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# Preface

*The Electric Power Annual 2009* summarizes electric power industry statistics at the national level. The publication provides industry decision-makers, government policymakers, analysts, and the general public with historical data that may be used in understanding U.S. electricity markets. The *Electric Power Annual* is prepared by the Office of Electricity, Renewables, and Uranium Statistics; under the Assistant Administrator for Energy Statistics; U.S. Energy Information Administration; U.S. Department of Energy.

Data in this report can be used in analytic studies for public policy and business decisions. The chapters present information and data in the following areas: electricity generation; electric generating capacity; demand, capacity resources, and capacity margins; fuel, consumption and receipts; emissions; electricity trade; retail

electric customers, sales, revenue and average retail price; electric utility revenue and expense statistics; and demand-side management.

Monetary values in this publication are expressed in nominal terms.

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# Electric Power Industry 2009: Year in Review

## Highlights

**Generation.** Electricity markets in 2009 were keenly affected by economic and environmental developments. Electricity generation was down 4.1 percent, reaching its lowest level since 2003; this was the largest decline in 6 decades<sup>1</sup> and follows a 0.9-percent decline in 2008. The drop in power demand reflects a 2.6-percent decline in economic activity (GDP) during 2009.<sup>2</sup>

Summer temperatures during 2009 were relatively mild, resulting in a 1.1 percent decline in residential electricity sales between 2008 and 2009.

A 9.1-percent decline in industrial demand for electricity, which fell to the lowest level since 1987, accounted for most of the decline in overall electricity consumption. The drop in industrial electricity demand reflected the 9.3-percent drop in industrial output, as measured by the Federal Reserve Bank's index of industrial production.<sup>3</sup>

**Emissions.** Environmental developments played an important role in electricity markets in 2009.

- The policy debate over greenhouse gas legislation continued throughout 2009. Electric power plant investment and operation decisions made during 2009 may have been affected by expectations that some form of future cap on carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) loomed on the horizon.
- CO<sub>2</sub>, nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emissions posted the largest declines on record.<sup>4</sup> Total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were 8.6-percent lower in 2009. Emissions from coal-fired plants fell 11.0 percent, largely attributable to a 10.3-percent decline in coal consumption.

- NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from electric power plants declined 28.1 and 23.8 percent, respectively (Table 3.9) in 2009. For coal-fired generation, the declines in NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions were even greater, at 34.0 percent and 24.7 percent, respectively.

**Fuel costs.** The price of natural gas delivered to electric power plants fell in 2009 to roughly half the 2008 level. In 2009, annual average natural gas wellhead prices reached their lowest level in 7 years. Increased supply due to the availability of shale gas, coupled with mild winter temperatures and higher production, and storage levels, and significant expansions of pipelines capacity also worked to put downward pressure on natural gas prices.<sup>5</sup>

At the same time, the cost of coal rose 6.8 percent (Table 3.8), largely due to long-term contracts signed prior to the recent recession.<sup>6,7</sup> Between 2000 and 2009, coal prices to electric power plants rose 84 percent.

**Coal-to-gas switching.** The increase in delivered coal prices and the decrease in delivered natural gas prices, combined with surplus capacity at highly-efficient gas-fired combined-cycle plants resulted in coal-to-gas fuel switching. This occurred particularly in the Southeast (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina) and also Pennsylvania. Nationwide, coal-fired electric power generation declined 11.6 percent from 2008 to 2009, bringing coal's share of the electricity power output to 44.5 percent, the lowest level since 1978. Coal consumption at U.S. power plants paralleled the decline in generation, dropping 10.3 percent from 2008.

In sharp contrast, natural gas-fired generation increased 4.3 percent in 2009, despite the 4.1-percent decline in overall electric generation. The natural gas share of generation increased to 23.3 percent—the highest level since 1970. Electricity's share of the total U.S. natural gas consumption has also risen rapidly, growing from 17 percent in 1996 to over 30 percent in 2009.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The U.S. Energy Information Administration's historic electricity generation data goes back to 1949.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, News Release: *Gross Domestic Product: Second Quarter 2010 (Third Estimate)*, Table 1.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Federal Reserve Bank, *Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization*, (Table 11).

<sup>4</sup> The U.S. Energy Information Administration has been estimating CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions since 1989.

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Natural Gas Year-in-Review, 2009*.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration, *U.S. Coal Supply and Demand: 2009* "Coal Prices", p. 12.

<sup>7</sup> The Southern Company (a large consumer of coal for electricity production), reported: "While coal prices reached unprecedented high levels in 2008, the recessionary economy pushed prices downward in 2009. However, the lower prices did not fully offset the higher priced coal already in inventory and under long-term contract." *Southern Company 2009 10-K*, p. II-16.

**Wind development.** Wind power has been the fastest-growing source of new electric power generation for several years. In 2009, generation from wind power increased 33.5 percent over 2008, bringing the share of total generation to 1.9 percent. This followed year-over-year generation gains of 60.7 percent in 2008, 29.6 percent in 2007, and 49.3 percent in 2006 (Table ES.1). Wind capacity in 2009 totaled 34,296 megawatts (MW), as compared to 24,651 MW in 2008.

In 2009 (and 2010), wind generators were eligible for Federal production and investment tax credits or a cash grant in lieu of those tax credits.<sup>9</sup> Since passage of the 2005 Energy Policy Act (EPACT2005), interest-free financing via Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBs) has been available to government entities investing in wind. Section 9006, under Title IX of the 2002 and 2008 Farm Bills, also contains grant and loan guarantee provisions for wind projects for farmers, ranchers, and other rural businesses.

Renewable generation is fostered by both Federal incentives and State renewable portfolio standards. As of October 2010, 29 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have legislated renewable energy portfolio standards, and 7 more States have adopted renewable portfolio goals.<sup>10</sup>

## Generation

Net generation of electric power fell 4.1 percent in 2009, to 3,950 million megawatthours (MWh) from 4,119 million MWh in 2008 (Figure ES1). This is the largest decline in electricity generation in at least 60 years. Electricity generation also declined 0.9 percent in 2008. The years 2008 and 2009 represent only the third and fourth instances that generation has dropped year over year since 1949 (the first two occurrences were during recessions in 1982 and 2001).

<sup>8</sup>U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Review, 2009, Table 6.5.

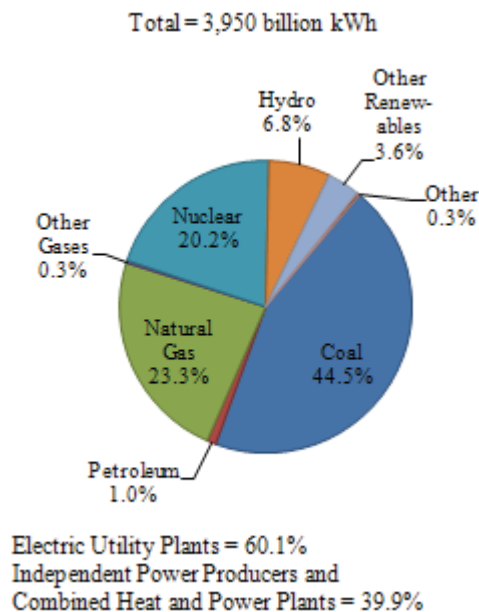
<sup>9</sup> The grant program arose out of Section 1603 of the American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and was intended to allow investors who could not take advantage of tax credits to fund these projects with an equivalent government grants. This program expires December 31, 2010. See the Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency (DSIRE) at [http://www.dsireusa.org/incentives/incentive.cfm?Incentive\\_Code=US53F&re=1&ee=1](http://www.dsireusa.org/incentives/incentive.cfm?Incentive_Code=US53F&re=1&ee=1)

<sup>10</sup> See the DSIRE database at <http://www.dsireusa.org/>.

Additionally, this is the first time over the last 6 decades that generation has declined in two consecutive years.

Coal, natural gas, and nuclear generation accounted for 88.0 percent of total net generation in 2009, and between 85 and 90 percent during the period 1997 through 2009. However, the relative contribution of these energy sources has been shifting; natural gas generation has seen the fastest growth in recent years.

**Figure ES 1. U.S. Electric Power Industry Net Generation, 2009**



**Source:** U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report."

**Coal.** Coal-fired electric generation declined 11.6 percent between 2008 and 2009. With this decline, coal's share of electricity generation reached its lowest level since 1978: 44.5 percent of electricity generation in 2009, down from 48.2 percent in 2008.

Several factors have worked to erode the advantage that coal-fired generation has historically derived from its lower fuel costs. These factors include lower natural gas prices and higher coal prices; surplus capacity at efficient natural gas plants, and the cost of compliance with current environmental regulations.

Production at the Nation's coal mines in 2009 reflected the weakened state of coal demand for

electricity generation. Appalachian coal production fell 13.0 percent in 2009 from the previous year. Even Western (Powder River Basin) coal production, which has a significant price advantage, showed an 8.1-percent decline in 2009.<sup>11</sup>

**Natural gas-fired power generation** increased by 4.3 percent in 2009, raising natural gas's share of the electricity market to 23.3 percent—its highest share since 1970. Natural gas's share of the electricity market has been greater than the nuclear share since 2006. New capacity, as well as the increased utilization of existing generators (see Table 5.2 on capacity factors), account for the increase in share.

**Nuclear** power generation accounted for 20.2 percent of the electricity generated in 2009, a 0.9-percent decrease from the prior year. The decline in nuclear generation in 2009 is the result of scheduled and unscheduled plant outages and derates.

