

## MEC - Ohio Energy Savings & Management Conference Shopping for an Electricity Supplier

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ABOUT US

### **SESSION SPEAKER**

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With over 20 years of experience in the energy industry, I bring knowledge of the market and trends to help our clients make the best decisions to save over the long-term. I have prior experience as a retail sales executive and spent many years on the wholesale generation side of the business.



### **AN INTEGRATED ENERGY COMPANY**



Vistra's retail and wholesale brands for commercial & industrial customers.



### ~4 million residential, commercial & industrial customers

across 20 states & the District of Columbia.

# Approximately **37,000 MW** generation capacity.

Enough to power 20 million homes.

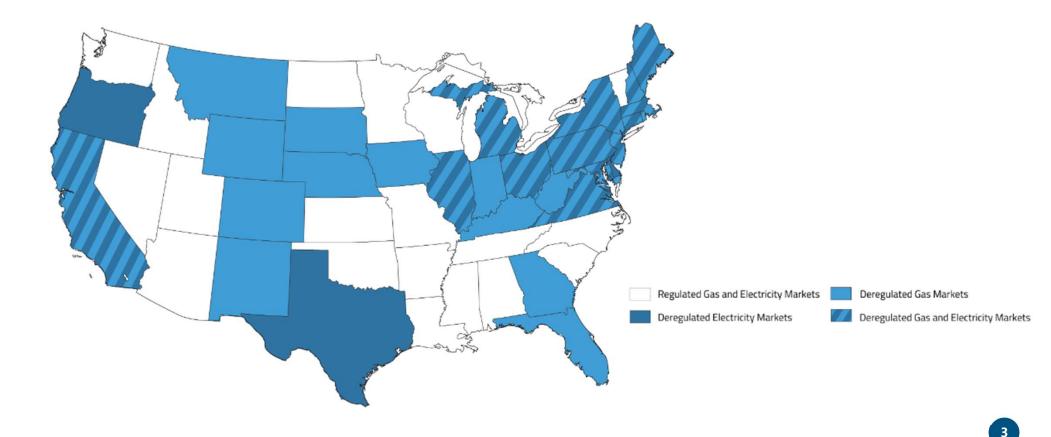


~ 7,300 MW of zero-carbon generation online or in development.

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COMPETITIVE MARKETS

### **DEREGULATED ENERGY MARKETS**



## **ENERGY INDUSTRY PLAYERS**

Generation, Transmission and Distribution are owned and managed by different players depending on the market.

- Utilities in Regulated States
- Utilities in Deregulated States
- Independent Power Producers (IPP)

Deregulated markets allow customers to select their electricity provider by contracting directly with a supplier or through a thirdparty representative.

- Competitive Retail Electric Suppliers
- Brokers, Agents, Consultants

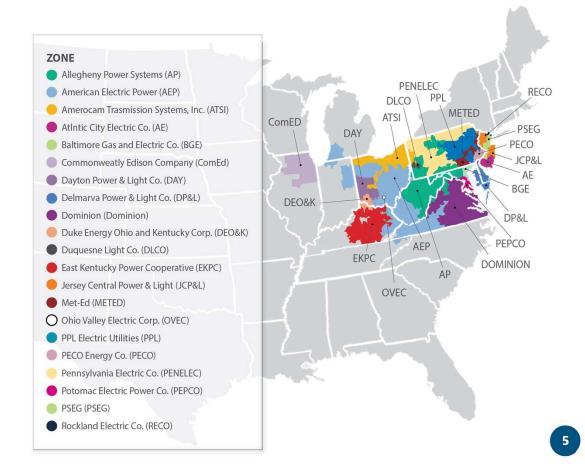


#### COMPETITIVE MARKETS

### **PJM – REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION**

#### **KEY FUNCTIONS**

- Grid Reliability Grid Operations
- Distribution of Wholesale Electricity
- Regional Planning 15 Year Outlook
- NERC Security Coordinator



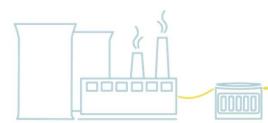
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### **HAVING CHOICE**

What does that mean for commercial & industrial customers?

#### GENERATION

Electricity is generated from natural gas, nuclear, coal, solar and other methods.





### DISTRIBUTION

Transmission systems transport electricity from the plant to the local utility.



#### SUPPLIER

#### END USER

Your supplier works with your business to create an electricity plan that fits your needs.

