Weekly Power Outlet

Period: 5/22/2023 - 5/26/2023



Weekly Headlines

- LNG
- Nvidia

Welcome Summer

POWER PRICING (\$/MWh)

Day-Ahead LMPs			Mon 5/22	Tue 5/23	Wed 5/24	Thu 5/25	Fri 5/26
MLA	On-Peak	WESTERN HUB	\$36.99	\$39.26	\$34.39	\$26.63	\$24.46
	Off-Peak	WESTERN HUB	\$17.92	\$21.06	\$20.80	\$18.31	\$18.49
	On-Peak	N ILLINOIS HUB	\$34.51	\$38.87	\$21.20	\$20.44	\$21.17
	Off-Peak	N ILLINOIS HUB	\$15.10	\$16.98	\$16.42	\$8.94	\$13.73
	On-Peak	PPL	\$29.77	\$29.05	\$25.56	\$22.05	\$21.08
	Off-Peak	PPL	\$16.68	\$18.34	\$17.82	\$16.54	\$16.89
	On-Peak	PENELEC	\$31.63	\$33.59	\$28.79	\$23.93	\$22.86
	Off-Peak	PENELEC	\$17.40	\$19.90	\$19.39	\$17.52	\$17.80
	On-Peak	COMED	\$34.49	\$38.93	\$21.28	\$20.49	\$21.21
	Off-Peak	COMED	\$15.13	\$17.02	\$16.46	\$8.96	\$13.75
MISO	On-Peak	INDIANA HUB	\$45.51	\$50.23	\$51.64	\$32.10	\$34.20
	Off-Peak	INDIANA HUB	\$20.18	\$20.41	\$22.19	\$21.02	\$18.11
	On-Peak	MICHIGAN HUB	\$34.66	\$40.16	\$27.95	\$27.57	\$26.04
	Off-Peak	MICHIGAN HUB	\$19.86	\$19.39	\$19.98	\$18.62	\$17.07
	On-Peak	MINN HUB	\$34.60	\$41.54	\$23.65	\$17.33	\$18.80
	Off-Peak	MINN HUB	\$13.38	\$9.94	\$15.21	\$1.64	\$3.01
	On-Peak	LOUISIANA HUB	\$36.91	\$40.60	\$34.43	\$35.54	\$27.96
	Off-Peak	LOUISIANA HUB	\$18.62	\$19.15	\$18.68	\$17.48	\$15.89
ERCOT	On-Peak	NORTH	\$31.77	\$31.52	\$33.74	\$31.90	\$31.46
	Off-Peak	NORTH	\$20.25	\$18.20	\$21.58	\$21.87	\$19.82
	On-Peak	SOUTH	\$32.72	\$33.16	\$35.29	\$33.44	\$34.57
	Off-Peak	SOUTH	\$20.59	\$18.33	\$21.86	\$22.15	\$20.11

6-10 Day Temperature Outlook

COMMODITIES PRICING (\$/MMBtu)



* Red signifies week over week price change down / Green signifies week over week price change up

Futures	Weste	rn Hub	Indian	a Hub	North Hub				
	On-Peak	Off-Peak	Off-Peak On-Peak Off-F		On-Peak	Off-Peak			
	\$54.30	\$41.98	\$55.84	\$43.02	\$50.80	\$32.00			
* Forward 12 month strip									

DAILY RTO LOAD PROFILE (MWh) -5/22 -5/23 -5/24 -5/25 -5/2 -5/26 -5/22 PJM MISO ERCOT 100,000 80.000 60,000 90.000 50,000 MWh 1Wh **hWh** 70,000 80,000 40,000 70,000 60,000 30,000

* Current week daily load plotted with past 3 months daily load

COMMENTARY

This week's EIA storage can be summed up with good build, lower demand, and strong production. The June contract rolls off the board so when we return from the long weekend, July will be our benchmark. EIA released a <u>report</u> on the effects of LNG pricing on US natural gas. This report grabbed our attention as we have argued that LNG could make natural gas a fungible commodity like oil, this subjecting the US pricing to a world market. The report lays out a few scenarios from lowest case to highest case with gas prices settling somewhere between \$2.50 and \$6.40/MMBtu in 20 years (although there seems to be some contradiction within the report). Using the same metrics, the report lays out scenarios where the US could export between 10-50 Bcf/day. Today we export roughly 12 Bcf/day. As the old saying goes, you could drive a truck through the spread in those estimates. Our interest in the report is that natural gas is trading today as if the lowest scenario will play out. We admit there are other factors into pricing, but we like the LNG angle a lot in our long term thesis.

Wednesday evening computer chip maker Nvidia announced earnings with a massive uptick of forward guidance on revenues. We aren't the WSJ, so we aren't going to comment on financials or stock price, but there was some very informative conversation in the earnings <u>conference call</u>. What we find fascinating in the discussion is the potential similarity to crypto mining. A lot of utilities, coops, and municipalities had to deal with disruption of load as crypto was moved from China to the US. In some cases, it was banned because it was too disruptive and a financial and physical strain. It's not hard to imagine, given the conversation, that the very same problems associated with crypto will be included in AI computing. One of the promises of Nvidia chips is the ongoing development of lower power consumption. Hopefully the decline in power draw can be correlated with the increased demand, or the crypto problem may be back in the form of AI where a simple ban won't be an acceptable answer. If not already, this needs to be on the radar of those that need to forecast load.

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