**Hydroelectric** power generation fluctuates perennially with precipitation levels and snow accumulation. Overall, generation from conventional hydro plants (exclusive of pumped storage) increased 7.3 percent from 2008 to 2009 (Table ES.1). The western States were still suffering from a prolonged drought during 2009. The Bonneville Power Administration, which is the largest producer of hydroelectric power in the west, reported reduced runoff for the January through July 2009 period as compared to the same period in 2008.<sup>12</sup> In contrast, many eastern States experienced record rainfall: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Tennessee all reported substantial gains in hydro generation in 2009. The Tennessee Valley Authority cited better water conditions, resulting in a 71-percent increase in hydropower during 2009.<sup>13</sup>

**Renewables.** Total non-hydro renewable generation increased 14.0 percent in 2009, following a 19.9-percent increase in 2008. The fastest-growing component was wind power (33.5-percent increase). Solar generation

increased 3.1 percent. Since 1998, generation from non-hydro renewables has increased 86.6 percent.

In 2009, renewable generation made up 10.6 percent of total generation. The largest three contributors were hydro (6.9 percent), wind (1.9 percent), followed by wood and wood-derived fuels (0.9 percent). Discounting the hydro portion, renewable generation made up 3.6 percent of total generation.

**Petroleum's** contribution to U.S. net electricity generation peaked in 1973 at 17 percent, but has fallen steadily since to almost insignificant levels. Petroleum's share of power output fell below one percent in 2009, reflecting a 15.8-percent decrease in petroleum-fired power generation between 2008 and 2009.

**Nuclear and fossil capacity factors.** The capacity factor is a measure of how consistently a generator is producing power: it represents the ratio of actual generation during a time period (typically a year) to the maximum possible generation assuming continuous full-load output. Baseload plants, which have high utilization rates due primarily to low variable operating costs, typically operate at capacity factors of 70 percent or higher. Intermediate plants, which have higher variable operating costs, typically vary their output during the day to meet changes in load. The most expensive peaking plants may operate rarely and only to meet the highest peaks, usually in the summer or winter.

Due to decreased demand for electricity, the average capacity factor for many fuels fell in 2009 (Table 5.2). Nuclear power plants (which in the United States are universally operated as baseload units because of their very low fuel costs) maintained a high capacity factor (90.3 in 2009). The capacity factor for coal plants, which make up the bulk of U.S. baseload capacity but can also operate in load-following mode,<sup>14</sup> dropped sharply (8.4 percentage points) in 2009, from 72.2 percent to 63.8 percent.

The vast majority of natural gas capacity in the United States operates as load-following or peaking units. In 2009, coal-to-gas switching increased the usage of combined-cycle natural gas generators; the capacity factor for these units

<sup>11</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration, "Annual Coal Report, 2008 and 2009, Table 6.

<sup>12</sup> Bonneville Power Administration, [2009 Annual Report, \(10-K\)](#), p. 9. Melting snow creates much of BPA's runoff. Snowpack in the mountains accumulates from December to February (approximately), and significant runoff, and therefore peak hydro production, occurs March through July (approximately).

<sup>13</sup> Tennessee Valley Authority, [2009 Annual Report \(10-K\)](#), p.12.

<sup>14</sup> Despite representing only three quarters of the capacity of natural gas plants, coal plants account for approximately twice the amount of electricity produced by natural gas plants (Table ES.1)

increased from 40.6 percent in 2008 to 42.5 percent in 2009.

## Capacity

Total U.S. net summer generating capacity grew by 1.5 percent between 2008 and 2009 to 1,025 gigawatts (GW; Figure ES2). Both in absolute and percentage terms, wind generating capacity showed the strongest gains: the 9,645 MW of wind capacity additions were more than double that of natural gas, which had the second-largest increase in capacity at 3,812 MW. Coal, nuclear, and hydroelectric capacity experienced marginal gains.

During 2009, 382 new generators were connected to the grid, 51 fewer than in 2008 (Table 1.11). These new units added 23,144 MW of capacity, 50.1 percent of which were added by independent power producers (IPPs; 11,590 MW), with nearly all of the remainder added by electric utilities (10,939 MW).

**Wind capacity** additions accounted for 63.3 percent of all capacity gains in 2009, increasing the amount of installed wind capacity by 39.1 percent. With 34.3 GW of total capacity, wind now accounts for 3.3 percent of total U.S. capacity, up from less than 3 *tenths* of a percent 10 years earlier.

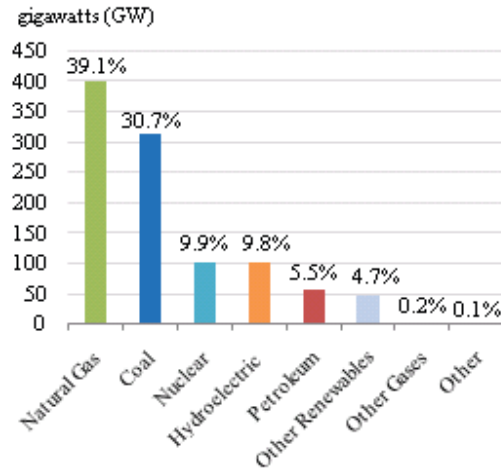
Four States accounted for 51 percent of total U.S. wind capacity: Texas (9.4 GW),<sup>15</sup> Iowa (3.4 GW), California (2.7 GW), and Washington (2.0 GW).

**Natural gas capacity.** In 2009, natural gas capacity increased by 1.0 percent, led by installations in California, Florida and Texas. About 72 percent of all natural gas plant capacity additions during 2009 were highly efficient combined-cycle units. In 2009, combined-cycle units accounted for 50 percent of total natural-gas-fired electricity capacity versus 2 percent of natural gas-fired capacity two decades ago.

**Coal capacity.** Coal-fired electric capacity increased by 0.3 percent between 2008 and 2009 to 314,294 MW. A total of 13 new coal-

fired generators came on line in 2009, notably the 682-MW Nebraska City 2 unit (Omaha Public Power District) and the 415-MW Springerville 4 unit (Salt River Project). Both East Kentucky Power Cooperative and Archer Daniels Midland installed generators capable of co-firing coal with biomass.

**Figure ES2. U.S. Electric Power Industry Summer Capacity, 2009**



**Source:** U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."

Coal retirements in 2009 totaled 529 MW. Further retirements are planned. For example, in December 2009, Progress Energy announced that it planned to retire 11 generators (1,500 MW) at four of its North Carolina coal plants that lacked desulfurization equipment, and replace the lost capacity with natural gas units. Progress Energy's remaining units are all equipped with scrubbers.<sup>16</sup>

**Solar capacity.** Solar power is a rapidly growing source of new capacity, albeit from a relatively small base. Solar power producers added 83 MW of capacity in 2009, a 15.5-percent increase over 2008. California, with 450 MW of existing (utility-scale) solar capacity, accounted for 72.8 percent of total capacity, followed by Nevada, with 14.3 percent of capacity. Two large plants were brought on line in 2009: FPL's 25 MW DeSoto Solar Energy Plant in Florida, described as the largest photovoltaic solar

<sup>15</sup> As of the end of 2009 Texas had 76 wind plants comprising 9.1 percent of overall Texas electricity capacity. In 2005, Texas adopted a RPS which required the state to have 5,880 MW of total renewable capacity in place by 2015, and 10,000 MW by 2025. Texas is very close to meeting the 2025 standard with its wind capacity alone.

<sup>16</sup> "Progress Energy Plans to Retire Remaining Unscrubbed Coal Plants in NC," December 1, 2009.

plant in the world (at the time),<sup>17</sup> and NRG Energy's 21-MW facility in Blythe, California, which was constructed in just 3 months.

The 20 MW scale of recent solar power plant additions far exceeds the average size of the current fleet of solar units, but is in turn dwarfed by the scale of units in the planning stage.<sup>18</sup> For example, by 2013, BrightSource Energy is scheduled to bring on line all three units of its 390-MW Ivanpah concentrated thermal power plant in California.

**Nuclear uprates.** Since 1998, there have been 104 operable units in the United States.<sup>19</sup> In 2009, nuclear capacity increased 249 MW, due to a combination of uprates (technical modifications of existing units) and other net capacity adjustments. Through such uprates to existing capacity, rather than new builds, 3.6 GW of nuclear capacity have been added to the system over the past decade (Table 1.1), representing over 3 percent of total U.S. nuclear capacity in 2009. This added capacity is the equivalent of building several new reactors.

**Prospects for new nuclear reactors.** Currently, there is one nuclear power unit under construction, TVA's 1,150 MW Watts Bar 2, which is scheduled to be in operation in 2012. Initial construction of Watts Bar 2, which began in 1973, was suspended in 1988 and resumed in 2007. TVA may also complete Unit 1 at its Bellefonte site, which would enter operation in the 2018-2019 time frame. TVA suspended construction of Bellefonte in 1988.

During 2009, one application was submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for the construction of two nuclear units at FPL's existing Turkey Point facility. This compares to applications for 16 units during 2008 and 8 units in 2007. The NRC also granted an Early Site Permit to Southern Company's/Georgia Power's Vogtle nuclear power units 3 and 4 (August, 2009) and preliminary site preparation has begun.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>17</sup> FPL, <http://www.fpl.com/environment/solar/desoto.shtml>.

<sup>18</sup> Todd Woody, "Solar Power Projects Face Potential Hurdles," *The New York Times*, October 28, 2010, [http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/29/business/energy-environment/29solar.html?\\_r=1&scp=1&sq=ivanpah&st=cse](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/29/business/energy-environment/29solar.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=ivanpah&st=cse).

<sup>19</sup> TVA's Brown Ferry 1 was offline for many years but was officially classified as "operable" because it retained a Nuclear Regulatory Commission operating license. The unit actually returned to service in 2007.

