

THE ROGUE METHOD

Stop chasing data. Start reading markets.

Master Oil & Nat Gas Markets in just 5 minutes a day...

A field guide to market clarity for traders, executives,
producers, and analysts who are tired of being data janitors.



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Before we begin — a confession

Somewhere between your third Bloomberg tab and your fourteenth Excel formula, you stopped being an energy professional and became a data custodian. A spreadsheet shepherd. A very expensive human pivot table.

Nobody told you this was happening. It crept in quietly, like a natural gas leak — odorless until suddenly your entire morning is gone and all you've produced is a chart that proves you've been very, very busy.

This book is about fixing that. Not with another dashboard. Not with another data subscription. And definitely not with another productivity framework named after a kitchen appliance.

This book is about **clarity** — the specific, repeatable, almost unfair advantage you get when you stop collecting data and start reading markets.

The one thing this book will not do

Give you a longer list of data sources to check. If that's what you came for, the browser tab is right there. We'll wait.

What it will do is show you exactly how Energy Rogue built a system — called Rogue Radar — that synthesizes narrative, technicals, fundamentals, AI price targets, Commitment of Traders positioning, and per-commodity signals into one coherent market read. We'll show you the thinking behind it, a real worked example with real numbers, and what your mornings look like once you stop drowning.

Ready? Good. Let's go rogue.

Chapter I

The Clarity Gap

Why you're analyzing, but not deciding

The lie you were sold (and believed, because it was logical)

Let's give credit where it's due. The idea that more data leads to better decisions is not stupid. It is, in fact, exactly the kind of rigorous, engineering-brained thinking that built pipelines, designed refineries, and sent satellites into orbit to measure LNG tanker flows.

It is also, in the context of energy market analysis, completely and demonstrably wrong.

Here's the formula you were taught:

More Data → More Accuracy → Better Decisions

Here's what actually happens when you follow that formula in a real trading desk, producer office, or risk management department:

- Variable A (storage) says bullish.
- Variable B (weather) says bearish — but only if the polar vortex holds, which the 06z run doesn't support but the 12z does.
- Variable C (LNG exports) says bullish — unless TTF prices in Europe soften, which depends on Norwegian pipeline flows, which you haven't checked yet.
- Variable D (rig counts) says... actually, you've lost track of what Variable D says because you're now on Variable M.

You now have thirteen variables, a cold cup of coffee, and zero decisions.

Congratulations. You've won the 30-Hour Data Sifting Championship. The trophy is a stress headache and a Slack message that says "still working on the morning update."

The Inverted Clarity Curve

There is a point — and every experienced analyst has crossed it — where adding one more data source does not increase clarity. It decreases it. Each new variable is another voice in

the room. Past a certain threshold, you are not analyzing a market. You are moderating a committee of spreadsheets that all disagree with each other.

The actual problem (it's not the data)

The data is not the problem. The data is fine. The market produces perfectly good signals every single day. The EIA publishes its storage report. The CFTC releases Commitment of Traders data every Friday. Technical levels form, break, and re-establish. AI models ingest all of it overnight and generate price targets.

The problem is that none of these signals speak the same language. They live in different formats, different timeframes, different mental models. And without a mechanism to synthesize them — not just collect them, but actually synthesize them — you're left doing the translation manually. Every morning. Before your coffee gets cold.

That translation work is the job of the Rogue Method. And the output isn't a formula. It's a **market read** — a layered, multi-signal view of where the market is, where it's going, and whether you should trust that view enough to act.

What the Rogue Method is NOT

It is not a secret dataset. It is not a proprietary algorithm that has solved the market (nobody has). It is not a replacement for your expertise. It is a synthesis framework — a way of organizing what the market is already telling you so you can hear the signal instead of the noise.

Chapter II

The Rogue Method

Three lenses. One market read.

Most market analysis tools give you more to look at. Rogue Radar gives you less — on purpose. The entire design philosophy is built around one question: what is the minimum number of signals you need to form a high-conviction market view?

The answer, after two decades of getting this wrong and then slowly getting it right, is three lenses. Not three numbers. Three ways of looking at the same market simultaneously.

