



# MARKET SUMMARY REPORT

December 2024

# UNDERSTANDING THIS MARKET SNAPSHOT

Use the information in this email to identify trends and movements affecting electricity in the ERCOT market to make informed energy decisions. Here are a few quick tips:

- **Power prices** are determined from forward Heat Rate and natural gas strips for a specific timeframe. *Power Price* = *Heat Rate x Natural Gas Price*. Power prices can change based on electricity supply and demand, which is driven by factors such as weather, the economy, available generation and grid conditions.
- **Natural Gas** prices are a key driver of power prices because natural gas fuels the power plants that are brought online primarily to satisfy peak demand.

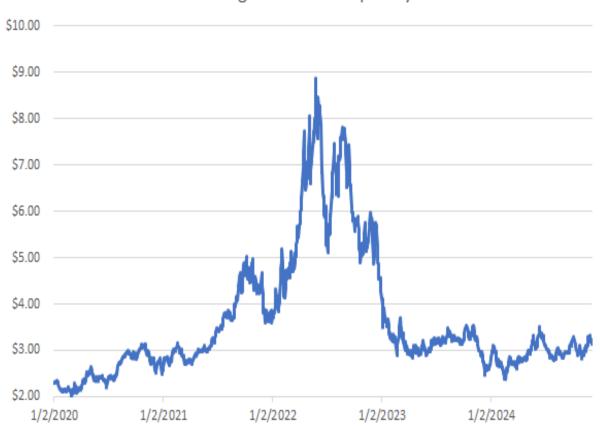
**Heat Rates** are the common measure of power plant efficiency and are derived from power and natural gas prices: *Heat Rate = Power Price ÷ Natural Gas Price*. Heat rates are typically higher when gas prices are lower. Heat rates are impacted by weather, regulatory changes, consumer demand and power plant retirements.



# NYMEX **NATURAL GAS 12 MONTH PRICES**

- NYMEX 12-month strip daily settles closed at \$2.91/MMBtu on 11/5/2024
- 2024 average for 12-month strip around \$2.92/MMBtu (11/5/2024)

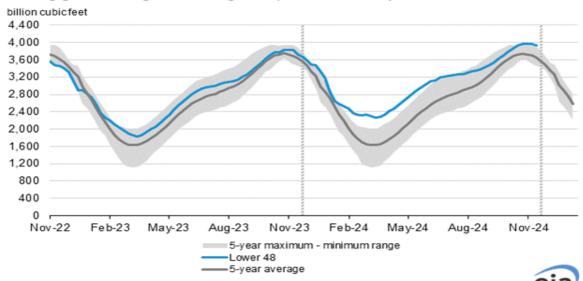
# NYMEX Rolling 12 Month Strip Daily Settles





# **EIA NATURAL GAS STORAGE**

Working gas in underground storage compared with the 5-year maximum and minimum

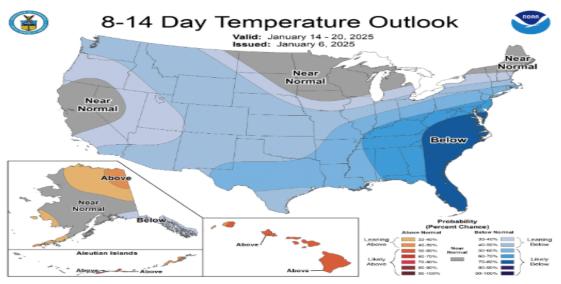


Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Natural Gas Storage Highlights (As of November 29, 2024)

- Total Working Gas in Storage:
- 3,937 Bcf (Billion Cubic Feet)
- Net Change: Decrease of 30 Bcf from the previous week.
- Year-on-Year Comparison:
- +185 Bcf higher than this time last year.
- Five-Year Average Comparison:
- +284 Bcf above the five-year average of 3,653 Bcf.

### Temperature Probability





# REAL-TIME PRICING

## **RTSPP Energy Prices:**

• December prices have increased by an average of \$0.13.

### Weather Forecast:

- Tuesday—Thursday: Cooler temperatures return post-front, with lows in the 30s inland and 40s near the coast.
- Friday: Temperatures rebound to near or slightly above normal.
- Second Week: Warmer-than-normal conditions persist, with highs in the 60s (DFW) and 70s (IAH). Cloudy skies and rain chances are likely across the eastern state.

	Real-Time Settlement Point Price (Load Zone)									ERCOT Intrazonal Congestion							
	Monthly Averages								Monthly Averages								
Date		North	Houston		South		West		North		Houston		South		West		
12/1/2024	\$	35.350	\$	34.039	\$	29.850	\$	43.724	\$	(0.100)	\$	0.499	\$	(1.313)	\$	5. 295	
11/1/2024	\$	31.379	\$	30.584	\$	28.270	\$	40.559	\$	0.122	\$	1.062	\$	(1.460)	\$	9.935	
10/1/2024	\$	23.875	\$	24.596	\$	26.909	\$	31.105	\$	0.838	\$	0.367	\$	1.150	\$	9.940	
9/1/2024	\$	24.884	\$	23.520	\$	23.937	\$	36.708	\$	1.129	\$	0.154	\$	0.916	\$	9.849	
8/1/2024	\$	35.783	\$	35.800	\$	38.764	\$	46.454	\$	0.972	\$	0.062	\$	1.585	\$	8.654	
7/1/2024	\$	22.798	\$	21.806	\$	26.137	\$	29.246	\$	0.436	\$	(0.031)	\$	2.929	\$	6.269	
6/1/2024	\$	27.642	\$	30.232	\$	39.240	\$	28.972	\$	0.305	\$	0.003	\$	9.573	\$	3.895	
5/1/2024	\$	36.481	\$	41.015	\$	57.643	\$	42.011	\$	1.205	\$	0.105	\$	16.750	\$	7.071	
4/1/2024	\$	25.513	\$	28.042	\$	29.706	\$	29.522	\$	0.300	\$	0.093	\$	2.613	\$	5.314	
3/1/2024	\$	16.804	\$	21.388	\$	23.357	\$	42.349	\$	0.011	\$	1.285	\$	2.433	\$	15.797	
2/1/2024	\$	13.992	\$	14.568	\$	13.249	\$	20.404	\$	(0.040)	\$	0.031	\$	(0.267)	\$	4.708	
1/1/2024	\$	35.214	\$	32.264	\$	36.171	\$	40.270	\$	1.382	\$	0.289	\$	4.202	\$	5.967	
12/1/2023	\$	19.687	\$	20.498	\$	20.511	\$	39.491	\$	0.036	\$	0.334	\$	(0.247)	\$	13.887	



# **ENERGY-ONLY POWER PRICES**