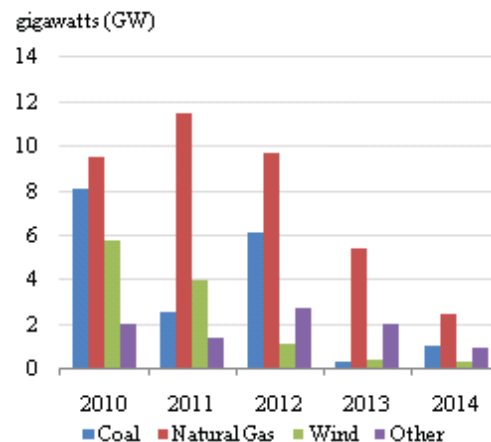
<sup>20</sup> Other investors include Oglethorpe Power (30 percent) and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (22.7 percent). Source:

## Planned Capacity

Capacity plans are constantly evolving as electric power producers navigate a dynamic, rapidly changing market. Each year, EIA asks electric power producers for a snapshot of their plans as of the end of the previous year. The information below, and in Table 1.4, represents capacity plans as of December 31, 2009, as reported to EIA during the spring of 2010. EIA also collects monthly data on the status of proposed generators.<sup>21</sup>

**Capacity additions by fuel type.** As of the end of 2009 electric power producers planned to add 72,157 MW of capacity between 2010 and 2014. Of this, 48.3 percent was planned to be fired by natural gas (34,828 MW) and 23.1 percent from coal (16,685 MW) (Figure ES3).

**Figure ES3. Planned Summer Capacity Additions, 2010-2014**



**Source:** U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."

For the period 2010-2014, planned wind additions totaled 11,560 MW, or 16.0 percent of total reported planned additions. Wind plants have a much shorter planning horizon and are built more quickly than fossil fuel-fired plants; only 6.2 percent of the reported new wind capacity additions were planned to occur after 2012.

World Nuclear News, "Georgia Power Accepts Vogtle Loan Guarantee," June 21, 2010.

<sup>21</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Electric Power Monthly, Table ES3, New and Planned U.S. Electric Generating Units*.

Solar additions were expected to add 4,087 MW of capacity by 2014. The planned completion of Watts Bar 2 in 2012 would add 1,122 MW of nuclear capacity. The construction of new coal plants has been discouraged by increasing costs for capital-intensive projects, concerns over possible future CO<sub>2</sub> and other environmental restrictions, and the prospect that natural gas prices will remain low over the long-term.

## Electricity Sales and Prices

In 2009, retail sales of electricity fell to 3,597 billion kilowatthours, a 3.6-percent decline from the prior year and the lowest level of sales since 2004 (Table 7.2). Industrial demand experienced the greatest decline, falling 9.1 percent from 2008, to levels unseen since 1987. The residential and commercial sectors reported declines of 1.1 percent and 2.2 percent, respectively.

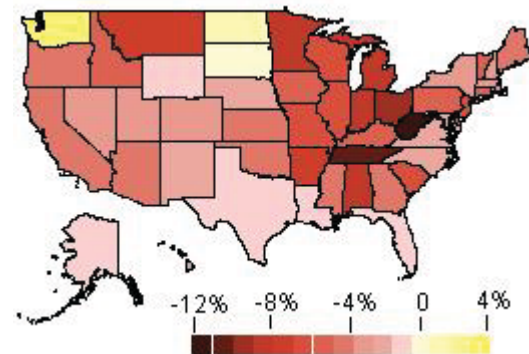
**Retail sales to industrial customers.** The Federal Reserve Bank's index of industrial production fell 9.2 percent in 2009, driven by 41 and 42 percent decreases in the automobile and iron and steel components, respectively.<sup>22</sup> In the East North Central Census Division, which contains some of the Nation's most industrialized States (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin), overall electricity demand declined 6.9 percent (Figure ES4), led by a 12.3-percent decline in industrial demand. The East South Central States (Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee) saw the next largest decline at 6.8 percent.

**Weather and Retail Sales to Residential Customers.** Year-over-year (i.e., short term) changes in residential electricity sales largely reflect changes in the weather. Summer temperatures during 2009 were relatively mild in the contiguous states.<sup>23</sup> This dampened air conditioning demand; for the June through August summer period, residential electricity sales declined 3.3 percent between 2008 and 2009.

<sup>22</sup> IHS Global Insight, "U.S. Economic Outlook," April 2010, p. 92.

<sup>23</sup> National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, National Data Climate Center, *State of the Climate National Overview Annual 2009*

**Figure ES4. Annual Change in Retail Sales to Bundled and Unbundled Customers, 2008 to 2009 (Percent Change)**



**Source:** U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report."

**Prices.** Overall retail electricity prices rose 0.9 percent between 2008 and 2009 (from 9.74 cents to 9.83 cents per kWh). The overall 25.8-percent decline in fossil fuel prices as delivered to electric plants had little immediate impact on electric power prices to the end user; the lag in changes between fuel prices and power prices can be a year or two, as changes in retail electricity rates are dependent on each State's utility regulatory review process.

## Electric Trade

**Wholesale Markets.** Wholesale power purchases in 2009 totaled 5,029 million MWh.<sup>24</sup> This represents a decrease of 10.4 percent between 2008 and 2009, following an increase of 3.7 percent from 2007 to 2008 (Table 6.1) and a peak in 2002 at 8,755 million MWh. Electric utilities and energy-only providers (power marketers) each account for roughly half of wholesale purchases. The power marketers' share of the wholesale market dropped from 69.1 percent in 2002 to 51.0 percent in 2009, as a consequence of the financial failure of many marketers and contraction of trade following the collapse of Enron. Electric utilities' wholesale purchases have generally remained stable over the last decade, but in a shrinking market their market share has risen from 29.9 percent in 2002 to 47.0 percent in 2009.

<sup>24</sup> A single "block" of electricity can be sold multiple times, with each purchase appearing in the data reported to EIA. Consequently, total wholesale purchases exceed total supply of electricity (3,950 million MWh in 2009).

Electricity sales for resale (wholesale power sales) fell similarly in 2009, down 10.8 percent from 2008 to 5,065 million MWh. Energy-only providers made up 44.2 percent of the market in 2009. Electric utilities comprised 29.5 percent of the market in 2009, IPPs 25.6 percent, and combined heat and power plants less than one percent.

**International trade.** The U.S. buys from and sells electricity to Canada and, to a much smaller degree, Mexico. Although the U.S. imported slightly less than 1 percent of its electricity consumption in 2009, Canadian exports account for roughly 8 percent of Canada's production of electricity (Table 6.3).<sup>25</sup> Canada is the second largest exporter of electricity in the world, primarily generated by hydroelectric plants in Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia.<sup>26</sup> Canadian and U.S. electricity markets are highly integrated with multiple transmission lines crossing the international border.

Electricity trade with Mexico is much smaller. Net purchases from Mexico in 2009 constituted 0.01 percent of total U.S. supply.

## Fossil Fuels

**Stocks at Electric Power Plants.** End-of-year coal stocks rose 17.3 percent between 2008 and 2009 to reach their highest levels in at least 60 years. At 189 million tons, coal stocks have almost doubled since 2005 (Table 3.4), probably due to the sharp decline in coal-fired generation combined with limited flexibility in coal supply contracts to reduce deliveries.<sup>27</sup> In some cases, this involuntary inventory accumulation has prompted utilities to attempt to renegotiate their coal contracts or to petition their PUCs for ameliorative actions.<sup>28</sup>

<sup>25</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration, International Energy Statistics, <http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/cfapps/ipdbproject/IEDIndex3.cfm?tid=2&pid=2&aid=12>. Note: The ratio of Canadian electricity exports to domestic generation is for the year 2008.

<sup>26</sup> North America Energy Working Group, Security and Prosperity Partnership, Energy Picture Experts Group, "North America—The Energy Picture II," January 2006.

<sup>27</sup> In its 2009 annual report, the large coal-fired generation company,

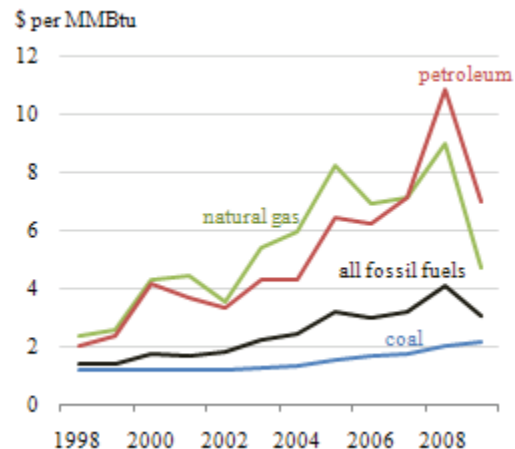
AEP Corp, cited "an increase in coal inventory reflecting decreased customer demand for electricity" *AEP 2009 Annual Report*, p. 20.

<sup>28</sup> Duke Energy Carolinas, *Docket No. E-7*, Sub 909, and *Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission*, Cause No. 38707 FAC 83, Approved March 24, 2010

[http://www.in.gov/iurc/files/38707\\_83order\\_032410.pdf](http://www.in.gov/iurc/files/38707_83order_032410.pdf).

**Fossil Fuel Costs.** The average delivered cost of fossil fuels to electric power plants fell 26.0 percent in 2009, from \$4.11 per MMBtu in 2008 to \$3.04 per MMBtu (Table 3.5). Most of this decline relates to natural gas prices; in 2009 natural gas prices fell to about half their 2008 levels (Figure ES5). Annual average costs of natural gas to the electric power industry peaked in 2008 at \$9.02 per million Btu—the highest nominal dollar level in at least two decades—before falling to \$4.74 per MMBtu in 2009. The average cost of coal actually rose between 2008 and 2009 from \$2.07 to \$2.21 per MMBtu, due to the prevalence of long-term contracts and the relatively small role of the coal spot market.

**Figure ES5. Fossil Fuel Costs for Electricity Generation, 1998-2009**



**Source:** U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report."

## Emissions

**Decreases in all emissions.** Estimated emissions of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) all declined in 2009 compared to 2008 (Table 3.9). This was due in part to reduced coal-fired generation. Coal produces far more emissions per kWh of electricity than other major fuels. SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions were further reduced by installations of new emission control devices.

SO<sub>2</sub> emissions fell 23.8 percent between 2008 and 2009, from 7,830 thousand metric tons to 5,970 thousand metric tons (Table 3.9). This is the largest year-over-year decline since 1989 (the

first year in EIA's data series). Nationwide, the count of generators with SO<sub>2</sub> control systems increased from 327 in 2008 to 384 in 2009 (Table 3-10), contributing to the reduction in SO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Data for 2009 also show significant reductions in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, which dropped 28.1 percent from 2008, from 3,330 to 2,395 thousand metric tons—also the largest decline on record. Since 1998, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions have been reduced by 55.7 percent and 62.9 percent, respectively, largely due to the implementation of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Estimated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by U.S. electric generators and combined heat and power facilities fell by 8.6 percent from 2008 to 2009

(from 2,484 million metric tons to 2,270 million metric tons), largely due to decreased coal consumption. Emissions from coal-fired power plants typically account for four fifths of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions produced by the electric power sector.

The estimated CO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are determined by the type and quantity of fossil fuels consumed by power plants. In the case of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>, boiler configurations and the presence of, or absence of, pollution abatement equipment play a major role. The methodology used to estimate emissions is described in the Technical Notes and Tables A1, A2, and A3.





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<sup>12</sup> Batteries, chemicals, hydrogen, pitch, purchased steam, sulfur, tire-derived fuels and miscellaneous technologies.

<sup>13</sup> Anthracite, bituminous, subbituminous, lignite, and synthetic coal; excludes waste coal.

<sup>14</sup> Distillate fuel oil (all diesel and No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 fuel oils), residual fuel oil (No. 5 and No. 6 fuel oils and bunker C fuel oil), jet fuel, kerosene, petroleum coke (converted to liquid petroleum, see Technical Notes for conversion methodology). Data prior to 2004 includes small quantities of waste oil.

<sup>15</sup> For 2002 through 2007, includes data from the Form EIA-423 for independent power producers, and commercial and industrial power-producing facilities. Beginning in 2008, data are collected on the Form EIA-923 for utilities, independent power producers, and commercial and industrial power-producing facilities. Receipts, cost, and quality data are collected from plants above a 50 MW threshold, and imputed for plants between 1 and 50 MW. Therefore, there may be a notable increase in fuel receipts beginning with 2008 data. Receipts of coal include imported coal.

<sup>16</sup> Natural gas, including a small amount of supplemental gaseous fuels that cannot be identified separately.

<sup>17</sup> Data presented are reflective of large utilities.

NA = Not available.

R = Revised.

Note: See Glossary reference for definitions. See Technical Notes Table A5 for conversion to different units of measure. Capacity by energy source is based on the capacity associated with the energy source reported as the most predominant (primary) one, where more than one energy source is associated with a generator. Dual-fired capacity returned to respective fuel categories for current and all historical years. New fuel switchable capacity tables have replaced dual-fired breakouts. Totals may not equal sum of components because of ind

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report;" Form EIA-412, "Annual Electric Industry Financial Report" The Form EIA-412 was terminated in 2003; Form EIA-767, "Steam-Electric Plant Operation and Design Report" was suspended; Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report;" Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report;" Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report" replaces several form(s) including: Form EIA-906, "Power Plant Report;" Form EIA-920 "Combined Heat and Power Plant Report;" Form EIA-423, "Monthly Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants Report; and FERC Form 423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants," and their predecessor forms. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC Form 1, "Annual Report of Major Utilities, Licensees and Others;" FERC Form 1-F, "Annual Report for Nonmajor Public Utilities and Licensees;" Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Form 7, "Operating Report;" RUS Form 12, "Operating Report;" Imports and Exports: DOE, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Form OE-781R, "Annual Report of International Electric Export/Import Data," predecessor forms, and National Energy Board of Canada. For 2001 forward, data from the California Independent System Operator are used in combination with the Form OE-781R values to estimate electricity trade with Mexico.

**Table ES2. Supply and Disposition of Electricity, 1998 through 2009**  
(Million Megawatthours)

Category	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
<b>Supply</b>												
Generation .....												
Electric Utilities .....	2,373	2,475	2,504	2,484	2,475	2,505	2,462	2,549	2,630	3,015	3,174	3,212
Independent Power Producers .....	1,278	1,332	1,324	1,259	1,247	1,119	1,063	955	781	458	201	91
Combined Heat and Power, Electric .....	159	167	177	165	180	184	196	194	170	165	155	154
Electric Power Sector Generation Subtotal .....	3,810	3,974	4,005	3,908	3,902	3,808	3,721	3,698	3,580	3,638	3,530	3,457
Combined Heat and Power, Commercial .....	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	8	9	9
Combined Heat and Power, Industrial .....	132	137	143	148	145	154	155	153	149	157	156	154
Industrial and Commercial Generation Subtotal .....	140	145	151	157	153	162	162	160	157	165	165	163
Total Net Generation .....	3,950	4,119	4,157	4,065	4,055	3,971	3,883	3,858	3,737	3,802	3,695	3,620
Total Imports .....	52	57	51	43	44 <sup>R</sup>	34	30	37	39	49	43	40
<b>Total Supply .....</b>	<b>4,002</b>	<b>4,176</b>	<b>4,208</b>	<b>4,107</b>	<b>4,099<sup>R</sup></b>	<b>4,005</b>	<b>3,914</b>	<b>3,895</b>	<b>3,775</b>	<b>3,851</b>	<b>3,738</b>	<b>3,660</b>
<b>Disposition</b>												
Retail Sales .....												
Full-Service Providers .....	3,289	3,434	3,468	3,438	3,413	3,318	3,285	3,324	3,297	3,310	3,236	3,240
Energy-Only Providers .....	296	286	283	219	237	222	189	141	98	112	76	24
Facility Direct Retail Sales .....	13	14	14	12	11	8	20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total Electric Industry Retail Sales .....	3,597	3,733	3,765	3,670	3,661	3,547	3,494	3,465	3,394	3,421	3,312	3,264
Direct Use .....	127	132 <sup>R</sup>	126 <sup>R</sup>	147	150	168	168	166	163	171	172	161
Total Exports .....	18	24	20	24	19 <sup>R</sup>	23	24	16	16	15	14	14
Losses and Unaccounted For .....	260	287 <sup>R</sup>	298 <sup>R</sup>	266	269	266	228	248	202	244	240	221
<b>Total Disposition .....</b>	<b>4,002</b>	<b>4,176</b>	<b>4,208</b>	<b>4,107</b>	<b>4,099<sup>R</sup></b>	<b>4,005</b>	<b>3,914</b>	<b>3,895</b>	<b>3,775</b>	<b>3,851</b>	<b>3,738</b>	<b>3,660</b>

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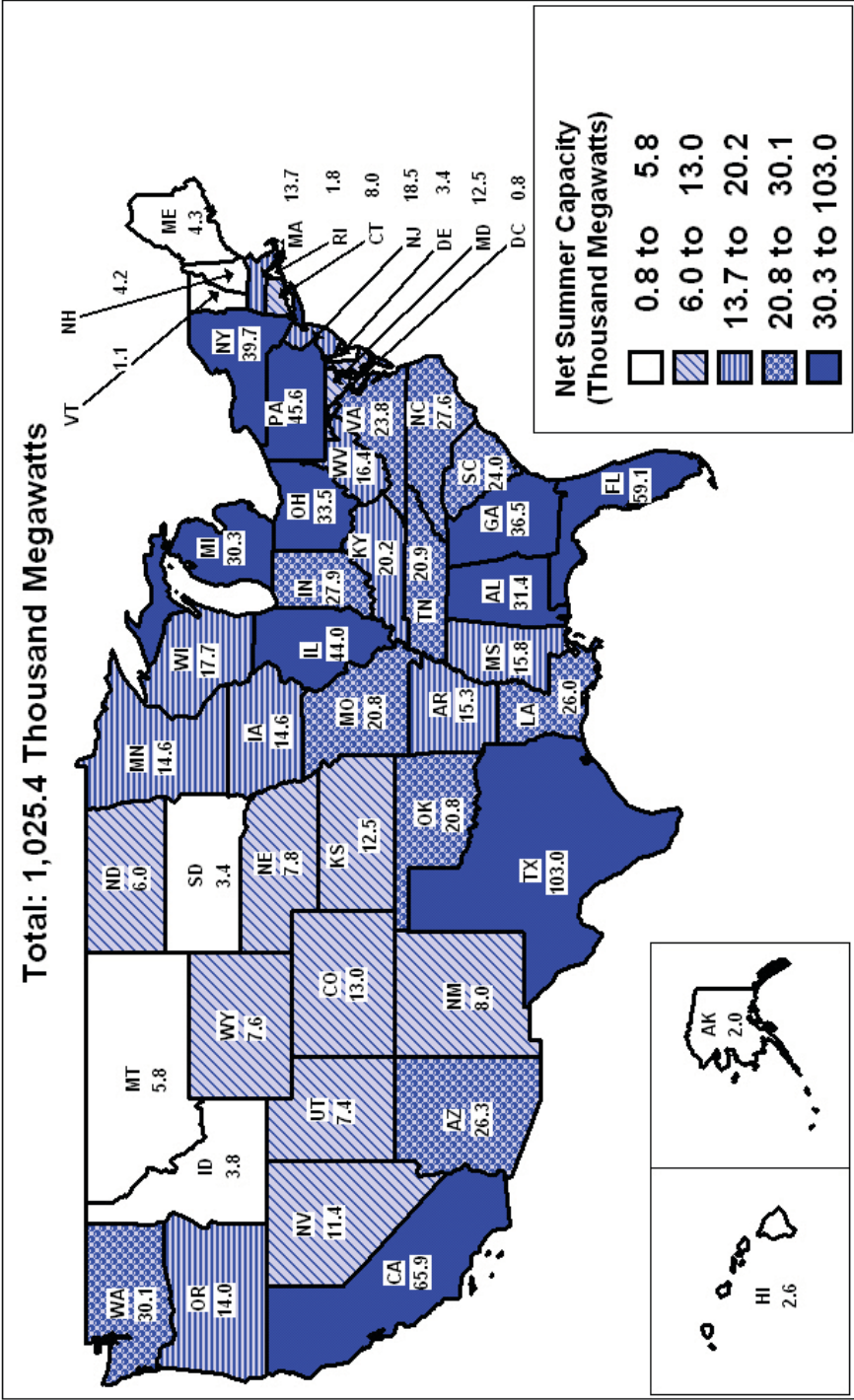
Notes: • Facility Direct Retail Sales typically represent bilateral electric power sales between industrial and commercial generating facilities. • Direct Use represents commercial and industrial facility use of onsite net electricity generation; electricity sales or transfers to adjacent or co-located facilities; and barter transactions. Losses and Unaccounted For includes: (1) reporting by utilities and power marketers that represent losses incurred in transmission and distribution, as well as volumes unaccounted for in their own energy balance; and (2) discrepancies among the differing categories upon balancing the table. • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report" and predecessor form(s) including U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-906, "Power Plant Report," and Form EIA-920, "Combined Heat and Power Plant Report;" Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report;" and predecessor forms. Imports and Exports: Mexico data - DOE, Fossil Fuels, Office of Fuels Programs, Form OE-781R, "Annual Report of International Electrical Export/Import Data;" Canada data - National Energy Board of Canada (metered energy firm and interruptible).

