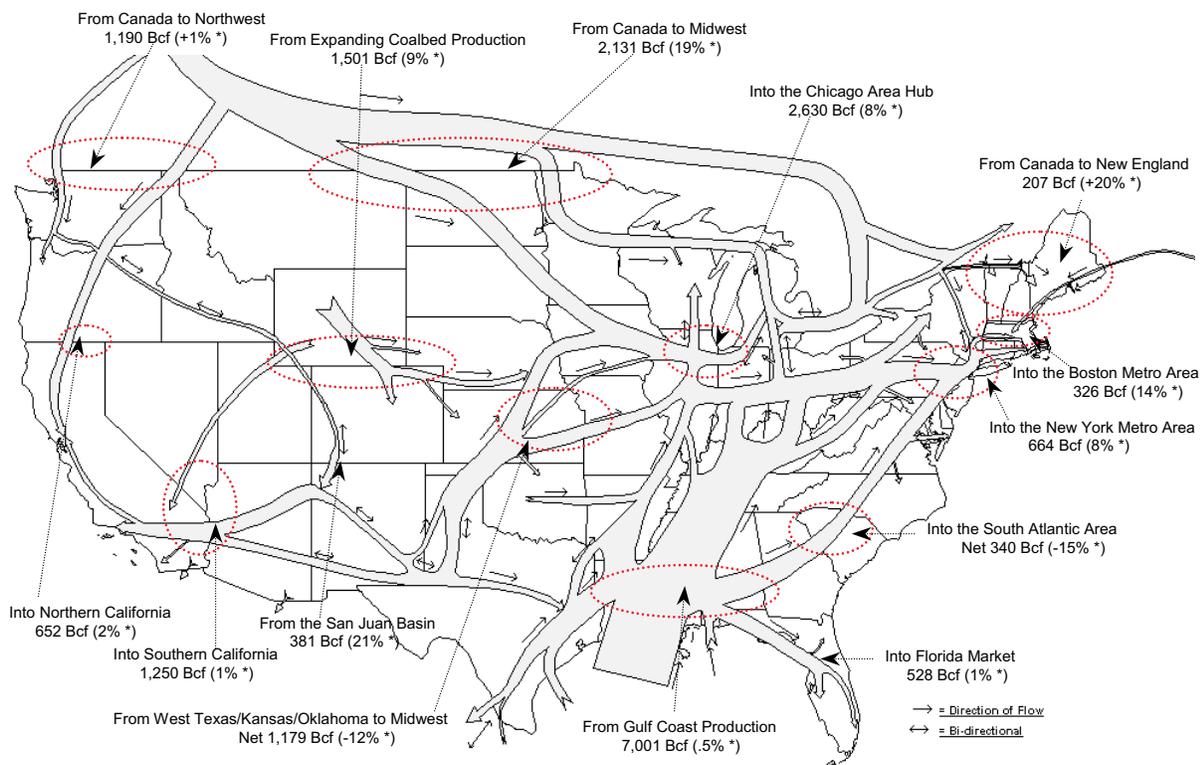


- Pipeline capacity into the California market increased by 35 percent, but flows into the State increased by 1 to 2 percent.** The installation of new capacity was a reflection of the quick market response to the 2000-2001 energy crisis in the West and a spike in natural gas demand and prices between September 2000 and March 2001. The need

was perceived owing to a rapid growth in gas-fired power plant needs during a period when regional water levels (and hydro-power resources) were down significantly. However, subsequent changing market conditions within the State reduced the need for the additional supplies, at least temporarily.

Figure 12. Major Natural Gas Pipeline Transportation Routes and 2011 Interstate Flow Levels at Selected Key Locations



Percent change in flow from 2000. Bcf = billion cubic feet.

Sources: Energy Information Administration (EIA). **Corridors:** GasTran Gas Transportation System, Natural Gas Pipeline State Border Capacity Database. **Flow:** Form EIA176 "Annual Report of Natural Gas and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition."