CALPINE ENERGY SOLUTIONS

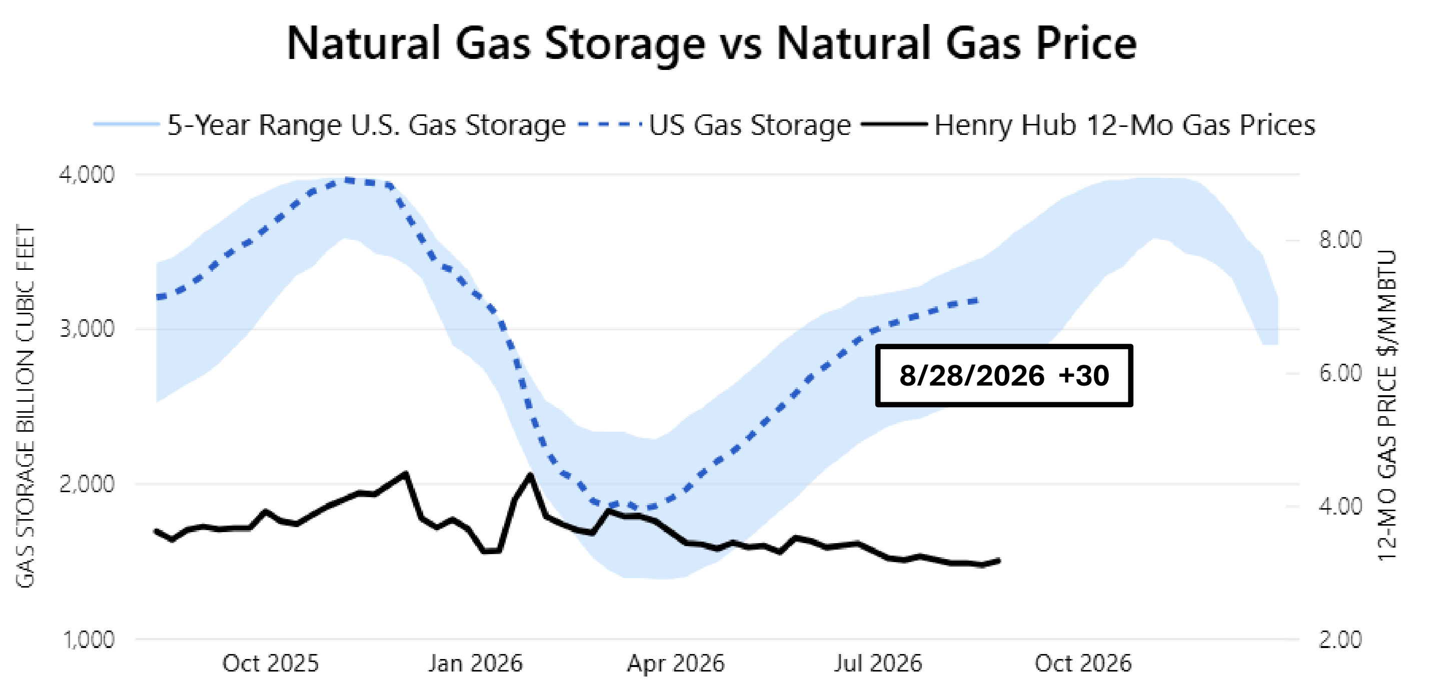
Weekly Market Update

Week of September 3rd, 2026

NATURAL GAS STORAGE UPDATE:

The EIA reported Thursday morning that, for the week ending **August 28**, U.S. inventories swelled by **30 Bcf,** exactly as predicted. Total stockpiles now stand at 3,214 Bcf, down by 1.5% since a year ago but 5.2% above the five-year average for the same week.

The NYMEX Henry Hub prompt month of October traded at $2.99/MMBtu as of this report. Although forecasts of a hot September and strong demand for LNG exports have boosted prices in general, solid renewable generation and lower demand due to cooler weather have eased spot prices in California. The seven-day averages at both SoCal Citygate and PG&E Citygate have decreased since last week to $3.99/MMBtu and $3.53/MMBtu, respectively.



REGIONAL UPDATE:

WEST

In California, prices have eased along with temperatures this week as demand for cooling has subsided while solar generation has continued to flourish. The seven-day average for Real-Time prices across CAISO has consequently plummeted since last week to $53.43/MWh. Cooler weather has also reduced demand in the Pacific Northwest, and, although hydro generation in that region has declined over the last month, strong wind output has kept supply steady overall.

ERCOT

The grid benefited from nearly 12 GW of battery backup Wednesday evening, but the early part of this week was extremely volatile, real-time prices rising as high as $400/MWh in key intervals on Monday to put the final average for August just above $35/MWh, depending on zone. Term prices have been mixed this week; the front of the curve has risen modestly since last week while the outer years are down a bit. In any event, all terms through the balance of 2028 are below $50/MWh, having dropped by $10-$12/MWh since the beginning of the year.

MW

Muggy conditions have sharply increased prices this week. Day Ahead prices have surged to averages of $63.92/MWh in Indiana Hub, $60.63/MWh in AD Hub, and $54.09/MWh in NI Hub, and the respective Real Time averages are significantly higher at $92.39/MWh, $75.09/MWh, and $70.15/MWh. After the Labor Day lull, which should suppress demand early next week, rising temperatures should increase load to a Wednesday peak before moderating. Despite the anticipated midweek demand increase, however, prices are expected to remain below this week's elevated levels.