## **Chapter 1. Capacity**



Figure 1.1. U.S. Electric Industry Generating Capacity by State, 2009



Note: Data are displayed as 5 groups of 10 States and the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."



**Table 1.2. Existing Capacity by Energy Source, 2009**  
(Megawatts)

Energy Source	Number of Generators	Generator Nameplate Capacity	Net Summer Capacity	Net Winter Capacity
Coal <sup>1</sup> .....	1,436	338,723	314,294	316,363
Petroleum <sup>2</sup> .....	3,757	63,254	56,781	60,878
Natural Gas <sup>3</sup> .....	5,470	459,803	401,272	432,309
Other Gases <sup>4</sup> .....	98	2,218	1,932	1,899
Nuclear.....	104	106,618	101,004	102,489
Hydroelectric Conventional <sup>5</sup> .....	4,005	77,910	78,518	78,127
Wind.....	620	34,683	34,296	34,350
Solar Thermal and Photovoltaic.....	110	640	619	537
Wood and Wood Derived Fuels <sup>6</sup> .....	353	7,829	6,939	6,992
Geothermal.....	222	3,421	2,382	2,561
Other Biomass <sup>7</sup> .....	1,502	5,007	4,317	4,382
Pumped Storage.....	151	20,538	22,160	22,063
Other <sup>8</sup> .....	48	1,042	888	900
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>17,876</b>	<b>1,121,686</b>	<b>1,025,400</b>	<b>1,063,848</b>

<sup>1</sup> Anthracite, bituminous coal, subbituminous coal, lignite, and waste coal.

<sup>2</sup> Distillate fuel oil (all diesel and No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 fuel oils), residual fuel oil (No. 5 and No. 6 fuel oils and bunker C fuel oil), jet fuel, kerosene, petroleum coke (converted to liquid petroleum, see Technical Notes for conversion methodology), and waste oil.

<sup>3</sup> Includes a small number of generators for which waste heat is the primary energy source.

<sup>4</sup> Blast furnace gas, propane gas, and other manufactured and waste gases derived from fossil fuels.

<sup>5</sup> The net summer capacity and/or the net winter capacity may exceed nameplate capacity due to upgrades to and overload capability of hydroelectric generators.

<sup>6</sup> Wood/wood waste solids (including paper pellets, railroad ties, utility poles, wood chips, bark, and wood waste solids), wood waste liquids (red liquor, sludge wood, spent sulfite liquor, and other wood-based liquids), and black liquor.

<sup>7</sup> Municipal solid waste, landfill gas, sludge waste, agricultural byproducts, other biomass solids, other biomass liquids, and other biomass gases (including digester gases, methane, and other biomass gases).

<sup>8</sup> Batteries, chemicals, hydrogen, pitch, purchased steam, sulfur, tire-derived fuels and miscellaneous technologies.

Notes: • Capacity by energy source is based on the capacity associated with the energy source reported as the most predominant (primary) one, where more than one energy source is associated with a generator. • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. • In some reporting of capacity data, such as for wind, solar and wave energy sites, the capacity for multiple generators is reported in a single generator record and is presented as a single generator in the count of number of generators.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."

**Table 1.3. Existing Capacity by Producer Type, 2009**  
(Megawatts)

Producer Type	Number of Generators	Generator Nameplate Capacity	Net Summer Capacity	Net Winter Capacity
<b>Electric Power Sector</b>				
Electric Utilities.....	9,428	646,984	596,769	615,483
Independent Power Producers.....	5,531	399,030	362,773	377,974
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>14,959</b>	<b>1,046,014</b>	<b>959,542</b>	<b>993,457</b>
<b>Combined Heat and Power Sector</b>				
Electric Power <sup>1</sup> .....	645	42,235	36,658	39,623
Commercial <sup>2</sup> .....	649	2,676	2,386	2,478
Industrial <sup>2</sup> .....	1,623	30,761	26,815	28,290
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>2,917</b>	<b>75,672</b>	<b>65,858</b>	<b>70,391</b>
<b>Total All Sectors.....</b>	<b>17,876</b>	<b>1,121,686</b>	<b>1,025,400</b>	<b>1,063,848</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes only independent power producers' combined heat and power facilities.

<sup>2</sup> Small number of electricity-only, non-Combined Heat and Power plants may be included.

Notes: • See Glossary reference for definitions. • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. • In some reporting of capacity data, such as for wind, solar and wave energy sites, the capacity for multiple generators is reported in a single generator record and is presented as a single generator in the count of number of generators.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."



**Table 1.5. Capacity Additions, Retirements and Changes by Energy Source, 2009**  
(Count, Megawatts)

Energy Source	Generator Additions				Generator Retirements				Updates and Revisions <sup>1</sup>		
	Number of Generators	Generator Nameplate Capacity	Net Summer Capacity	Net Winter Capacity	Number of Generators	Generator Nameplate Capacity	Net Summer Capacity	Net Winter Capacity	Generator Nameplate Capacity	Net Summer Capacity	Net Winter Capacity
Coal <sup>2</sup> .....	13	2,021	1,793	1,793	12	537	529	528	-61	-291	-363
Petroleum <sup>3</sup> .....	25	93	48	83	41	623	540	567	128	-172	-175
Natural Gas <sup>4</sup> .....	76	10,760	9,403	10,170	79	5,940	5,634	5,657	335	43	67
Other Gases <sup>5</sup> .....	--	--	--	--	3	51	46	46	7	-17	-13
Nuclear .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	471	249	-5
Hydroelectric .....											
Conventional .....	8	26	26	26	5	14	3	4	166	565	410
Wind .....	120	9,581	9,410	9,443	1	2	2	2	125	236	210
Solar Thermal and Photovoltaic .....	20	88	82	80	--	--	--	--	13	1	1
Wood and Wood Derived Fuels <sup>6</sup> .....	3	99	89	89	4	22	21	21	22	7	20
Geothermal .....	13	199	164	193	14	21	9	14	--	-2	-2
Other Biomass <sup>7</sup> .....	104	278	264	261	13	39	32	32	-86	-102	-110
Pumped Storage .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	184	303	295
Other <sup>8</sup> .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	-54	-68
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>23,144</b>	<b>21,279</b>	<b>22,138</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>7,249</b>	<b>6,815</b>	<b>6,870</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>267</b>

<sup>1</sup> Generator re-ratings, re-powering, and revisions/corrections to previously reported data.

<sup>2</sup> Anthracite, bituminous coal, subbituminous coal, lignite, and waste coal.

<sup>3</sup> Distillate fuel oil (all diesel and No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 fuel oils), residual fuel oil (No. 5 and No. 6 fuel oils and bunker C fuel oil), jet fuel, kerosene, petroleum coke (converted to liquid petroleum, see Technical Notes for conversion methodology), and waste oil.

<sup>4</sup> Includes a small number of generators for which waste heat is the primary energy source.

<sup>5</sup> Blast furnace gas, propane gas, and other manufactured and waste gases derived from fossil fuels.

<sup>6</sup> Wood/wood waste solids (including paper pellets, railroad ties, utility poles, wood chips, bark, and wood waste solids), wood waste liquids (red liquor, sludge wood, spent sulfite liquor, and other wood-based liquids), and black liquor.

<sup>7</sup> Municipal solid waste, landfill gas, sludge waste, agricultural byproducts, other biomass solids, other biomass liquids, and other biomass gases (including digester gases, methane, and other biomass gases).

<sup>8</sup> Batteries, chemicals, hydrogen, pitch, purchased steam, sulfur, tire-derived fuels and miscellaneous technologies.

Notes: • Capacity by energy source is based on the capacity associated with the energy source reported as the most predominant (primary) one, where more than one energy source is associated with a generator. • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. • In some reporting of capacity data, such as for wind, solar and wave energy sites, the capacity for multiple generators is reported in a single generator record and is presented as a single generator in the count of number of generators.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."

**Table 1.6.A. Capacity of Dispersed Generators by Technology Type, 2004 through 2009**  
(Count, Megawatts)

Period	Internal Combustion (MW)	Combustion Turbine (MW)	Steam Turbine (MW)	Hydroelectric (MW)	Wind and Other (MW)	Total	
						Number of Generators	(MW)
2004.....	3,366	210	552	26	2	11,123	4,156
2005.....	4,290	335	126	2	13	11,373	4,766
2006.....	6,524	346	157	3	8	9,536	7,037
2007.....	7,866	268	102	31	30	11,057	8,297
2008.....	9,335	86	248	34	70	12,262	9,773
2009.....	9,751	329	204	81	108	13,928	10,475

Note: Dispersed generators are commercial and industrial generators which are not connected to the grid. They may be installed at or near a customer's site, or at other locations. They may be owned by either the customers of the distribution utility or by the utility. Other includes generators for which technology is not specified.  
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report."

