of the following month. Any imbalance remaining after the close of the 17th business day will be cashed out pursuant to Section 15 of ANR Pipeline Company's Gas Tariff.

How do I resolve my imbalances with a payback nomination?

If ANR Pipeline owes customer the gas, the GEMS nomination type should be "PFR" (payback from). Customer nominates on a regular nomination where the receipt location is the fuel segment where the imbalance is located. The delivery location is where the customer is delivering the gas.

If customer owes ANR Pipeline the gas, the GEMS nomination type should be "PTO" (payback to). Customer nominates on a regular nomination where the delivery location is the fuel segment where the imbalance is located. The receipt location is where the customer is receiving the gas.

Note: If customer is nominating on a Pooling contract to enter a PTO, the customer will also need to nominate on a PMK nomination to their own pool.

These nominations are one-sided norms and customers will not pay fuel. However, if nominating on a transportation agreement to do payback, customer will incur transportation charges.

If you have any questions, please contact your Volume Analyst.

How do I resolve my imbalances with trading?



First, let's cover the basics. The imbalance trading window opens on the 9th business day and closes on the 17th business day. Trades can cross production months, and GEMS will not allow a customer to create a worse position with an imbalance trade. Access to trading screens is through GEMS Main Menu/Volumes/Imbalance Trading. Trades are immediately reflected in the Imbalance Trading Summary Screen.

The following screens to aid in imbalance trading are available in GEMS:

Imbalance Posting Authorization – customer gives ANR option to post their imbalance so other customers can look at

Imbalance Trading Postings – view all imbalances authorized to post

Imbalance Trading Maintenance – create the trade

Imbalance Trading Summary – see your own imbalance



How do I create a trade?

First, In GEMS, go to Volumes/Imbalance Trading/Imbalance Trading Maintenance. Second, create a Trade ID by selecting Actions/Add Trade ID, select Area Cd, enter acquiring entity ID and relinquishing entity id, click ok. This will create a trade ID. Third, click on Actions/Add. Enter the trade quantity and the production month. Click the confirm box. Click ok. Finally, the other party must also confirm the trade. Once both boxes are Confirmed, the trade is complete.