Electric Market National Overview
Weekly U.S. Electric Generation Output and Temperatures

![Graph showing electric generation output and temperatures from January to December with two lines: one for 2003-2007 range and another for 2008. The graph also shows two seasons: Heating Season and Cooling Season, with the Heating Season temperatures significantly warmer than normal.]
Financial Trading on ICE

Source: Derived from ICE data. ICE on-peak swaps (financial) volume include monthly, dual monthly, quarterly, and calendar year contracts traded for each month.

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Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards (RPS)

**Notes:** Alaska has no RPS; DG is distributed generation; * Iowa has a goal of 1,000 MW of wind by 2010

**Sources:** Derived from data in: EEI, EIA, LBNL, PUCs, State legislative tracking services, Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency, and the Union of Concerned Scientists.

**Updates at:** [http://www.ferc.gov/market-oversight/mkt-electric/overview/elec-ovr-rps.pdf](http://www.ferc.gov/market-oversight/mkt-electric/overview/elec-ovr-rps.pdf)
Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards

• A Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requires a percent of energy sales or installed capacity to come from renewable resources.
• 27 states and D.C. have renewable energy standards.
• Recent state developments include:
  – Massachusetts Governor Patrick signed the Green Communities Act on July 2, strengthening an existing RPS. It doubles the rate at which retail suppliers must supply renewable energy (kWh); creates a second class of renewable resources (after & before 12-31-1997); requires 10- to 15-year contracts with renewable energy developers to enhance financing terms; expands net metering for consumers with wind and solar power from 60 kW to 2 MW; and allows utilities to own customer-sited solar installations of 25 MW beginning in 2009, and 50 MW beginning in 2010.
  – The District of Columbia passed the Clean and Affordable Energy Act on July 15. It doubles the RPS to 20% by 2020, adds solar, and creates a Sustainable Energy Utility to administer renewable energy and energy efficiency programs for D.C. The Mayor must sign it and send it to Congress for a 30-day review before it can take effect.

  – Michigan’s House and Senate passed different versions of an RPS and energy efficiency standard. They would need to be reconciled to go forward.
  – Kentucky decided against an RPS, finding there are insufficient in-state resources to support one. Instead it recommended a modest 5% - 10% renewable goal by 2020.

• Five states have enacted renewable goals without financial penalties.
• Thirteen states include energy efficiency in their RPS or renewable goals; more are considering energy efficiency additions or companion bills.
• The Western Governor’s Association launched a project to identify common transmission needs and potential transmission costs to spur regional renewable energy resource development with Western Renewable Energy Zones (WREZ). Eleven U.S. states, two Canadian provinces, and areas of Mexico within the Western Interconnection will participate in the project. Similar renewable transmission zones have been identified in Texas to bring renewable generation from remote areas to load centers.
Energy Efficiency Resource Standards (EERS)

ID: evaluating DR, EE, and RE as priority resources
MT: state agency reduction initiative: save 20% by 2010
WA: must pursue all cost-effective conservation
OR: EE working group developing recommendations and concepts
CA: IOUs reduce MW 10%, peak demand (MWh) 12% by 2013; munis 10% by 2017
NV: use EE for up to 25% of RPS by 2015
UT: EE incentives in RPS goal
CO: save 40 MW and 100 GWh annually to 2013
NM: use EE and DR to save 10% of 2005 retail electric sales by 2020
KS: studying for E&G utilities
OK: PSC approved quick-start DSM programs, including EE
TX: 10% of load growth, beyond 2004, based on prior 5 years
HI: 20% of MWh sales by 2020; up to 50% of RPS
MN: reduce fossil fuel use 15% by 2015 through EE, RE
IA: utilities must establish EE goals by end of 2008
WI: RPS requires utility EE
IL: reduce energy 2% by 2015 (EE) and 0.1% from prior year (DR)
OH: reduce peak-demand 8% by 2018; effect energy savings of 22% by 2025
MI: different bills passed by House and Senate
ME: 10% new EE by 2017; in RPS goal as 2nd priority
VT: EE & RE to meet 2007-12 growth; new EE fund
NY: 15% electric use reduction by 2015; doubles EE funding
CT: 4% savings by 2010, and a Tier III RPS resource
PA: new funding for EE and RE
NJ: reduce consumption 20%, and reduce peak 5,700 MW by 2020
DE: promote EE and conservation by a Sustainable Energy Utility
MD: reduce peak-demand and per cap electricity use 15% by 2015
VA: reduce 10% of 2006 sales by 2022 with EE, DR
NC: EE to meet up to 25% of RPS to 2011; later to 40%
FL: PSC must adopt goals to reduce electric consumption and peak demand using EE and DR


