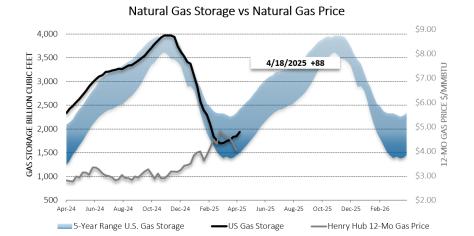
## **WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE**



Week Ending April 18, 2025



## **POWER MARKETS**

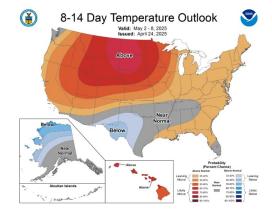
**WEST** Day Ahead prices have edged up a bit in the Pacific Northwest this week, thanks mostly to modest wind generation. Meanwhile, renewables continue to put up impressive numbers in California, where a record-breaking 9.7 GW of battery dispatch on Monday gave prices some relief. The Day Ahead averages for April have become a mixed bag because of these divergent circumstances, rising to \$25.45/MWh in Mid-C but dipping to \$21.01/MWh in NP15 and \$17.69/MWh in SP15.

**ERCOT** Real-time pricing has been on a bit of a bumpy ride this month after the quadruple-digit values logged during nighttime hours on days 6, 7, 16, and 20; the average for April thus remains in the mid-\$30s/MWh, not only more than 50% above the average from a year ago but also 40% greater than last month's average, in all zones except the West, where the average is in the mid-\$40s/MWh. In the term market, falling natural gas prices plus falling heat rates have prices down in the front of the curve by another roughly \$3.00/MWh since last week. The ORDC adder is minimal.

EAST Warm conditions, which have boosted cooling load, and cloud cover, which has suppressed behind-the-meter generation, have together kept both Day Ahead and Real Time prices in PJM at a somewhat elevated but steady \$44 –\$45/MWh this week. In contrast, mild temperatures and soft natural gas prices have lowered prices since last week in NYISO, where Day Ahead prices are averaging \$33.86/MWh and Real Time prices are averaging \$30.42/MWh, and ISO-NE's WCMASS, where the respective averages are \$35.71/MWh and \$34.63/MWh. Next week, temperatures should reach the 70s and 80s in some areas, presenting an upside risk to LMPs across the Northeast.

## **NATURAL GAS**

- The EIA reported Thursday morning that, for the week ending April 18, U.S. inventories swelled by 88 Bcf, approximately 28% over the projected growth of 69 Bcf. Total stockpiles now stand at 1,934 Bcf, down by 19.8% from a year ago and 2.2% below the five-year average for the same week.
- Prices fell further throughout this week and took a distinct dive after the unexpected surge in supply reported by the EIA. At the time of this report, the NYMEX Henry Hub prompt month of May eroded by another \$0.40/MMBtu since last Thursday's sampling to \$2.87/MMBtu. Spot prices followed suit, sinking across the board. The Gas Daily averages for April now sit at \$1.10/MMBtu at Northwest Sumas, \$2.63/MMBtu at PG&E Citygate, and \$2.94/MMBtu at SoCal Citygate.



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