OHIO UTILITIES

- Duke Energy Ohio
- FirstEnergy (includes ) Ohio Edison, Cleveland

Illuminating & Toledo Edison)

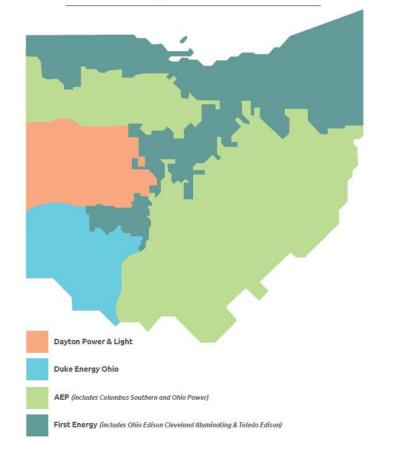
 AEP (includes Columbus Southern & Ohio Power)



### **OHIO UTILITIES AND PRICE TO COMPARE**

#### PRICE TO COMPARE (PTC)

- Customers who do not choose a Competitive Retail Electric Supplier (CRES) receive a price for their electricity from their local utility through a default rate called the PTC.
- These rates are set through an auction process which is run twice a year by each utility.
- Current PTC rates are much higher than the electric market and rates that you can receive from a CRES.



#### **Ohio Utility Service Territories**

## **SSO AUCTION RESULTS**

New Rates went into effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025.



	<b>Previous Rates</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>		
DEO	\$56.39	▶ \$89.38		
AES	\$98.82	\$96.56		
AEP	\$62.21	\$102.69		
FE	\$53.61 -	\$101.08		

## **EVERY BUSINESS HAS DIFFERENT NEEDS**

Electricity is the most volatile commodity traded. Know what you're signing up for and how it will affect your budget.



- Non-profit or Governmental.
- Fixed price products.
- No pass throughs.



RISK TAKERS Betting on Savings

- Industrial or Manufacturing.
- Willing to gamble for savings.
- Consider index or real-time products.
- Ability to reduce load.



- Business whose electricity expense is significant portion of overall spend.
- May choose fixed price for base load and index price for additional.
- Opt to pass through some components.

## **GETTING STARTED**



### MANAGE THE PROCESS IN HOUSE

### **BENEFITS:**

- Direct communication with supplier.
- Additional services offered.
- No broker/consulting fee.

### **CHALLENGES:**

- Multiple supplier contacts.
- Time and resource constraints.



### HIRE A BROKER/CONSULTANT

#### **BENEFITS:**

- One point of contact.
- Provide multiple supplier prices.

### **CHALLENGES:**

- Fee-based
- Lack of direct communication with supplier.
- Offers are typically commodity only.

## **EXECUTION TIMING**

- Energy makes up ~70% of the commodity cost.
- Understanding the market can help you make strategic purchases.
- What impacts the market?
  - Weather is more volatile
  - Grid is less reliable and less stable
  - Coal retirements/fuel mix
  - Natural gas is the new oil
- When is the best time to buy?
  - Depends on contract term, budget needs, and fundamental impacts

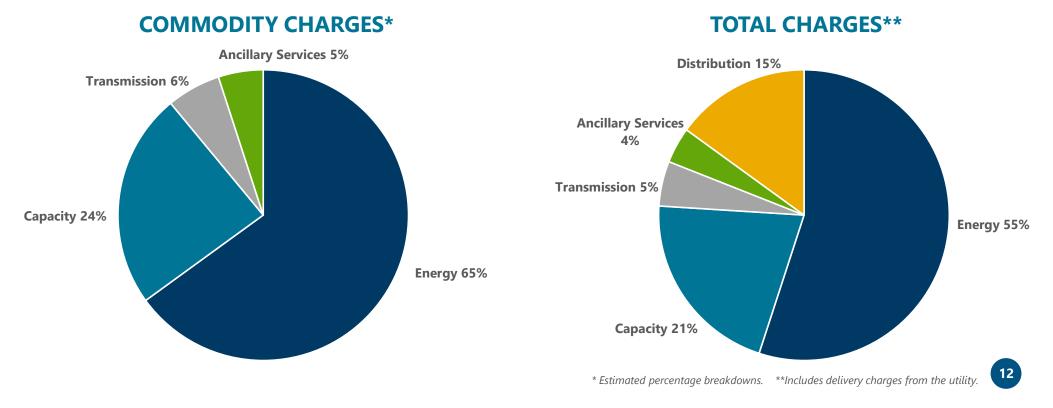


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## **ELECTRICITY PRICING**

Although energy makes up a large portion of the costs that customers see on their bill, other components can be confusing.



