March 13 - 17, 2023 MARKET SUMMARY



SPOTLIGHT | European Commission Initiates Policies to Spur Clean Energy, Counter IRA

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CES SCORE | Is it Time for Action?

The CES SCORE shows how current wholesale commodity prices compare to their 52-week range. A score close to 0 indicates that current prices are close to their 52-week HIGH; a score close to 100 indicates that current prices are close to their 52-week LOW. Many factors influence how wholesale prices are translated into retail prices paid by consumers and when it is time to consider a price lock. Please contact your CES Energy Services Advisor for customized strategic procurement advice.

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NATURAL GAS NYMEX TERMS

12 MONTH: 100 18 MONTH: 100 24 MONTH: 100

36 MONTH: 99

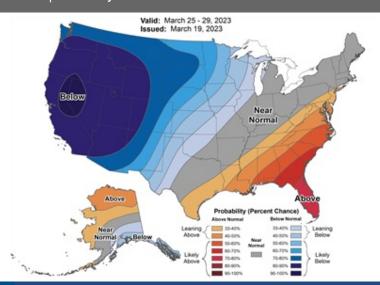
NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY TERMS

12 MONTH: 92 18 MONTH: 99 24 MONTH: 90 36 MONTH: 85

CRUDE OIL TERMS

12 MONTH: 94 18 MONTH: 93 24 MONTH: 92 36 MONTH: 89

WEATHER | 6-10 Day Forecast



Below average temperatures are expected for the West Coast, with near normal and above average temperatures spanning the East Coast.

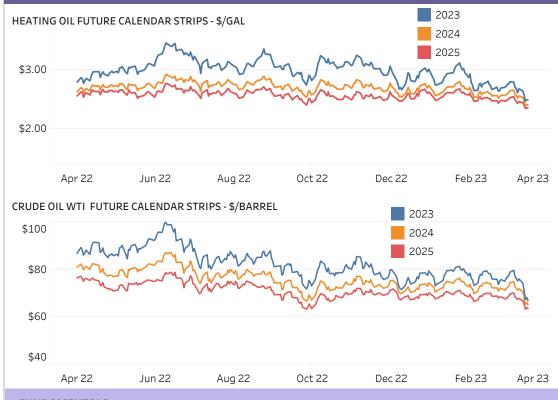
This map depicts forecasted temperatures for next week compared to the long-term average. The **blue/purple** areas are forecast to be colder than normal, gray areas are normal, and **yellow/orange/red** areas are warmer than normal. Abnormally hot weather in the summer and cold weather in the winter can increase the price for natural gas, oil, and electricity.

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OIL & DISTILLATES OVERVIEW



Prompt Month Price For Apr 23

This Week:

\$66.74/Bbl

Prior Week:

\$75.72/Bbl

CHANGE:

(\$8.98)/BbI

WTI closed at \$66.74/Barrel on Friday, seeing losses of over \$10/barrel from the week prior. Both WTI and Brent plummeted on Wednesday after Credit Suisse announced their largest backer, Saudi National Bank, would not provide further financial support. Oil markets recovered slightly on Thursday as the Swiss National Bank offered over \$50 billion in liquidity to Credit Suisse. However, oil markets dipped again on Friday to their lowest point in over a year. Analysts predict the U.S. may begin to refill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in anticipation of demand returning later this year and causing recovery of the losses seen this past week.

FUNDAMENTALS





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NATURAL GAS OVERVIEW



Winter natural gas NYMEX strips are an average of commodity prices for the months of December-March of each winter. Prices are presented in this format to highlight what consumers will pay during the typical heating season in the U.S.