We call them Visibility, Velocity, and Validation. Not because we love alliteration (we do), but because each one answers a distinct question that the others can't.

Lens	The question it answers	What it actually includes
Visibility	<i>What IS the market right now?</i>	Fundamentals (supply, demand, storage), Commitment of Traders positioning, market narrative — the full context picture.
Velocity	<i>Where is the market GOING?</i>	Rate of change on key metrics, technical signals, AI-generated price targets — the momentum and direction picture.
Validation	<i>Should I TRUST this signal?</i>	Cross-layer confluence check — when fundamentals, technicals, sentiment, and COT all agree (or disagree), that agreement itself is the signal.

Lens I — Visibility: what the market is

Visibility is the discipline of context. It is the answer to the question: before I form an opinion, do I actually understand the full picture?

Most market participants don't. Not because they're lazy — they work extremely hard — but because the data they watch is siloed. The trader watches price. The producer watches the rig count. The analyst watches storage. The risk manager watches the forward curve. Everyone is staring through a straw, convinced they're seeing the whole room.

Visibility breaks the straw. It asks you to hold supply, demand, storage, and trader positioning simultaneously before forming any directional view. In Rogue Radar, Visibility includes:

- Full fundamentals for natural gas and crude oil — production, demand, storage, imports, exports — with individual Bull/Bear/Neutral/Watch indicators per data point
- Commitment of Traders (COT) positioning — what the managed money crowd is actually doing, not what they're saying on TV
- Market narrative — the prevailing story the market has told itself, which is often partially right and consistently overconfident

The narrative trap

The market narrative is not the market. It is the market's opinion of itself. And like most self-assessments, it lags reality by about one to three weeks. Visibility gives you the actual data. Validation (Lens III) tells you when the narrative and the data have diverged — which is almost always where the trade is.

Lens II — Velocity: where the market is going

Here's the thing that separates sharp analysts from everyone else: the market doesn't care about levels. It cares about acceleration.

A trader who sees natural gas storage come in at a 15 Bcf draw and says "that's bullish" has answered the wrong question. The right question is: is that draw bigger or smaller than last week? Than the 5-year average? Than what the models expected? The direction of change is not the answer. The rate of change in that direction is.

This is what we call **Velocity** — not price movement, but the acceleration or deceleration of the underlying forces that drive price. Rogue Radar tracks Velocity through:

- Week-over-week and year-over-year deltas on every fundamental data point
- Technical signal analysis — RSI, MACD, Bollinger Bands, moving averages — not to predict the future, but to confirm or contradict what the fundamentals suggest
- AI-generated price targets that synthesize historical patterns with current market conditions to produce a probabilistic range

The amateur looks at the number. The Rogue looks at what the number is doing relative to where it was. Those are two completely different conversations.

The Velocity example that will stick with you

Crude inventories rise by 3 million barrels. Headline: bearish. Now add Velocity: last week they rose 7 million barrels. The week before, 9 million. The builds are shrinking. The bearish trend is decelerating. That's not a sell signal. That's a warning that the bottom may be forming. Velocity caught it. The headline missed it.

Lens III — Validation: should you trust what you're seeing?

This is the one that separates the disciplined analyst from the confident-but-wrong analyst. And in energy markets, the gap between those two is measured in dollars per MMBtu.

Validation is the cross-check. Once you have your Visibility picture and your Velocity read, you ask: do these agree? Does the technical picture confirm the fundamentals? Does the COT data support or contradict the trend? Does the AI price target align with where support and resistance suggest we're headed?

In Rogue Radar, Validation is built into the signal output. Every commodity gets a Bull, Bear, Neutral, or Watch indicator — not from a single data source, but from the confluence of all layers. A bullish signal that isn't confirmed across multiple lenses gets flagged as Watch, not Buy. That's not timidity. That's discipline.

The signal discipline rule

If the fundamentals say one thing and the technicals say the opposite, the answer is not to split the difference. The answer is to wait. The best trade you ever don't make is the one where two layers of your analysis are actively arguing with each other. Let them resolve before you commit capital.

Chapter III

Velocity in Practice

One real example. Real numbers. Real signal.

