Weekly Power Outlet

Period: 3/27/2023 - 3/31/2023



Weekly Headlines

- Natural Gas Below \$2
- PJM Capacity Auction Delay
- **Coal Pricing**

POWER PRICING (\$/MWh)

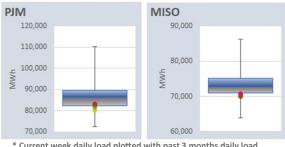
Day-Ahead LMPs			Mon 3/27	Tue 3/28	Wed 3/29	Thu 3/30	Fri 3/31
MLA	On-Peak	WESTERN HUB	\$34.44	\$30.29	\$24.00	\$27.38	\$24.70
	Off-Peak	WESTERN HUB	\$24.34	\$25.15	\$23.09	\$27.34	\$24.21
	On-Peak	N ILLINOIS HUB	\$35.83	\$29.29	\$23.05	\$17.34	\$15.32
	Off-Peak	N ILLINOIS HUB	\$24.21	\$23.71	\$17.63	\$14.09	\$8.07
	On-Peak	PPL	\$29.50	\$25.25	\$20.46	\$25.70	\$23.76
	Off-Peak	PPL	\$22.42	\$21.34	\$19.49	\$24.77	\$23.39
	On-Peak	PENELEC	\$33.09	\$29.05	\$22.79	\$26.53	\$24.48
	Off-Peak	PENELEC	\$24.12	\$23.83	\$21.75	\$26.40	\$23.97
	On-Peak	COMED	\$35.96	\$29.41	\$23.14	\$17.42	\$15.44
	Off-Peak	COMED	\$24.32	\$23.79	\$17.75	\$14.14	\$8.22
MISO	On-Peak	INDIANA HUB	\$34.19	\$33.05	\$29.86	\$31.64	\$26.31
	Off-Peak	INDIANA HUB	\$25.12	\$27.71	\$27.61	\$33.88	\$23.80
	On-Peak	MICHIGAN HUB	\$33.74	\$31.36	\$27.02	\$27.09	\$23.34
	Off-Peak	MICHIGAN HUB	\$24.06	\$27.15	\$24.47	\$27.30	\$19.81
Ξ	On-Peak	MINN HUB	\$36.30	\$29.67	\$28.66	\$24.05	\$21.09
	Off-Peak	MINN HUB	\$24.60	\$24.23	\$20.82	\$22.46	\$17.56
	On-Peak	LOUISIANA HUB	\$35.62	\$28.14	\$25.77	\$23.60	\$31.96
	Off-Peak	LOUISIANA HUB	\$19.96	\$17.40	\$16.77	\$16.87	\$17.06
	On-Peak	NORTH	\$84.32	\$19.22	\$3.66	-\$21.55	-\$19.28
ERCOT	Off-Peak	NORTH	\$24.08	-\$6.04	-\$24.76	-\$22.46	-\$21.99
	On-Peak	SOUTH	\$88.23	\$29.85	\$27.55	\$24.32	\$30.88
	Off-Peak	SOUTH	\$26.38	\$19.20	\$23.24	\$17.34	\$14.17

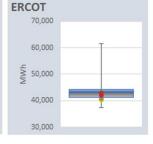


Futures	Weste	rn Hub	Indian	a Hub	North Hub	
	On-Peak	Off-Peak	On-Peak	Off-Peak	On-Peak	Off-Peak
	\$52.38	\$40.67	\$53.48	\$41.58	\$52.90	\$34.15

^{*} Forward 12 month strip

DAILY RTO LOAD PROFILE (MWh)





^{*} Current week daily load plotted with past 3 months daily load

This week the April NYMEX natural gas futures rolled off the board settling just under \$2/MMBtu with May now the prompt month future trading near \$2.20 MMBtu. Thursday's EIA storage report showed an inline draw of 47 Bcf, which leaves inventories roughly 30% higher than last year at this time.

There's an old saying in the commodities world that we've repeated here a few times and it might be time to state it again, "the cure for low prices, is lower prices.". Given the credit tightening that will undoubtedly be coming, higher production costs, and the lower prices, there is starting to be some talk about production estimates might need to come down.

PJM announced Monday that it will look to delay its 2025/26 Base Residual Auction which was scheduled for late spring. In their announcement seeking the delay, the board stated, "PJM should postpone executing any further auctions under the current rules until we go through the stakeholder process and file resulting rule change proposals

We tend to give natural gas pricing most of the coverage when it comes to input fuel and electricity prices. Natural gas is the marginal fuel setting price a majority of the time across most RTOs. That said, it is worth pointing out the pricing in coal as it still matters here in the US and abroad. Central App and Illinois Basin coal prices have come off 33% in the last month. Lower Btu, but widely used Powder River Basin is off 10%. While coal has become less and less relevant in ISO generation stacks, it still plays a role and lower pricing of coal is still relevant.