EAST

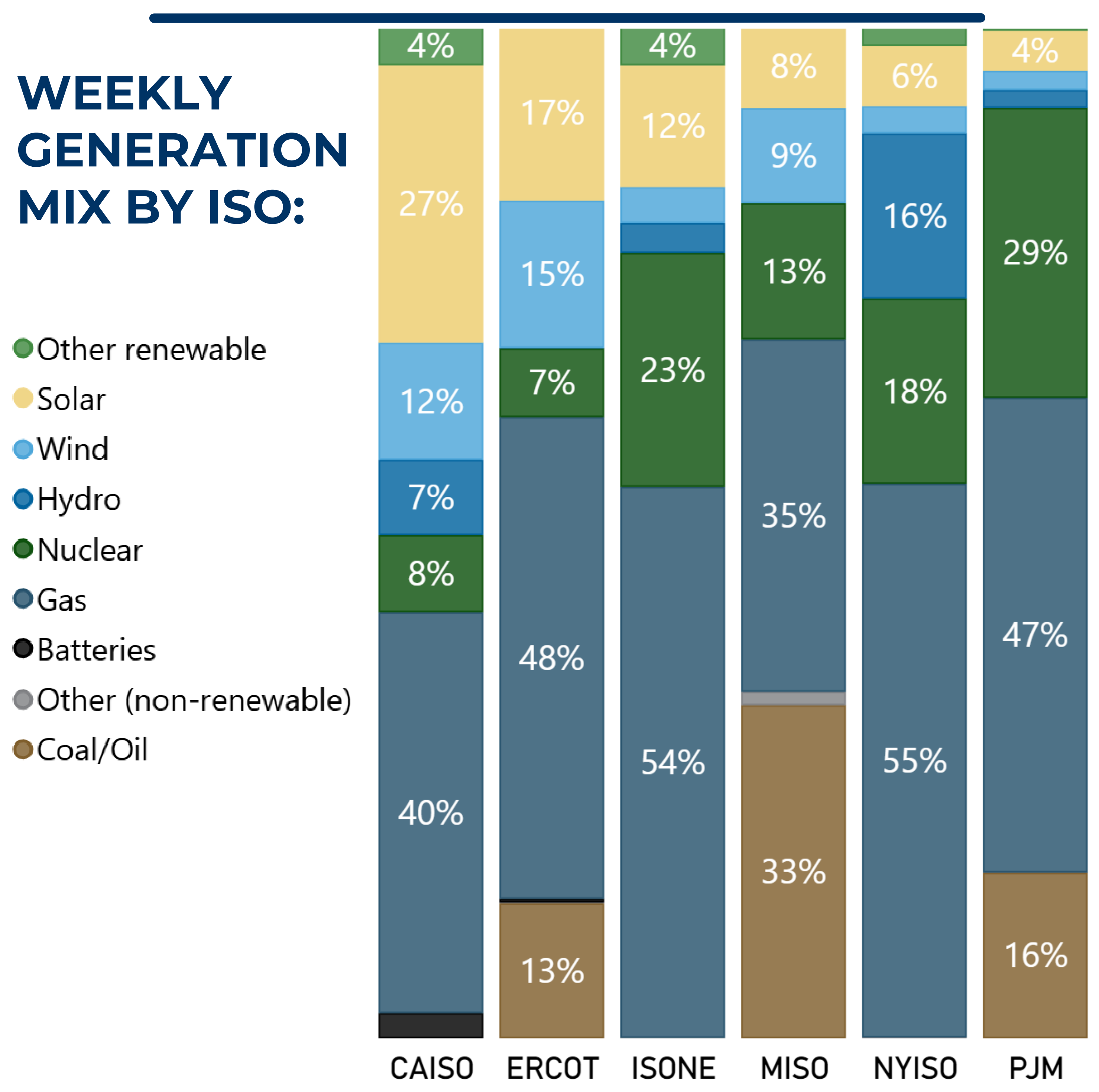
Whereas hot and humid weather across PJM, which yielded multiple Hot Weather Alerts, has hoisted both Day Ahead and Real Time prices in that market to averages of $61.83/MWh and $70.68/MWh, respectively, milder weather in the Northeast has limited Day Ahead prices in Hudson Valley/NYC and WCMASS to averages of $48-$49/MWh and restrained Real Time prices in those regions to averages of $40-$41/MWh. The usual holiday dip in demand should lower prices early next week. Although temperatures are projected to rise later in the week, prices in PJM should remain below this week's levels overall. In the Northeast, the outlook remains slightly bearish as lower CDD forecasts and abnormally cool fall weather weigh on demand.

REAL TIME PRICES:

8/27/2026 – 9/2/2026

ISO	RT Average	Off Peak	On Peak	Max	Weekly Change
CAISO	$53.43	$53.31	$53.51	$237.38	($21.58) ↓
MISO	$93.99	$29.42	$165.01	$4,204.96	$60.78 ↑
NEISO	$40.87	$38.23	$43.77	$87.15	($9.90) ↓
NYISO	$40.40	$34.32	$47.08	$490.74	($2.26) ↓
PJM	$58.29	$29.22	$90.23	$1,450.15	$21.84 ↑

WEEKLY GENERATION MIX BY ISO:



WEEKLY WEATHER UPDATE:

While practically all regions east of the Rockies will be warmer than usual in the 1-to-5-day forecast period, the westernmost third of the country will enjoy weather particularly cooler than normal. Over the 6-to-10-day forecast period, temperatures should stay largely above normal east of the Rockies but rise closer to typical levels in most parts of the U.S. west of the Rockies. The whole country should be a little warmer than average during the 11-to-15-day forecast period.

In addition to this weather outlook, please see the 8–14-day temperature and precipitation outlooks below, which show the probability of above, near, or below-normal conditions for the week ahead.