Frameworks are wonderful. Frameworks with actual data are better. So let's walk through exactly what the Rogue Method looked like during the natural gas rally of October and November 2024 — specifically the week of October 14, when the market made a directional call that most headline readers completely missed.

The setup was almost comically designed to fool people who were watching the wrong things.

The scene: October 2024, natural gas

- Weather models in mid-October 2024 were showing a mild pattern through late October — warm for the season, minimal heating demand.
- Production was running near multi-year highs at approximately 104-105 Bcf/day.
- The prevailing narrative: bearish. "It's warm, production is high, storage is comfortable. Sell the rallies."
- NYMEX natural gas front-month was trading in the \$2.50-\$2.70 range. Most desk views said it stayed there or went lower.

If you were reading headlines in mid-October 2024, you were bearish. Full stop. The narrative was airtight. The problem was that the narrative was looking at the wrong data points.

What the Rogue Radar was watching instead

Not the weather models. Not production. The storage trajectory — specifically, whether the weekly builds were accelerating or decelerating relative to the 5-year average. That's where the signal was.

Running the three lenses

Lens I — Visibility

The weekly EIA storage report for the week ending October 11, 2024 showed a build of 76 Bcf. Sounds bullish for storage, right? The 5-year average build for that week is approximately 87 Bcf. The market built less than the seasonal average — meaning storage, despite the mild weather, was not filling as fast as it should have been.

COT data from the same week showed managed money net short positions had been covering — not aggressively, but consistently for three consecutive weeks. The big money was quietly reducing bearish bets.

Market narrative: still broadly bearish. Production is high. It's warm. Stay short.

Visibility read: mixed. Fundamentals less bearish than they appear on the surface.

Positioning starting to shift. Flag for Velocity check.

Lens II — Velocity

Week	Actual build	5-yr avg build	Variance
Week ending Sep 27	89 Bcf	87 Bcf	+2 Bcf (inline)
Week ending Oct 4	82 Bcf	87 Bcf	-5 Bcf (below avg)
Week ending Oct 11	76 Bcf	87 Bcf	-11 Bcf (accelerating deficit)

This is the Velocity signal. The absolute storage number wasn't alarming. But the rate of change in the deficit — from inline, to -5 Bcf below average, to -11 Bcf below average in three consecutive weeks — was accelerating. The market was tightening faster than the headline number suggested, and it was happening while production was high and weather was warm.

Technical analysis added confirmation: the front-month contract had formed a base at the \$2.50 level with **three consecutive failed attempts to break lower**. RSI was showing a bullish divergence — price making lower lows while momentum made higher lows. The chart was telling the same story as the storage math.

AI price target for end-of-month: \$2.85 to \$3.10. Not a moon shot. But notably above where the consensus was.

Lens III — Validation

Let's check the confluence:

- Fundamentals: storage trajectory bullish (deficit accelerating) — GREEN
- Technicals: base formation, RSI divergence, support holding — GREEN
- COT positioning: managed money covering shorts — GREEN
- AI price target: \$2.85-\$3.10, above current — GREEN
- Market narrative: still broadly bearish — CONFLICT

Four layers agree. One layer — the narrative — disagrees. And this is precisely the situation where the Rogue Method earns its keep. When the data and the narrative diverge, the data wins. The narrative is always a lagging indicator. It reflects what already happened. The data is telling you what is happening right now.

The Rogue Radar signal: BULLISH / WATCH

Bullish on the fundamental and technical confluence. Watch because the narrative disagreement means volatility is possible in both directions before the market reprices. Translation: this is a position to build, not a position to slam. Scale in. Don't bet the farm on day one.

What happened

Natural gas front-month rallied from approximately \$2.55 in mid-October to above \$3.30 by the first week of November 2024 — a move of nearly 30% in three weeks.

The weather eventually turned cold, which confirmed the narrative. But the narrative came after the signal. Rogue Radar saw the storage deficit accelerating and the technicals confirming while the headlines were still writing bear cases.

No crystal ball. No insider information. No secret formula. Just three lenses looking at the same market simultaneously, and the discipline to trust the data when the narrative said otherwise.