#### PRICING COMPONENTS

## A FIXED PRICE ISN'T ALWAYS "FIXED"

There are many components that go into a "fixed" price. Contract language can allow a supplier to pass-through components even if the customer initially thought they were fixed.

### CAPACITY

 Make sure to clarify if the supplier/contract can pass-through PLC changes or if they are fixed.

### TRANSMISSION (NITS)

• Not typically part of retail electric supply in Ohio, but several utilities have programs to let customer manage their NSPL.

### UTILITY LINE LOSSES

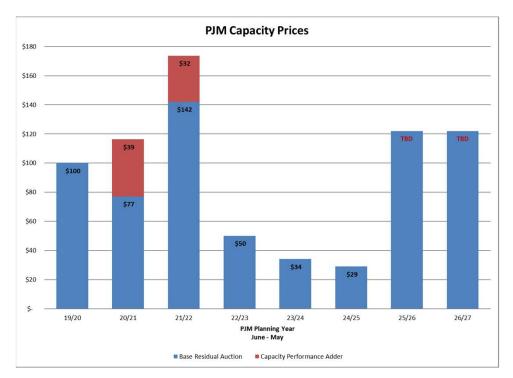
- Make sure pricing includes derated losses.
- Compare "apples-to-apples" on the energy adder.

Cost Components*	Dynegy
Energy	
Wholesale Price of Energy	Included
Hub to Load Zone Basis	Included
Load Swing	included
Transmission Line Loss	included
Congestion	Included
Energy Price Adder	
Billing, Customer Care, Administrative Costs.	included
Distribution Losses	
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Derated Utility Line Losses	Included
Unaccounted for Energy (UFE)	Included
Transmission Charge (NITS)	
*Transmission NITS	Included or Passed Through
Independent System Operator (ISO,	Ancillary Services & Fee
Transmission Enhancement Charge	Included or Passed Through
Auction Revenue Rights (ARR's)	Included
Regulation Services	Included
Voltage Support Service	Included
Non-Spinning Reserves	included
Black Start Service	included
Operating Reserves (RSG)	Included
Loss Credits	included
Cost Recovery	Included
Reliability Must Run (RMR)	Passed Through
ISO Administrative Charges	Included
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Capacity Capacity	Included or Passed Through
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Regulated Delivery Charges & Str	
Customer Charge	Passed Through
Metering Charge	Passed Through
Distribution System Charge	Passed Through
*Transmission System Charge (Utility specific)	Passed Through
*Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)	Passed ThroughOther
Utility or State Specific fees	Passed Through
Renewable Portfolio Standard (RP	2
*Renewable Portfolio Standard	Included or Passed Through
Taxes and Miscellaneous Fees	
Sales Tax (if applicable)	Passed Through
Gross Receipts Tax (Fapplicable)	Fixed or Passed Through
Included = Included in pe	r kWb price

#### PRICING COMPONENTS

### **CAPACITY CHARGES**

- Capacity is a charge each customer pays to PJM for the generators to ensure access to immediate power as demand increases.
- A customer's capacity cost is derived by the cleared auction value (price) and the individualized Peak Load Contribution (PLC) quantity.
- When a customer chooses to fix capacity, the PLC and rate can be fixed by the supplier or passed through annually as it changes. A truly Fixed Product Locks Capacity Rates and PLCs. Even for unknown Capacity Auction Years.
- Customer can choose to pass-through the price and PLC, which will adjust each planning year so that the total cost is passed through with no markup.



\*Prices shown are \$/MW-Day.