Prompt Month Price For Apr 23

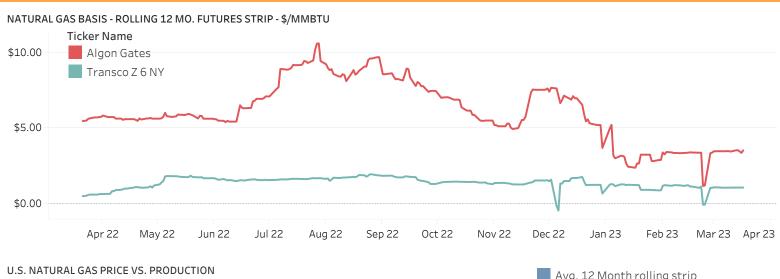
This Week: \$2.34/MMBTU

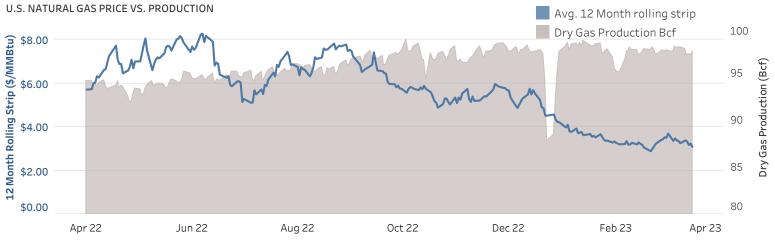
Prior Week: \$2.54/MMBTU

CHANGE: (\$0.21)/MMBtu

The natural gas prompt month futures price settled at \$2.34 on Friday, declining 7.9% from the previous week. Prices remained volatile throughout the week, supported by a warmer than expected spring outlook, strong supply surplus and the return of the Freeport LNG facility. On Thursday, the EIA reported a storage pull of 58 Bcf for the week ending March 10th. This is considerably smaller than last year (86 Bcf) and the five-year average pull of 77 Bcf. Temperature forecasts continue to change as some sources predict a cold snap for the end of March, while others are easing into a milder spring outlook. LNG production is continuing to ramp up in the U.S. with Freeport and other new LNG facilities coming online in the coming years, and demand for LNG continues to increase abroad.

NATURAL GAS FUNDAMENTALS



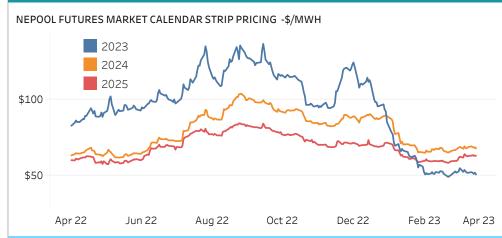


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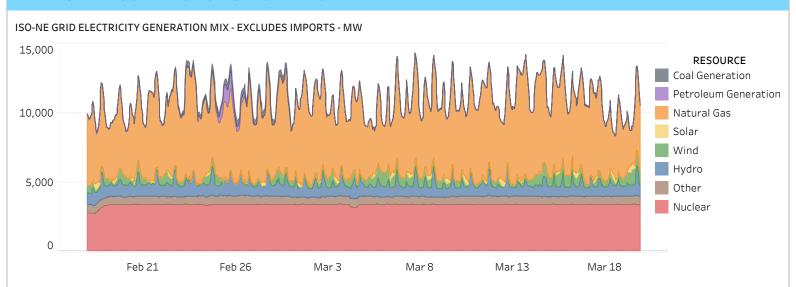


NEW ENGLAND ELECTRICITY OVERVIEW



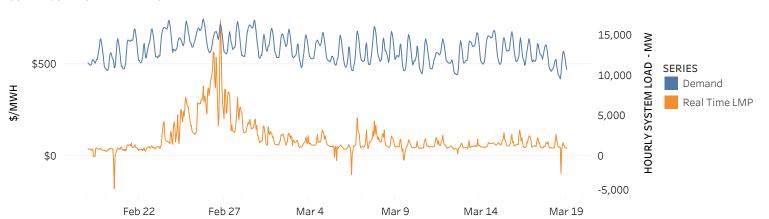
The NEPOOL 12-month strip increased 1.13% week-over-week to land at \$68.85/MWh. The 2024 strip settled at \$68.90/MWh, representing a week-over-week increase of 1.10%. The 2025 strip increased 0.96%, settling at \$63.54/MWh, and the 2026 rose 1.93%, settling at \$63.54/MWh. Temperatures are projected to fall at or slightly below seasonal averages over the near term. This should provide mild upward pressure. Temperatures for April, however, are projected to fall near seasonal averages and should not have a significant impact on electricity prices. Natural gas prices, which are typically a good indicator of electricity price trends, have remained relatively stable, seeing week-over-week decreases for both NYMEX and Algonquin Citygate basis 12-month strips.

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ELECTRICITY GRID GENERATION MIX



NEW ENGLAND GRID FUNDAMENTALS





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