Creating a New Jet Fuel Dynamic

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Air transport has become an essential economic and social conduit throughout the world. Beyond the benefits of fast and inexpensive transcontinental travel, air transport also has become a vital form of shipping for high-valued items that need to come to market quickly, such as agricultural products subject to spoilage.

— World Bank Web site
The ATA Energy Council: Composition and Leadership

Develops and coordinates policy and industry actions regarding the economics and implementation of fuel purchasing, management and operations; recommends actions affecting fuel consortia and other relevant locations worldwide.

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In 2008, U.S. Airlines Spent $16B More on Fuel Despite Consuming > 5% Fewer Gallons

“The U.S. airlines…have a relatively low proportion of their 2008 fuel needs hedged, because hedging high and volatile fuel prices is expensive and may require posting cash collateral.”


Note: Value in parentheses below year is average price paid per gallon excluding taxes, into-plane fees, pipeline tariffs and hedging costs
Sources: ATA, Energy Information Administration, Department of Transportation
Price Stability Matters
Volatility of Jet Fuel Prices Wreaks Havoc on Business Planning

Average Price per Barrel

Source: Energy Information Administration
Jet Fuel Price Pushing $2.00, Volatility Persisting in 2009
Volatile Nature of Industry’s Largest Cost Wreaks Havoc on Business Planning

Sources: Energy Information Administration and ATA

NY Harbor
Gulf Coast
Los Angeles
Jet Fuel Prices in 2009 Exceeding 2001-2008 Average
Staffing, Scheduling, Aircraft Purchasing Decision Made in Broader Cycles

Average* Jet Fuel Price per Gallon

1991-2000: $0.59
2001-2008: $1.53
YTD 2009**: $1.56

* Simple average of spot prices in New York Harbor, U.S. Gulf Coast and Los Angeles
** Through August 25

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

www.airlines.org
Jet Fuel Is a Drop in the Bucket, Subject to the Refinery Economics for All Petroleum Segments (incl. Gasoline)

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*Feedstock for high-octane gasoline, petrochemicals and solvents

**Includes heavy oils used in industry, marine transportation and electric-power generation

Sources: Energy Information Administration and American Petroleum Institute

Average U.S. Yield From Barrel of Crude Oil in 2008

Light Distillates (49.4%)

Middle Distillates (35.3%)

Heavy Distillates & Residuum** (15.3%)
Product Margins Matter

Crack Spread (10-Day Moving Average)

- Jet
- Diesel
- Gas

Source: Energy Information Administration Weekly Petroleum Status Report
Refinery Utilization Matters
U.S. Refineries Responding to Weak Gasoline Margins, Meaning Less Jet Output

Source: Energy Information Administration
**Fuel Efficiency Matters**

But Efficiency Alone Won’t Suffice

*U.S. passenger and cargo airlines operating worldwide – passenger and cargo revenue ton miles (RTMs) in all services  
Source: ATA analysis of DOT Form 41 traffic data (T2-Z240) and gallons (T2-Z921)*
The ATA Alternative Fuels Commitment is Predicated on Performance; We Are Feedstock-Neutral

The members of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA) are dedicated to the development and deployment of safe, environmentally friendly, reliable and economically feasible alternatives to conventional petroleum-based jet fuel. We recognize that this effort presents significant technical and financing challenges. Further, we believe that we must proactively evaluate the commercial challenges associated with developing promising technologies that can meet our needs. We commit to work with future suppliers who potentially can integrate alternative fuels into our operations that are consistent with the principles on which we elaborate below. To foster the development and deployment of alternative jet fuels that meet our objectives, ATA is a founding and principal member of the Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative (CAAFI), a consortium of government agencies, airlines, manufacturers, airports and current and prospective fuel suppliers that are coordinating work on the research and development of alternative jet fuels, including technical specifications, environmental aspects, production and distribution.

✓ Fuel Quality
✓ Environmental Benefit
✓ Supply Reliability
✓ Economic Feasibility

Source: http://www.airlines.org/economics/energy/altfuelsprinciples.htm (April 22, 2008)
“Amid a financing crisis for the global airline industry, U.S. carriers have fewer options...to help them buy new aircraft. ‘I’ve been through four airline industry downturns. This one is different, because airlines are coping with falling passenger traffic, and a lack of available credit,’ not only to buy aircraft but [also] to refinance debt.’”

Thomas Hollahan (Citi), in “US Airlines Hardest Hit In Global Financing Crunch,” Ann Keeton, DJ Newswires (April 20, 2009)
Logistics Matter

- Some sizable airports face shortages and/or logistics constraints that drive up local prices – as much as 10-to-30 cents per gallon – U.S. Gulf Coast
  - Boise / Salt Lake City / Denver / Albuquerque
  - Buffalo / Rochester / Toronto
  - Edmonton / Calgary
  - Coastal Southeast: Jacksonville to Wilmington

- Producers should consider more than feedstock costs when deciding where to locate new facilities
Distribution Matters
Can You Get the Fuel to the Airport?

Source: REXTAG Strategies Corp and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, as interpreted by API (2/26/09)
Distribution Matters
Is Your Facility in Harm’s Way?
Fuel Farm Visual – Houston Intercontinental (IAH)
Fuel Farm Visual – Indianapolis (IND)
Airline Wish List

- Safe and certified
- Affordable
- Secure supply
- No adverse operational impact
- Environmentally superior
- Flexible contracts
- No investment (unless return on risk)
- Pre-empt adverse regulation
Why Do Business With Airlines?

- With proper pricing incentives, carriers can enter into long-term contracts
- Jointly, we can enhance our creditworthiness
- Jointly, we can pay premiums for quality with no capital invested to segregate fuels
- Producers will make more money selling jet fuel
- We like farmers, universities, and the Air Force