**Table 1.6.B. Capacity of Distributed Generators by Technology Type, 2004 through 2009**  
(Count, Megawatts)

Period	Internal Combustion (MW)	Combustion Turbine (MW)	Steam Turbine (MW)	Hydroelectric (MW)	Wind and Other (MW)	Total	
						Number of Generators	(MW)
2004.....	2,168	1,028	1,085	1,004	138	5,863	5,423
2005 <sup>1</sup> .....	4,025	1,917	1,830	999	995	17,371	9,766
2006.....	3,646	1,298	2,582	806	1,081	5,044	9,411
2007.....	4,624	1,990	3,596	1,051	1,441	7,103	12,702
2008.....	5,112	1,949	3,060	1,154	1,588	9,591	12,863
2009.....	4,339	4,147	4,621	1,166	1,729	13,006	16,002

<sup>1</sup> Distributed generator data in 2005 include a significant number of generators reported by one respondent, which may be for residential applications.

Note: Distributed generators are commercial and industrial generators which are connected to the grid. They may be installed at or near a customer's site, or at other locations. They may be owned by either the customers of the distribution utility or by the utility. Other includes generators for which technology is not specified.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report."

**Table 1.6.C. Total Capacity of Dispersed and Distributed Generators by Technology Type, 2004 through 2009**  
(Count, Megawatts)

Period	Internal Combustion (MW)	Combustion Turbine (MW)	Steam Turbine (MW)	Hydroelectric (MW)	Wind and Other (MW)	Total	
						Number of Generators	(MW)
2004.....	5,534	1,238	1,637	1,030	140	16,986	9,579
2005 <sup>1</sup> .....	8,315	2,252	1,956	1,001	1,008	28,744	14,532
2006.....	10,169	1,644	2,739	809	1,088	14,580	16,448
2007.....	12,490	2,258	3,698	1,082	1,471	18,160	20,999
2008.....	14,447	2,035	3,308	1,188	1,658	21,853	22,636
2009.....	14,090	4,476	4,825	1,248	1,838	26,934	26,477

<sup>1</sup> Distributed generator data in 2005 include a significant number of generators reported by one respondent, which may be for residential applications.

Note: Dispersed and distributed generators are commercial and industrial generators. Dispersed generators are not connected to the grid. Distributed generators are connected to the grid. Both types of generators may be installed at or near a customer's site, or at other locations, and both types of generators may be owned by either the customers of the distribution utility or by the utility. Other includes generators for which technology is not specified.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report."

**Table 1.7. Fuel Switching Capacity of Operable Generators Reporting Natural Gas as the Primary Fuel, by Producer Type, 2009**  
(Megawatts, Percent)

Producer Type	Total Net Summer Capacity of All Generators Reporting Natural Gas as the Primary Fuel	Fuel-Switchable Part of Total			
		Net Summer Capacity of Natural Gas-Fired Generators Reporting the Ability to Switch to Petroleum Liquids <sup>1</sup>	Fuel Switchable Capacity as Percent of Total	Maximum Achievable Net Summer Capacity Using Petroleum Liquids	Fuel Switchable Net Summer Capacity Reported to Have No Factors that Limit the Ability to Switch to Petroleum Liquids
Electric Utility.....	180,571	76,700	42.5	75,023	26,360
Independent Power Producers .....	176,035	40,395	22.9	39,545	11,176
Combined Heat and Power, Electric Power <sup>2</sup> ...	28,875	5,961	20.6	5,759	572
<b>Electric Power Sector Subtotal.....</b>	<b>385,481</b>	<b>123,056</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>120,327</b>	<b>38,108</b>
Combined Heat and Power, Commercial <sup>3</sup> .....	1,105	532	48.2	526	139
Combined Heat and Power, Industrial <sup>3</sup> .....	14,686	1,263	8.6	1,207	270
<b>All Sectors.....</b>	<b>401,272</b>	<b>124,851</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>122,060</b>	<b>38,517</b>

<sup>1</sup> Distillate fuel oil (all diesel and No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 fuel oils), residual fuel oil (No. 5 and No. 6 fuel oils and bunker C fuel oil), jet fuel, kerosene, and waste oil.

<sup>2</sup> Electric Utility CHP plants are included in Electric Utilities.

<sup>3</sup> Small number of electricity-only, non-Combined Heat and Power plants may be included.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."

**Table 1.8. Fuel-Switching Capacity of Operable Generators: From Natural Gas to Petroleum Liquids by Type of Prime Mover, 2009**  
(Megawatts, Percent)

Producer Type	Total Net Summer Capacity of All Generators Reporting Petroleum as the Primary Fuel <sup>1</sup>	Fuel-Switchable Part of Total		
		Net Summer Capacity of Petroleum-Fired Generators Reporting the Ability to Switch to Natural Gas	Fuel Switchable Capacity as Percent of Total	Maximum Achievable Net Summer Capacity Using Natural Gas
Electric Utility.....	30,174	11,117	36.8	10,654
Independent Power Producers .....	24,657	12,115	49.1	10,270
Combined Heat and Power Electric Power <sup>2</sup> ...	897	445	49.6	195
<b>Electric Power Sector Subtotal.....</b>	<b>55,728</b>	<b>23,677</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>21,119</b>
Combined Heat and Power Commercial <sup>3</sup> .....	348	19	5.6	19
Combined Heat and Power Industrial <sup>3</sup> .....	704	59	8.3	39
<b>All Sectors.....</b>	<b>56,781</b>	<b>23,755</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>21,177</b>

<sup>1</sup> Distillate fuel oil (all diesel and No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 fuel oils), residual fuel oil (No. 5 and No. 6 fuel oils and bunker C fuel oil), jet fuel, kerosene, and waste oil.

<sup>2</sup> Electric Utility CHP plants are included in Electric Utilities.

<sup>3</sup> Small number of electricity-only, non-Combined Heat and Power plants may be included.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."

**Table 1.9. Fuel-Switching Capacity of Operable Generators: From Natural Gas to Petroleum Liquids by Type of Prime Mover, 2009**  
(Count, Megawatts)

Prime Mover Type	Number of Generators	Net Summer Capacity	Fuel Switchable Net Summer Capacity Reported to Have No Factors that Limit the Ability to Switch to Petroleum Liquids <sup>1</sup>
Steam Generator .....	205	28,193	16,642
Combined Cycle .....	396	41,055	6,820
Internal Combustion.....	332	922	349
Gas Turbine .....	933	54,680	14,707
All Fuel Switchable Prime Movers.....	1,866	124,851	38,517

<sup>1</sup> Distillate fuel oil (all diesel and No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 fuel oils), residual fuel oil (No. 5 and No. 6 fuel oils and bunker C fuel oil), jet fuel, kerosene, and waste oil.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."

**Table 1.10. Fuel-Switching Capacity of Operable Generators: From Natural Gas to Petroleum Liquids, by Year of Initial Commercial Operation, 2009**  
(Count, Megawatts)

Year of Initial Commercial Operation	Number of Generators	Net Summer Capacity	Fuel Switchable Net Summer Capacity Reported to Have No Factors that Limit the Ability to Switch to Petroleum Liquids <sup>1</sup>
pre-1970.....	377	15,505	9,610
1970-1974.....	391	17,976	9,668
1975-1979.....	105	9,889	5,574
1980-1984.....	47	943	213
1985-1989.....	111	3,317	493
1990-1994.....	215	12,987	2,259
1995-1999.....	134	10,023	2,288
2000-2004.....	381	39,773	6,345
2005-2009.....	105	14,439	2,067
Total.....	1,866	124,851	38,517

<sup>1</sup> Distillate fuel oil (all diesel and No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 fuel oils), residual fuel oil (No. 5 and No. 6 fuel oils and bunker C fuel oil), jet fuel, kerosene, and waste oil.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."

**Table 1.11. Interconnection Cost and Capacity for New Generators, by Producer Type, 2008 and 2009**

Sector	Units <sup>1</sup>	Nameplate Capacity (megawatts) <sup>1</sup>	Cost (thousand dollars) <sup>1</sup>
<b>2008</b>			
Total .....	433 <sup>R</sup>	19,062 <sup>R</sup>	523,846
Electric Utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	123 <sup>R</sup>	8,831 <sup>R</sup>	185,955
Independent Power Producers <sup>3</sup> .....	293 <sup>R</sup>	10,212 <sup>R</sup>	337,145
Commercial <sup>4</sup> .....	16 <sup>R</sup>	16 <sup>R</sup>	745
Industrial <sup>4</sup> .....	1	3	1
<b>2009</b>			
Total .....	382	23,144	819,680
Electric Utilities <sup>2</sup> .....	106	10,939	237,751
Independent Power Producers <sup>3</sup> .....	244	11,590	561,057
Commercial <sup>4</sup> .....	20	58	10,587
Industrial <sup>4</sup> .....	12	557	10,285

<sup>1</sup> Cost is the total cost incurred for the direct, physical interconnection of generators that started commercial operation in the respective years. These generator-specific costs may include costs for transmission or distribution lines, transformers, protective devices, substations, switching stations and other equipment necessary for interconnection. Units and Nameplate Capacity represent the number of units and associated capacity for which interconnection costs were incurred and reported.

<sup>2</sup> Electric utility CHP plants are included in Electric Generators, Electric Utilities.

<sup>3</sup> Includes only independent power producers' combined heat and power facilities.

<sup>4</sup> Small number of electricity-only, non-Combined Heat and Power plants may be included.

R = Revised.

Notes: • See Glossary reference for definitions. • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. • In some reporting of capacity data, such as for wind, solar and wave energy sites, the capacity for multiple generators is reported in a single generator record and is presented as a single generator in the count of number of generators.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."