Abbreviations: CHP – Combined heat & power; DR - demand response; DSM - demand side management; DSR – demand-side resources; EE - energy efficiency; E&G: electric and gas utilities; RPS: Renewable Portfolio Standard
Sources: ACEEE, EPA, Regulatory Assistance Project, Union of Concerned Scientists, State regulatory and legislative sites, trade press

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Energy Efficiency Resource Standards (EERS)

- An EERS – energy efficiency resource or portfolio standard – aims to reduce or flatten electric load growth through energy efficiency (EE) measures. Goals may specify reductions in energy (MWh), demand (MW), or both. Many now specify overall energy reductions as well as peak-load reductions.

- Twenty-two states have an EERS or goal; thirteen include EE as part of a renewable standard or goal. States that enacted significant energy efficiency legislation in 2008 include: DC, FL, MA, MD, NJ, NM, NY, OH, UT, and VT.

- States that intend to use part of the RGGI auction proceeds to promote energy efficiency include CT, DC, DE, MA, and MD.

- Massachusetts enacted an “Act Relative to Green Communities” in July. Its goal is to meet 25% of its capacity and energy needs by 2020 with demand-side resources. Utilities must first use EE and demand reduction resources that are cost-effective or less expensive than supply. E&G utilities will assess EE system benefit charges and submit triennial EE plans.

- Washington, D.C passed a “Clean and Affordable Energy Act” in July. It created a Sustainable Energy Utility to reduce per capita energy consumption, reduce peak electric demand growth, reduce the growth of energy demand of D.C.’s largest energy users, and increase RE generating capacity in D.C. The bill also includes titles permitting sub-metering in non-residential buildings, and requiring energy benchmarking for private and government buildings.

- New York adopted a “15 by 15” goal in June. Its EERS targets a 15% cut in electric use by 2015, and is a joint effort by the Public Service Commission and Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). Without this effort, NY’s expected demand would be 11% higher by 2015 than now. The EERS set goals for E&G utilities and uses a system benefit charge to fund programs. NY is designing performance incentives, the role of demand response and distributed generation, and studying the impact on rental and low-income customers.

- A state “Energy Efficiency Utility” is an energy efficiency model:
  - Efficiency Vermont was established in 2000. It provides technical and financial incentives to households and businesses to use energy efficient construction, equipment, and lighting and is funded through a system benefit charge. “Vermont spends more than $22.50 per capita and saves nearly 2% of its electric needs annually, more than any other state.”*
  - Delaware created a Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU) in 2007 to use a market-based approach to address energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy.
  - D.C. created a SEU and Sustainable Trust Fund in its Clean and Affordable Energy Act; it needs Congressional approval to become effective.


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Central Appalachian and Powder River Basin Coal Prices

Source: Derived from Bloomberg data.
SO$_2$ and NO$_x$ Allowance Spot Prices

Source: Derived from Cantor Fitzgerald data.
Growth of U.S. Installed Wind Capacity (MW)

- Midwest includes: IL, IA, KS, MI, MN, MS, NE, ND, OH, OK, SD, WI
- East includes: ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, TN, VT, WV

Source: American Wind Energy Association (AWEA)

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2007 Review of Wind Generation

- Installed wind capacity grew 5,244 MW from 11,603 MW in 2006 to 16,818 MW in 2007, a 45% increase.
- More new wind capacity was added in 2007 than any prior year:
- Just over half of new capacity – 2,704 MW – was installed in states with the highest wind potential. 59 percent of that – 1,588 MW – was in Texas.
- Installed capacity grew 150% from 2004 to 2007, while:
  - the number of states (including D.C.) with a renewable portfolio standard grew from 21 to 27, and
  - the wind production tax credit did not lapse.
- The top five states by capacity added in 2007 were: Texas (1,618 MW), Colorado (776), Illinois (592), Oregon (447), and Minnesota (405). Texas moved into 1st place in installed wind capacity in 2006, passing long-time leader California.
- The top 10 states by cumulative installed capacity have 14,366 MW of wind, or 85% of U.S. capacity. Nine of them had a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) in 2007.
- The rapid growth of wind generating capacity has led to a backlog in many interconnection queues. The Commission held a Technical Conference on December 11, 2007 (AD08-2-000) to re-examine the Large Generator Interconnection Rule. Many ISO/RTOs reported that the queuing procedures specified by Order 2003 impede the timely interconnection of wind resources.