Fracture Net Pressure = pnet

Net pressure $p_{\rm net}$ is the excess pressure over the frac pressure p_c required to open the fractures:

$$p_{\text{net}} = p_{\text{BHP}} - p_c$$

where

p_{BHP}	botom-hole pressure during the frac treatment
p_c	the closure pressure which is approximately minimum horizontal stress

The physical meaning of the Net pressure is that it is the energy required for propagating fracture and creating its width during the frac job.

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