**Table 1.12. Interconnection Cost and Capacity for New Generators, by Grid Voltage Class, 2008 and 2009**

Voltage Class	Units <sup>1</sup>	Nameplate Capacity (megawatts) <sup>1</sup>	Cost (thousand dollars) <sup>1</sup>
<b>2008</b>			
Total .....	433 <sup>R</sup>	19,062 <sup>R</sup>	523,846
Distribution (< 35 kV) .....	153 <sup>R</sup>	540 <sup>R</sup>	25,198
SubTransmission (35 kV - 138 kV) .....	185 <sup>R</sup>	7,090 <sup>R</sup>	181,061
Transmission (> 138 kV) .....	95 <sup>R</sup>	11,432 <sup>R</sup>	317,587
<b>2009</b>			
Total .....	382	23,144	819,680
Distribution (< 35 kV) .....	147	464	36,927
SubTransmission (35 kV - 138 kV) .....	131	6,423	315,874
Transmission (> 138 kV) .....	104	16,257	466,879

<sup>1</sup> Cost is the total cost incurred for the direct, physical interconnection of generators that started commercial operation in the respective years. These generator-specific costs may include costs for transmission or distribution lines, transformers, protective devices, substations, switching stations and other equipment necessary for interconnection. Units and Nameplate Capacity represent the number of units and associated capacity for which interconnection costs were incurred and reported.

R = Revised.

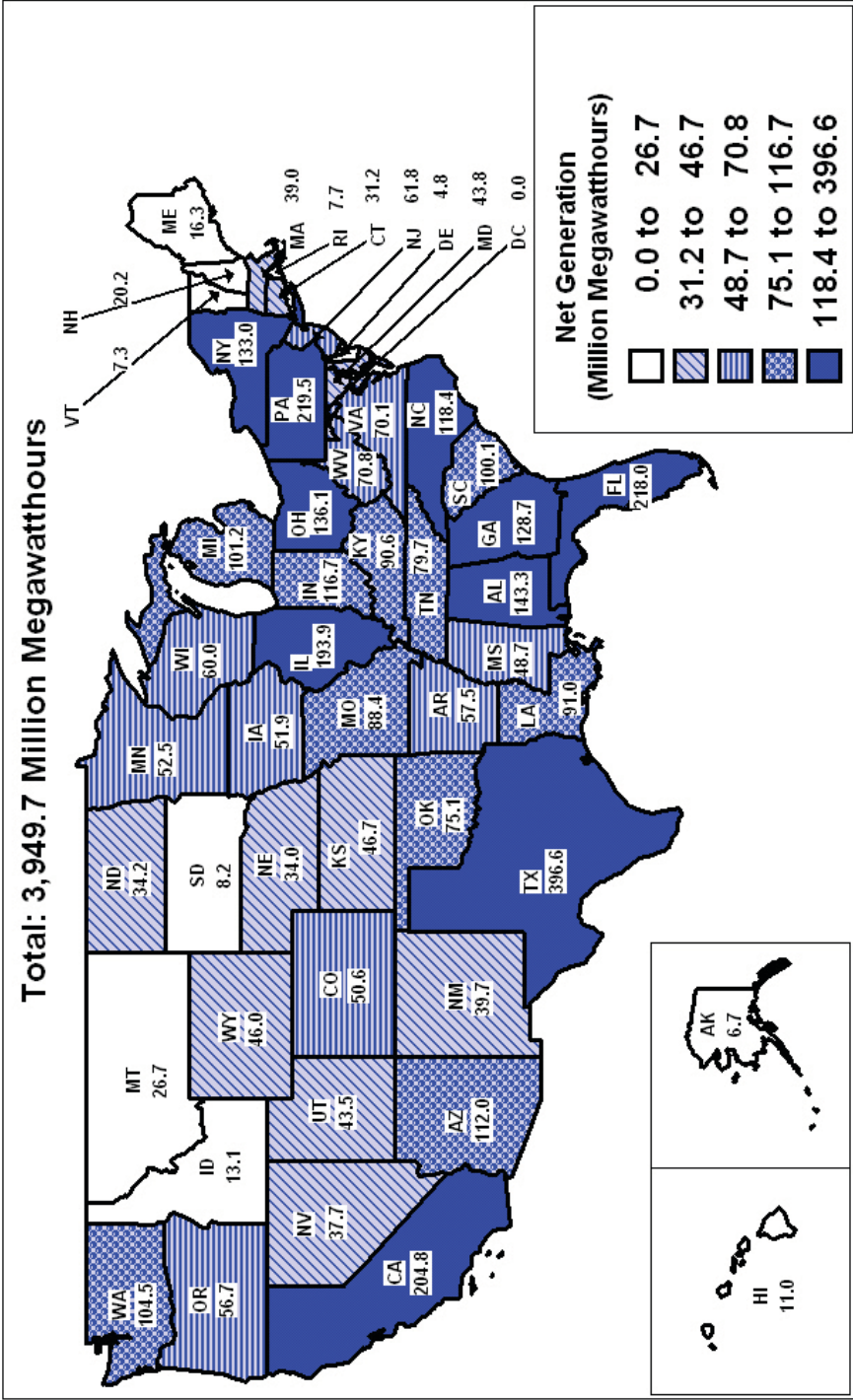
Notes: • See Glossary reference for definitions. • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. • In some reporting of capacity data, such as for wind, solar and wave energy sites, the capacity for multiple generators is reported in a single generator record and is presented as a single generator in the count of number of generators.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."

## **Chapter 2. Generation and Useful Thermal Output**



Figure 2.1. U.S. Electric Industry Net Generation by State, 2009



Note: Data are displayed as 5 groups of 10 States and the District of Columbia.

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report".





## **Chapter 3. Fuel and Emissions**







**Table 3.4. End-of-Year Stocks of Coal and Petroleum by Type of Producer, 1998 through 2009**

Period	Electric Power Sector		Electric Utilities		Independent Power Producers	
	Coal (Thousand Tons) <sup>1</sup>	Petroleum (Thousand Barrels) <sup>2</sup>	Coal (Thousand Tons) <sup>1</sup>	Petroleum (Thousand Barrels) <sup>2</sup>	Coal (Thousand Tons)	Petroleum (Thousand Barrels)
1998.....	120,501	56,591	120,501	56,591	NA	NA
1999.....	141,604	54,109	129,041	46,169	12,563	7,940
2000.....	102,296	40,932	90,115	30,502	12,180	10,430
2001.....	138,496	57,031	117,147	37,308	21,349	19,723
2002.....	141,714	52,490	116,952	31,243	24,761	21,247
2003.....	121,567	53,170	97,831	29,953	23,736	23,218
2004.....	106,669	51,434	84,917	32,281	21,751	19,153
2005.....	101,137	50,062	77,457	31,400	23,680	18,661
2006.....	140,964	51,583	110,277	32,082	30,688	19,502
2007.....	151,221	47,203	120,504	29,297	30,717	17,906
2008.....	161,589	44,498	127,463	28,450	34,126	16,048
2009.....	189,467	46,181	154,815	31,778	34,652	14,402

<sup>1</sup> Anthracite, bituminous, subbituminous, lignite, and synthetic coal, excludes waste coal.

<sup>2</sup> Distillate fuel oil (all diesel and No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 fuel oils), residual fuel oil (No. 5 and No. 6 fuel oils and bunker C fuel oil), jet fuel, kerosene, petroleum coke (converted to liquid petroleum, see Technical Notes for conversion methodology). Data prior to 2005 includes small quantities of waste oil.

NA = Not available.

Note: Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report," and predecessor form(s) including U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-906, "Power Plant Report;" and Form EIA-920, "Combined Heat and Power Plant Report;" Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report.



**Table 3.7. Average Quality of Fossil Fuel Receipts for the Electric Power Industry, 1998 through 2009**

Year	Coal <sup>1</sup>			Petroleum <sup>2</sup>		Natural Gas <sup>3</sup>
	Average Btu per Pound	Average Sulfur Percent by Weight	Average Ash Percent by Weight	Average Btu per Gallon	Average Sulfur Percent by Weight	Average Btu per Cubic Foot
1998.....	10,241	1.06	9.18	149,736	1.48	1,022
1999.....	10,163	1.01	9.01	149,407	1.51	1,019
2000.....	10,115	.93	8.84	149,857	1.33	1,020
2001.....	10,200	.89	8.80	147,857	1.42	1,020
2002.....	10,168	.94	8.74	147,902	1.64	1,025
2003 <sup>4</sup> .....	10,137	.97	8.98	147,086	1.53	1,030
2004.....	10,074	.97	8.97	147,286	1.66	1,027
2005.....	10,107	.98	9.02	146,481	1.61	1,028
2006.....	10,063	.97	9.03	143,883	2.31	1,027
2007.....	10,028	.96	8.84	144,545	2.10	1,027
2008.....	9,947	.97	8.95	142,205	2.21	1,027
2009.....	9,902	1.01	8.94	141,321	2.14	1,025

<sup>1</sup> Anthracite, bituminous, subbituminous, lignite, waste coal, and synthetic coal.

<sup>2</sup> Distillate fuel oil (all diesel and No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 fuel oils), residual fuel oil (No. 5 and No. 6 fuel oils and bunker C fuel oil), jet fuel, kerosene, petroleum coke (converted to liquid petroleum, see Technical Notes for conversion methodology), and waste oil.

<sup>3</sup> Natural gas, including a small amount of supplemental gaseous fuels that cannot be identified separately. Natural gas values for 2001 forward do not include blast furnace gas or other gas.

<sup>4</sup> Beginning in 2002, data from the historical Form EIA-423 for independent power producers and combined heat and power producers are included in this table. Prior to 2002, these data were not collected; the data for 2001 and previous years include only data collected from electric utilities via the historical FERC Form 423.

Note: Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report" and predecessor form(s) including U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-423, "Monthly Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants Report;" Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC Form 423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants."