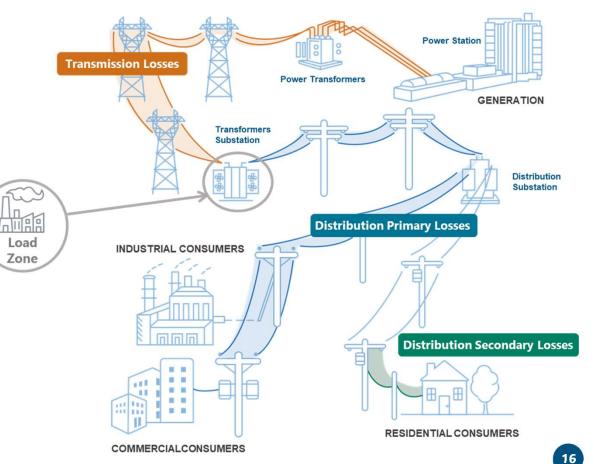
### PJM CAPACITY MARKET REFORM

- PJM filed proposed changes to its capacity market to promote reliability of the electric grid.
- Changes are being made to ensure adequate resources are available amid more extreme weather events and the changing generation fleet.
- On 1/30/24, FERC approved several key changes to PJM's capacity market.
- These changes could result in higher capacity clearing prices, starting with the upcoming July auction for Planning Year 25/26.

Delivery Year	Base Residual Auction Schedule
2025/2026	July 2024
2026/2027	December 2024
2027/2028	June 2025
2028/2029	December 2025
2029/2030 (back on Tariff schedule)	May 2026

## **LOSSES & DERATION FACTORS**

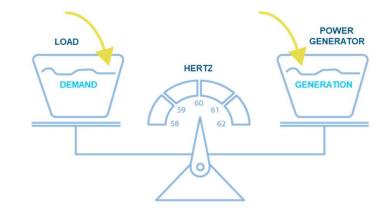
- Deration credits are meant to prevent double payment of transmission loss costs.
- Transmission losses are included in utility loss factors.
- Transmission loss costs are also included in the PJM Locational Marginal Pricing (LMP).
- Load Zone LMP:
  - System Energy Price
  - Transmission Congestion Cost
  - Cost of Marginal Losses
- Transmission loss credits (TLC) should NOT be considered equivalent to deration credits.



### **ANCILLARY CHARGES**

Ancillary charges represent the additional services needed to balance the transmission system to support and maintain reliable electric grid operations. Types of ancillary charges include:

- **Regulation Service** Used to match generation to demand on a minute-to-minute basis to keep the grid balanced and running at a frequency of 60 Hertz.
- **Synchronized Reserve Service** The ability of a generator to move its output up or down within a 10-minute window.
- **Day Ahead Scheduling Reserve** Voluntary, supplemental reserves used by the grid operator to balance the system.
- **Reactive Service and Voltage Control** Maintains the voltage, or the pressure of the flow of electricity, at acceptable limits on the transmission lines.
- **Black Start Service** The process of restoring power to part of the grid after a black out event without external power sources.



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## **OUR PRODUCT OFFERS**

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		FIXED PRICE	LOAD FOLLOWING INDEX	BLOCK AND INDEX
		The same price for the life of your deal for all of your usage protecting your business against price and market volatility.	Allows for some protection by locking in a percentage of your hourly load at a fixed price with the remainder purchased at the index market-based price.	Lock in a predetermined portion of your electricity load at a fixed price with the remainder purchased at the index market- based price.
ELEMENTS	Level of involvement by customers actively managing usage and complexity of product.			
	Budget Certainty.	<b>√</b>	0	Ū
	Options to pass through items (Capacity, Transmission, etc).	✓	✓	✓
	Operational flexibility to respond to market changes.		✓	1
	Ability to purchase blocks above the block commitment.			1
	Opportunity to change the percentage of the load following block.		~	
	Option to convert to a fully fixed price.		✓	√
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### SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES

To identify the best sustainable supply option for your organization, consider the following:

#### 1. WHAT ARE YOUR SUSTAINABILITY GOALS?

Renewable energy targets require RECs, but Scope 2 emission reductions or zero emission goals can be achieved by both EFECs and RECs.

#### 2. HOW MUCH BUDGET IS ALLOCATED TO MEET YOUR GOALS?

If cost is the key factor, EFECs might be the right choice, as they are typically less expensive than RECs.

#### 3. WHAT CLAIMS DO YOU WANT TO MAKE ABOUT YOUR ENERGY PURCHASE?

Claims vary based upon the generation source technology. Claims related to longer-term sustainability commitments or specific locations may be more impactful, but also come at a premium cost.

#### 4. DO YOU NEED TO MEET DEFINED SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM CRITERIA?

Some programs such as LEED Certification, RE100, and EPA Green Power Partnership require the use of renewable electricity, so RECs would be the most appropriate choice if you participate.

SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY

### **SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY**

	EMISSION-FREE ENERGY CERTIFICATES (EFECS)	RENEWABI CERTIFICA GREEN-E® RECS		POWER & RECS FROM NAMED RENEWABLE SOURCE
OUR SOLUTIONS:	Zero carbon emission energy attributes from nuclear sources.	Attributes from wind or solar energy resources meeting Green-e® certification standards.	RECs from a named wind or solar energy resource.	Energy and RECs from the same named wind or solar energy resource.
BEST SUITED FOR:	Cost-conscious businesses with carbon emission reduction as a primary goal.	Businesses committed to renewable energy or a specific renewable program.	Businesses wanting to claim renewable attributes from a specific location or resource.	Businesses seeking sophisticated solutions that meet specific needs or aggressive sustainability goals.

## **EMISSION FREE ENERGY CERTIFICATES**

Emission Free Energy Certificates (EFECs) are an easy way to support sustainability goals and claims to reduce Scope 2 emissions at a lower cost than Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). This option provides:

- Nuclear Energy Source
- Flexible Term Length
- Any Fixed Load Percentage or Stand-Alone Purchase
- Support for Hourly Matching Targets
- Simple Participation
- Standard Retail Contract
- Price Certainty



### **GREEN-E® CERTIFIED RECS**

The easiest way to go green, Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) are ideal for businesses committed to renewable energy or a specific renewable program by providing:

- Green-e<sup>®</sup> Certified RECs from an Offsite Renewable Energy Source
- Flexible Term Length
- Any Fixed Load Percentage or Stand-Alone Purchase
- Simple Participation
- Standard Retail Contract
- Price Certainty



### NAMED PROJECT RECS

Project named Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) provide a more impactful option for businesses that prefer renewable attributes from a specific location or wind or solar resource. This includes:

- Renewable Energy from an Offsite, Named Project
- Marketability of Your Local, Named Source
- Term lengths of 3 Years or More
- Any Fixed Load Percentage
- More Meaningful Participation
- Standard Retail Contract
- Price Certainty

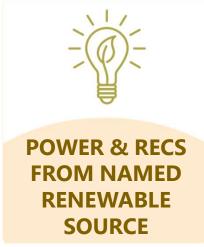


## **POWER & RECS FROM NAMED RENEWABLE SOURCE**

Businesses seeking sophisticated solutions that meet specific needs or aggressive sustainability goals should consider sourcing both energy and Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) in a contract customized to their use.

This solution provides businesses with significant loads the opportunity to access power from a specific renewable source through a retail contract with:

- Renewable Energy & RECs from a Specific Project
- Marketability of Your Local, Named Source
- Standard Contract
- 5-7 Year Term Length
- Renewable Energy Price Certainty
- Fully Balanced Retail Volume



## **REBATES & ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS**

Find available funding from the government, your utility, or retail electric provider to fund energy improvements that deliver on-going, long-term savings.

- Inflation Reduction Act
- Utility programs in Ohio
- Dynegy's GreenBacks Rebate Program



ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

### **DEMAND RESPONSE**

- Retail Electric Provider Programs
- Regulated Utility Programs
- Coincident Peak (PLC, NSPL)
- Real-Time Price Signal to Reduce Load



### **PEAK NOTIFICATIONS**



#### **5 COINCIDENT PEAK (5CP)**

Receive notifications to reduce usage when demand peaks on the PJM system and save save thousands of dollars in capacity charges the following year. A customer's Peak Load Contribution (PLC) value changes every 12 months. It is based on their average usage during the 5 highest peak hours (5CP) throughout June to September.

5CP Notification programs offer forecasts to help identify when these peak hours could occur. Customers can then use this information to reduce their load which will then lower their PLC value for the next year and decrease electricity costs.

Additionally, there are Transmission Opt-Out Programs in FE, AES and AEP territories. Some suppliers offer Network Service Peak Load (NSPL) notifications for customers participating in these programs.

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS



### WHAT MATTERS MOST?



#### **EXECUTION TIMING**

- Timing does not need to based on current contract end.
- Executing based off market pricing.

#### CONTRACT TERMS

- Term Length 12, 18, 24, 36 months
- Customizable Term Start/End Dates
- Short-Term and Long-Term Challenges & Benefits
- Pass-Through Components
- Favorable Contract Language
- Sustainability Components
- Additional Supplier Offerings

## QUESTIONS



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## **LET'S CONNECT!**

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