# Weekly LNG Newsletter

**What happened this week**

**14th February 2024**

## Shipping News

- QatarEnergy announced that Nakilat will own and operate 25 LNGCs from the second phase of its newbuilding project. All of the 174,000 cbm vessels will be built at South Korean shipyards.
- QatarEnergy is reportedly in the market for an additional 10 Q-Max LNGCs from Hudong-Zhonghua. This is in addition to the 8 Q-Max vessels that are understood to have been ordered from the shipyard last month.
- The Alexandroupolis FSRU, located in Greece, is expected to receive its commissioning cargo this week. The terminal will be Greece's first FSRU-based import terminal and will have a capacity of 5.5 bcm/yr.
- Pyotr Kapitsa, one of the three Arc-7 newbuildings originally contracted by Sovcomflot but subsequently cancelled by DSME (now Hanwha Ocean), has reportedly changed ownership to Dubai-based New Transshipment FZE.

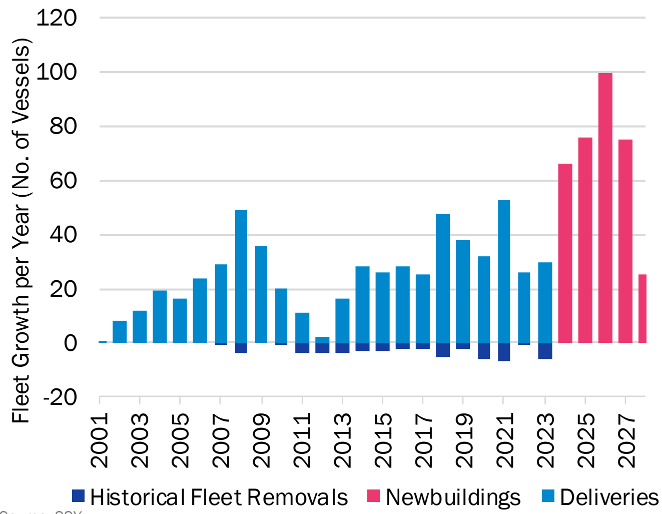
## General & Production News

- Japanese utility, Kansai Electric, shut the 1.18 GW Unit 3 of its four-unit 4.71 GW Ohi nuclear power station on 10 February for a periodic inspection that is scheduled to last approximately three months.
- Energy major, Shell, forecasts that LNG demand will increase by over 50%, reaching around 625-685 mtpa by 2040, driven by coal-to-gas switching in China and South Asia and declining domestic production in parts of South Asia and Southeast Asia.
- The CEO of TotalEnergies announced last week that it hopes to resume construction at the Mozambique LNG project by mid-2024 and is currently "remobilising contractors." TotalEnergies declared force majeure on the project in April 2021 due to security concerns at the site.
- Multiple former officials of the previous two Republican US Administrations have requested that Congress reverse the Biden Administration's pause on approvals of new LNG exports.
- The first cargo from Novatek's Arctic LNG 2 has been delayed until March, reportedly due to the ongoing US sanctions impacting the delivery of ice-class LNG tankers.

## Contract News

- US firm Chesapeake Energy will buy around 0.5 mtpa of LNG from Delfin LNG on a Henry Hub-linked basis, and deliver to Gunvor Singapore across 20 years on an FOB, JKM-linked basis. These volumes represent 0.5 mtpa of the "up to" 2 mtpa that Gunvor agreed with Chesapeake in a Heads of Agreement that the firms signed in March 2023.
- JERA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indonesia's PLN to collaborate in the procurement of LNG and the development of LNG import terminals in Indonesia.

### LNG Existing Fleet, Removals & Orderbook

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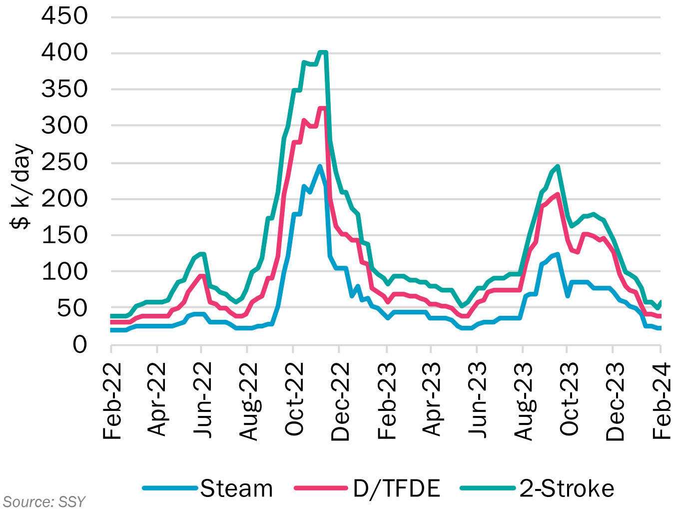


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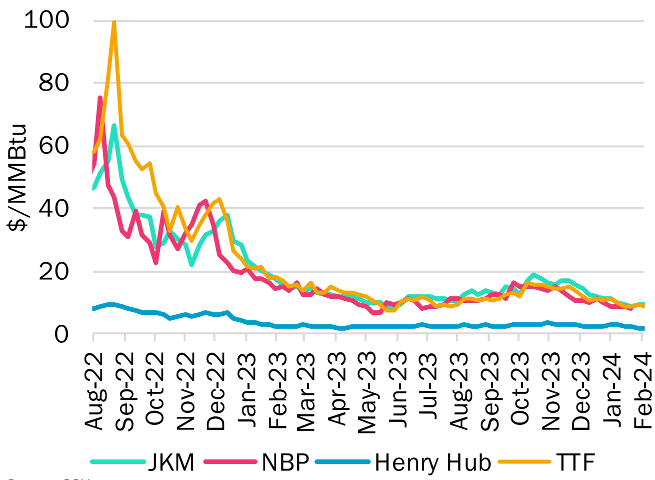


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