

Natural Prices Rally Sharply on Increased Demand from Utilities - Chesapeake and SandRidge Surge on Strong Results

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Five Star Equities Provides Stock Research on Chesapeake Energy and SandRidge Energy

NEW YORK, NY -- (Marketwire) -- 08/13/12 -- An abundance of available natural gas combined with muted domestic demand has sent prices for the fuel down to record lows this year, hitting a 10-year low in April. But the recent scorching summer weather has seen natural gas prices rally in recent months. The United States Natural Gas Fund, LP (UNG) is up over nearly 20 percent in the last three months. Five Star Equities examines the outlook for companies in the Natural Gas Industry and provides equity research on [Chesapeake Energy Corp.](#) (NYSE: CHK) and [SandRidge Energy Inc.](#) (NYSE: SD).

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The U.S. is set to have the hottest year on record. Natural gas prices have rallied sharply as utility companies have been using more natural gas to generate the electricity needed to power air conditioners across the U.S. Since reaching a decade low in April prices have soared 62 percent, largely in part of the hot summer weather.

Prices also received a boost last Thursday after the Energy Information Administration reported that natural gas supplies increased by 24 billion cubic feet. According to analysts' surveyed by Platts supplies were expected to rise between 27 million bcf and 31 million bcf.

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Chesapeake Energy shares rallied nearly 10 percent last Tuesday after the company announced impressive second quarter results. For the second quarter of 2012 the company reported net income increased 91 percent to \$972 million, from the \$510 million in second quarter 2011. Chesapeake plans to increase 2012 production by 18 percent from 2011.

SandRidge's drilling activities are focused on its oil properties in the Mid-Continent and Permian Basin. The company recently reported that their Mississippian production averaged 25.2 MBoe per day in the second quarter 2012, a 31 percent increase from the previous quarter. SandRidge had record oil and total production of 4.6 MMBbls and 8.2 MMBBoe in the second quarter.

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