The part that matters

The manual version of this analysis — pulling the EIA data, calculating the week-over-week deltas, running the technical checks, reading the COT report, synthesizing the AI targets — takes approximately 45-60 minutes when you know what you're doing. Rogue Radar does it automatically, overnight, before you pour your coffee. The output is the same. The time cost is not.

Chapter IV

The Signal, Not the Noise

What to do when the light turns green

Here's what Rogue Radar actually delivers every morning for natural gas and crude oil. Not a 40-page report. Not a sprawling dashboard with seventeen panels that require a PhD to interpret. A layered market read organized around six components:

Component	What it shows you
Market narrative	The prevailing story — what the market has told itself. Useful context, dangerous gospel.
Technical analysis	Chart signals, support/resistance, momentum indicators. The price action picture.
Fundamentals	Every major supply/demand data point with individual Bull/Bear/Neutral/Watch tags.
AI price targets	Probabilistic price range based on historical patterns and current conditions.
Commitment of Traders	What the managed money crowd is actually positioned for — versus what they're saying.
Per-commodity signal	The synthesis: one Bull/Bear/Neutral/Watch indicator per commodity, derived from all five layers above.

The four signals — and what each one means

Every commodity in Rogue Radar gets one of four indicators. Here's the plain-English translation of each:

BULLISH

The preponderance of evidence — fundamentals, technicals, COT, AI targets — points in the same direction. Act with conviction. Size appropriately.

BEARISH

Same thing, opposite direction. The market has sent multiple signals that price is heading lower. Act accordingly — hedge, sell forward, reduce exposure.

NEUTRAL

The evidence is genuinely mixed. Not because we haven't made up our mind — because the market hasn't made up its mind. Patience is a position.

WATCH

Something is changing. Not enough consensus to call a direction, but enough movement in one layer to warrant attention. Get ready. The signal may sharpen.

What each avatar does with this

The same signal means different things to different people. Here's the action translation by role:

Avatar	What they do with it	Signal read	Action
Trader / Originator	Look for entry setups aligned with the signal. Ignore headlines that contradict it until a new data release changes the underlying picture.	BULLISH	Build long position
Executive / C-suite	Walk into the 9am meeting with one sentence: "Gas is bullish on storage deficit and technical confirmation." You sound like a genius. It took 5 minutes.	BULLISH	Lock in pricing
Independent Producer	Evaluate hedging strategy against signal direction. Bullish with Watch flag = consider partial hedges. Full bullish = let production ride or forward sell into strength.	BULLISH	Hedge selectively
Analyst	Frame the narrative template: "[Commodity] is [signal] due to [primary driver], confirmed by [secondary confirmation], with [risk factor] as the key watch item."	WATCH	Sharpen the note

The one rule that applies to every avatar

When the layers disagree — when fundamentals say one thing and technicals say another and COT is pointing a third direction — the signal is Neutral or Watch, not a

guess. The most expensive thing you can do in energy markets is manufacture conviction where none exists.

The best trade you never make is the one where you sat on your hands while the market sorted itself out, and then moved when the confluence was clear. That discipline is worth more than any individual data point.

Chapter V

The 5-Minute Clarity Routine

Your mornings are about to get dramatically less terrible

Let's talk about your current morning. Be honest. It probably looks something like this:

6:00 AM	Alarm. Contemplate alternate career in beekeeping.
6:01 AM	Check email on phone. Immediately stressed. (Mistake #1)
6:05 AM	Check Slack. Someone needs something. Of course they do. (Mistake #2)
6:10 AM	Scroll news. Markets are doing something. Everything is fine or terrible.
6:30 AM	Open Bloomberg, EIA, five other tabs. Start the data rodeo.
7:45 AM	Still compiling. Coffee untouched. Update not sent.
8:00 AM	Manager asks for the morning view. You describe the data. Not the conclusion.

The 5-minute clarity routine does not make your job easier by making the market simpler. The market is exactly as complex as it has always been. It makes your job easier by doing the synthesis work before you arrive.

Here's what the morning looks like instead:

Minute 1 — Check the signal

Before you open email. Before you check Slack. Before you do anything. Open Rogue Radar and look at the signal. One word. Bullish. Bearish. Neutral. Watch.

