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Market Commentary

Recap: U.S. oil prices fell to fresh multi-month lows on Friday, marking the tenth consecutive session of losses. Increasing global supplies continue to spread fear that fuel demand will suffer, as trade wars between China and the U.S. continue to raise concern over a weakening global economy. December WTI fell as much as 2%, reaching a weekly low of \$59.26, the lowest level a spot month contract has traded since February. Brent for January delivery fell equally as much, bottoming the session at \$69.13. Friday's sell-off marked the longest losing streak on record. Gains were pared as traders turned light profits ahead of the weekend. December WTI settled at \$60.19 a barrel, down 48 cents, or 0.79%, while Brent for January delivery settled at \$70.18 a barrel, down 37 cents, or 0.675%, December RBOB lost 1.4% to \$1.521 a gallon, down 5.1% for the week and at its lowest since October 2017, December heating oil settled at \$2.173 a gallon, up 0.2% for the session but about flat for the week. It is interesting to note that for the final 30 minutes the heating oil contract detached from the crude oil and gasoline markets and rallied back to unchanged level by the close, and also matched the same settlement price from last Friday. During this mini rally the December heat crack rebounded by 60 cents to the highs of the day. But in post settlement trading, during the remainder of the session, prices quickly fell back to where they were prior to the start of

Technical Analysis. WTI fell deeper into a bear market, as it broke through and settled below the bottom line of the long standing ascending channel that can be depicted on a weekly spot continuation chart. Coming into this week, we would look for a run at \$58.60, the 50% retreament set by the October high of \$77.22 and the June 2017 low of \$39.99. Below this level, additional support can be found at \$57.20. Resistance is set at \$61.20 and \$63.11.

<u>Fundamental News:</u> Euroilstock reported that European crude oil and product stocks increased by 0.3% in October from the prior month and stood at 1,084.03 million barrels. This was some 0.1% less than the same time a year earlier. While gasoline stocks increased by 1.36 million barrels on the month, middle distillate stocks dropped by 4.65 million barrels from September and stood 3.73 million barrels below year ago levels.

A ministerial committee of some of the OPEC+ oil producers is scheduled to meet on Sunday in Abu Dhabi.

Oil Movements estimates that OPEC oil shipments will rise by 670,000 b/d to 25.79 million b/d in the four weeks ending November 24 versus the period ending October 27th.

Colonial Pipeline announced it was allocating space for Cycle 65 shipments on Line 1, its main gasoline line.

IIR reported it continues to estimate that 1.407 million b/d of U.S. refinery capacity was offline during the week ending November 9th. It estimates that for the week ending November 16th there will be some 486,000 b/d of capacity offline.

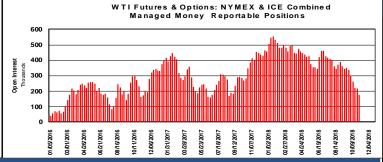
The ICE reported Friday afternoon speculators in Brent crude oil for the week ending November 6th reduced their net long position by 47,064 contracts to 260,048 contracts. Speculators in gasoil also reduced their net long positions by 12,071 contracts to 121,187.

Early Market Call - as of 9:14 AM EDT WTI - Dec \$60.77 up 58 cents RBOB - Dec \$1.6415 up 2.01 cents HO - Dec \$2.1516 down 30 points

All NYMEX | Prior Settlements

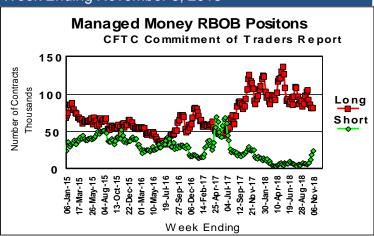
	ULSD (HO)	Prior Settle	Change In
Month	Close	Change	One Week
Dec-18	\$2.1728	\$0.0045	\$0.0000
Jan-19	\$2.1638	\$0.0038	-\$0.0037
Feb-19	\$2.1546	\$0.0028	-\$0.0073
Mar-19	\$2.1457	\$0.0018	-\$0.0091
Apr-19	\$2.1311	\$0.0010	-\$0.0135
May-19	\$2.1254	\$0.0001	-\$0.0155
Jun-19	\$2.1237	-\$0.0004	-\$0.0165
Jul-19	\$2.1295	-\$0.0007	-\$0.0171
Aug-19	\$2.1371	-\$0.0010	-\$0.0172
Sep-19	\$2.1470	-\$0.0008	-\$0.0156
Oct-19	\$2.1564	-\$0.0006	-\$0.0136
Nov-19	\$2.1654	\$0.0000	-\$0.0111
Dec-19	\$2.1720	\$0.0001	-\$0.0101
Jan-20	\$2.1744	-\$0.0005	-\$0.0115
Feb-20	\$2.1717	-\$0.0010	-\$0.0107
Mar-20	\$2.1650	-\$0.0012	-\$0.0099
Apr-20	\$2.1544	-\$0.0011	-\$0.0094

Other Front M	onth NYMEX	Close	Change
Crude - WTI	Jan Brent-	\$60.3600	-\$0.5000
Crude - Bren	WTI Spread	\$70.1800	-\$0.4700
Natural Gas	\$9.82	\$3.7190	\$0.1760
Gasoline		\$1.6214	-\$0.0229



CFTC Commitment of Traders Report for the Week Ending November 6, 2018

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