That word is your anchor for the entire day. Everything you read, hear, or see after this moment gets evaluated against it. If the signal is Bullish and a bearish headline crosses your desk at 11am, your first question is: does this change the underlying data? If not, ignore it. You already have your view.

Minute 2 — Read the velocity layer

Look at which fundamentals are moving — and more importantly, how they're moving. Is the storage deficit growing or shrinking? Is production accelerating or topping out? Is COT positioning getting more extreme or starting to reverse?

This is your timing read. A bullish signal with accelerating velocity means act now. A bullish signal with decelerating velocity means wait for confirmation.

Minute 3 — Check the validation

Do the technicals agree with the fundamentals? Does the AI price target align with where the chart suggests we're going? Is COT consistent with the narrative — or is the crowd positioned against the signal?

One conflict doesn't break the thesis. Multiple conflicts do. If three of your five layers are pointing different directions, today's signal is Watch. Hold your position and check again tomorrow.

Minute 4 — Write the Rogue summary

This is the step that turns you from someone who knows the data into someone who **owns the room**. One sentence. Template:

The Rogue summary template

[Commodity] is [SIGNAL] due to [primary driver], confirmed by [secondary confirmation], with [risk factor] as the key watch item.

Real example: "Natural gas is BULLISH due to an accelerating storage deficit relative to the 5-year average, confirmed by technical base formation and COT short covering, with a warm weather forecast as the key risk to watch."

That is one sentence. It took 20 seconds to write. When your CEO asks for the morning update, you read it. You do not ramble. You do not hedge every clause. You own the narrative.

Minute 5 — Close it and start your day

Close the dashboard. The signal is your anchor. The summary is your sentence. You are now immune to the noise.

When a panicked headline crosses the terminal at noon, you measure it against your anchor: does this change the underlying data? If yes, update the signal. If no, ignore it. You've already done your analysis.

What you actually gained

Time: the equivalent of 25-30 hours of weekly data compilation, returned to you.

Confidence: you're executing a system, not making a guess. Credibility: every conversation about the market starts from a clear, defensible position. Peace: you stop staring at screens all day waiting for data to tell you something it already said at 6am.

Chapter VI

See It Live

The Mastering Market Clarity workshop

You now have the framework. Three lenses. Six signal layers. One synthesis. A five-minute daily routine that replaces the 30-hour grind.

What you don't have yet is Rogue Radar running on your market. And the honest truth is that no ebook — including this one, which is unusually good — can replicate the experience of watching the system work on live data in real time.

So we built a workshop.

The Mastering Market Clarity workshop

This is not a webinar where someone reads slides at you for 90 minutes and asks if there are any questions (there are always questions). This is a working session.

Here's what happens:

- We run the current natural gas and crude oil markets through the Rogue Method, live, in front of you. Real data. Current signal. Today's setup.
- We walk through the six Rogue Radar layers — narrative, technicals, fundamentals, AI price targets, COT, and the per-commodity signal — so you can see exactly how the synthesis works and where the current high-conviction view is coming from.
- We run the 5-minute clarity routine together, on the live market, so you can see what it looks like in practice versus in a chapter of a book.
- We take your specific questions — your market, your role, your specific decision context — and show you how the method applies.

You'll leave with the full framework internalized, having seen it applied to a real market on a real day. And you'll have a clear picture of what Rogue Radar looks like in your workflow.

Who should attend

Traders and originators who want to tighten their morning process. Executives and risk managers who need a defensible market view without a 30-hour weekly commitment. Independent producers navigating hedging decisions. Analysts who want to upgrade their market narrative from "here's what the data says" to "here's what the data means."

One last thought

The energy market has been selling the same lie for decades: that whoever has the most data wins. It's a useful lie if you're a data vendor. It's an expensive lie if you're the one buying subscriptions.

The people who actually win in this market — consistently, year over year, across commodity cycles — are not the ones with the most tabs open. They're the ones who, at 6:05 in the morning, know exactly what the market is doing and exactly what they're going to do about it.

That's the Rogue Method. That's what we built Rogue Radar to deliver.

See you at the workshop.

[Register for the Mastering Market Clarity workshop](https://energyrogue.com)

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