**Table 3.8. Weighted Average Cost of Fossil Fuels for the Electric Power Industry, 1998 through 2009**

Period	Coal								Petroleum		Natural Gas		Total Fossil Fuels	
	Bituminous		Subbituminous		Lignite		All Coal Ranks		Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)	Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)	Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)
	Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)	Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)	Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)	Receipts (trillion Btu)	Average Cost (cents per MMBtu)						
1998 .....	11,510	135	6,520	113	999	94	19,036	125	1,140	202	2,986	238	23,162	144
1999 .....	10,722	131	6,740	110	996	93	18,461	122	916	236	2,862	257	22,238	144
2000 .....	9,050	130	5,991	108	947	94	15,988	120	681	418	2,682	430	19,351	174
2001 .....	8,312	139	6,134	104	839	109	15,286	123	783	369	2,209	449	18,278	173
2002 .....	9,932	142	6,878	105	851	104	17,982	125	751	334	5,750	356	24,483	186
2003 .....	10,543	144	7,598	110	1,026	103	19,990	128	1,146	433	5,663	539	26,799	228
2004 .....	10,538	156	7,817	112	1,012	106	20,189	136	1,155	429	5,891	596	27,234	248
2005 .....	10,833	184	8,004	119	1,008	107	20,647	154	1,198	644	6,357	821	28,202	325
2006 .....	11,129	204	8,842	131	982	115	21,735	169	610	623	6,856	694	29,201	302
2007 .....	10,580	208	8,826	145	925	128	21,152	177	536	717	7,396	711	29,085	323
2008 .....	11,110	250	9,087	162	896	141	21,280	207	575	1,087	8,089	902	29,945	411
2009 .....	10,010	275	8,421	164	835	158	19,438	221	528	702	8,319	474	28,285	304

Notes: • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. • Beginning in 2008 with the Form EIA-923, receipts, cost, and quality data are imputed for plants between 1 and 50 MW, in addition to the data collected from plants above the 50 MW threshold. Therefore, there may be a notable increase in fuel receipts beginning with 2008 data.

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report" and predecessor form(s) including U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-423, "Monthly Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants Report;" Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC Form 423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants."



## **Chapter 4. Demand, Capacity Resources, and Capacity Margins**





**Table 4.3. Net Internal Demand, Actual or Planned Capacity Resources, and Capacity Margins by North American Electric Reliability Corporation Region, Summer, 2009 through 2014 (Megawatts)**

North American Electric Reliability Corporation Regional Entity	Net Internal Demand <sup>1</sup>	Capacity Resources <sup>2</sup>	Capacity Margin (percent) <sup>3</sup>	Net Internal Demand <sup>1</sup>	Capacity Resources <sup>2</sup>	Capacity Margin (percent) <sup>3</sup>
<b>2009</b>				<b>2010</b>		
TRE (formerly ERCOT) .....	63,518	76,280	16.7	62,412	75,181	17.0
FRCC .....	46,263	49,239	6.0	42,820	53,826	20.4
MRO (U.S.) <sup>4</sup> .....	35,849	47,529	24.6	39,343	50,633	22.3
NPCC (U.S.) .....	55,730	78,639	29.1	60,001	73,341	18.2
ReliabilityFirst <sup>5</sup> .....	161,241	215,700	25.2	171,488	219,583	21.9
SERC .....	186,507	247,400	24.6	195,833	247,674	20.9
SPP .....	41,117	49,194	16.4	42,976	53,298	19.4
WECC (U.S.) .....	122,881	152,467	19.4	124,924	161,358	22.6
<b>Contiguous U.S.</b> .....	<b>713,106</b>	<b>916,449</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>739,798</b>	<b>934,894</b>	<b>20.9</b>
<b>2011</b>				<b>2012</b>		
TRE (formerly ERCOT) .....	63,532	73,075	13.1	64,947	74,733	13.1
FRCC .....	42,831	54,441	21.3	43,409	55,117	21.2
MRO (U.S.) <sup>4</sup> .....	39,823	51,748	23.0	40,618	51,645	21.4
NPCC (U.S.) .....	60,606	74,602	18.8	61,318	79,319	22.7
ReliabilityFirst <sup>5</sup> .....	175,367	226,033	22.4	177,600	230,107	22.8
SERC .....	199,297	252,732	21.1	204,045	256,713	20.5
SPP .....	43,567	55,576	21.6	44,834	56,477	20.6
WECC (U.S.) .....	126,318	170,649	26.0	127,495	176,431	27.7
<b>Contiguous U.S.</b> .....	<b>751,342</b>	<b>958,855</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>764,267</b>	<b>980,542</b>	<b>22.1</b>
<b>2013</b>				<b>2014</b>		
TRE (formerly ERCOT) .....	66,514	75,435	11.8	67,655	76,191	11.2
FRCC .....	43,899	56,923	22.9	44,451	57,097	22.1
MRO (U.S.) <sup>4</sup> .....	41,224	51,967	20.7	41,675	51,986	19.8
NPCC (U.S.) .....	62,093	78,424	20.8	62,708	78,374	20.0
ReliabilityFirst <sup>5</sup> .....	180,600	232,543	22.3	182,700	232,924	21.6
SERC .....	207,756	260,524	20.3	211,512	262,024	19.3
SPP .....	45,544	57,154	20.3	46,102	58,368	21.0
WECC (U.S.) .....	127,459	179,803	29.1	130,302	181,327	28.1
<b>Contiguous U.S.</b> .....	<b>775,088</b>	<b>992,773</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>787,105</b>	<b>998,292</b>	<b>21.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Net Internal Demand represent the system demand that is planned for by the electric power industry's reliability authority and is equal to Internal Demand less Direct Control Load Management and Interruptible Demand.

<sup>2</sup> Capacity Resources: Utility- and IPP-owned generating capacity that is existing or in various stages of planning or construction, less inoperable capacity, plus planned capacity purchases from other resources, less planned capacity sales.

<sup>3</sup> Capacity Margin is the amount of unused available capability of an electric power system at peak load as a percentage of capacity resources.

<sup>4</sup> Regional name has changed from Mid-Continent Area Power Pool to Midwest Reliability Organization.

<sup>5</sup> ReliabilityFirst Corporation (RFC) came into existence on January 1, 2006, and submitted a consolidated filing covering the historical NERC regions of ECAR, MAAC, and MAIN. Many of the former utility members joined RFC.

Notes: • 2009 data are final. • Projected data are updated annually, so revision superscript is not used. • Represents an hour of a day during the associated peak period. • The summer peak period begins on June 1 and extends through September 30. • The MRO, SERC, and SPP regional boundaries were altered as utilities changed reliability organizations. The historical data series have not been adjusted. • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report."

**Table 4.4. Net Internal Demand, Actual or Planned Capacity Resources, and Capacity Margins by North American Electric Reliability Corporation Region, Winter, 2009 through 2014 (Megawatts)**

North American Electric Reliability Corporation Regional Entity	Net Internal Demand <sup>1</sup>	Capacity Resources <sup>2</sup>	Capacity Margin (percent) <sup>3</sup>	Net Internal Demand <sup>1</sup>	Capacity Resources <sup>2</sup>	Capacity Margin (percent) <sup>2</sup>
<b>2009/ 2010</b>				<b>2010/ 2011</b>		
TRE (formerly ERCOT) .....	56,191	69,490	19.1	43,487	76,385	43.1
FRCC .....	51,703	52,751	2.0	42,716	57,952	26.3
MRO (U.S.) <sup>4</sup> .....	33,983	46,422	26.8	34,091	52,585	35.2
NPCC (U.S.) .....	44,864	78,992	43.2	46,374	73,083	36.5
ReliabilityFirst <sup>5</sup> .....	143,827	215,700	33.3	143,040	218,752	34.6
SERC .....	188,653	255,527	26.2	178,614	253,918	29.7
SPP .....	32,741	50,097	34.6	31,197	56,009	44.3
WECC (U.S.) .....	106,256	151,022	29.6	100,580	159,643	37.0
<b>Contiguous U.S.</b> .....	<b>658,219</b>	<b>920,002</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>620,100</b>	<b>948,326</b>	<b>34.6</b>
<b>2011/ 2012</b>				<b>2012/ 2013</b>		
TRE (formerly ERCOT) .....	43,453	77,343	43.8	44,397	78,381	43.4
FRCC .....	43,197	58,972	26.8	43,801	59,696	26.6
MRO (U.S.) <sup>4</sup> .....	35,178	53,567	34.3	35,687	53,567	33.4
NPCC (U.S.) .....	46,529	75,244	38.2	46,753	79,602	41.3
ReliabilityFirst <sup>5</sup> .....	146,591	225,259	34.9	149,000	229,644	35.1
SERC .....	181,129	260,021	30.3	184,379	262,157	29.7
SPP .....	32,819	56,435	41.8	33,645	57,674	41.7
WECC (U.S.) .....	103,663	168,753	38.6	105,211	174,613	39.7
<b>Contiguous U.S.</b> .....	<b>632,559</b>	<b>975,595</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>642,873</b>	<b>995,334</b>	<b>35.4</b>
<b>2013/ 2014</b>				<b>2014/ 2015</b>		
TRE (formerly ERCOT) .....	45,372	79,199	42.7	46,086	79,976	42.4
FRCC .....	44,457	61,113	27.3	45,174	61,628	26.7
MRO (U.S.) <sup>4</sup> .....	36,187	53,592	32.5	36,614	53,475	31.5
NPCC (U.S.) .....	47,154	78,942	40.3	47,401	78,943	40.0
ReliabilityFirst <sup>5</sup> .....	150,300	231,415	35.1	151,400	231,795	34.7
SERC .....	187,415	267,999	30.1	189,890	269,724	29.6
SPP .....	34,177	58,004	41.1	34,703	59,245	41.4
WECC (U.S.) .....	107,438	178,495	39.8	109,208	179,961	39.3
<b>Contiguous U.S.</b> .....	<b>652,500</b>	<b>1,008,759</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>660,476</b>	<b>1,014,748</b>	<b>34.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Net Internal Demand represent the system demand that is planned for by the electric power industry's reliability authority and is equal to Internal Demand less Direct Control Load Management and Interruptible Demand.

<sup>2</sup> Capacity Resources: Utility- and IPP-owned generating capacity that is existing or in various stages of planning or construction, less inoperable capacity, plus planned capacity purchases from other resources, less planned capacity sales.

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Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report."

Figure 4.1 Historical North American Electric Reliability Council Regions for the Contiguous U.S., 2005

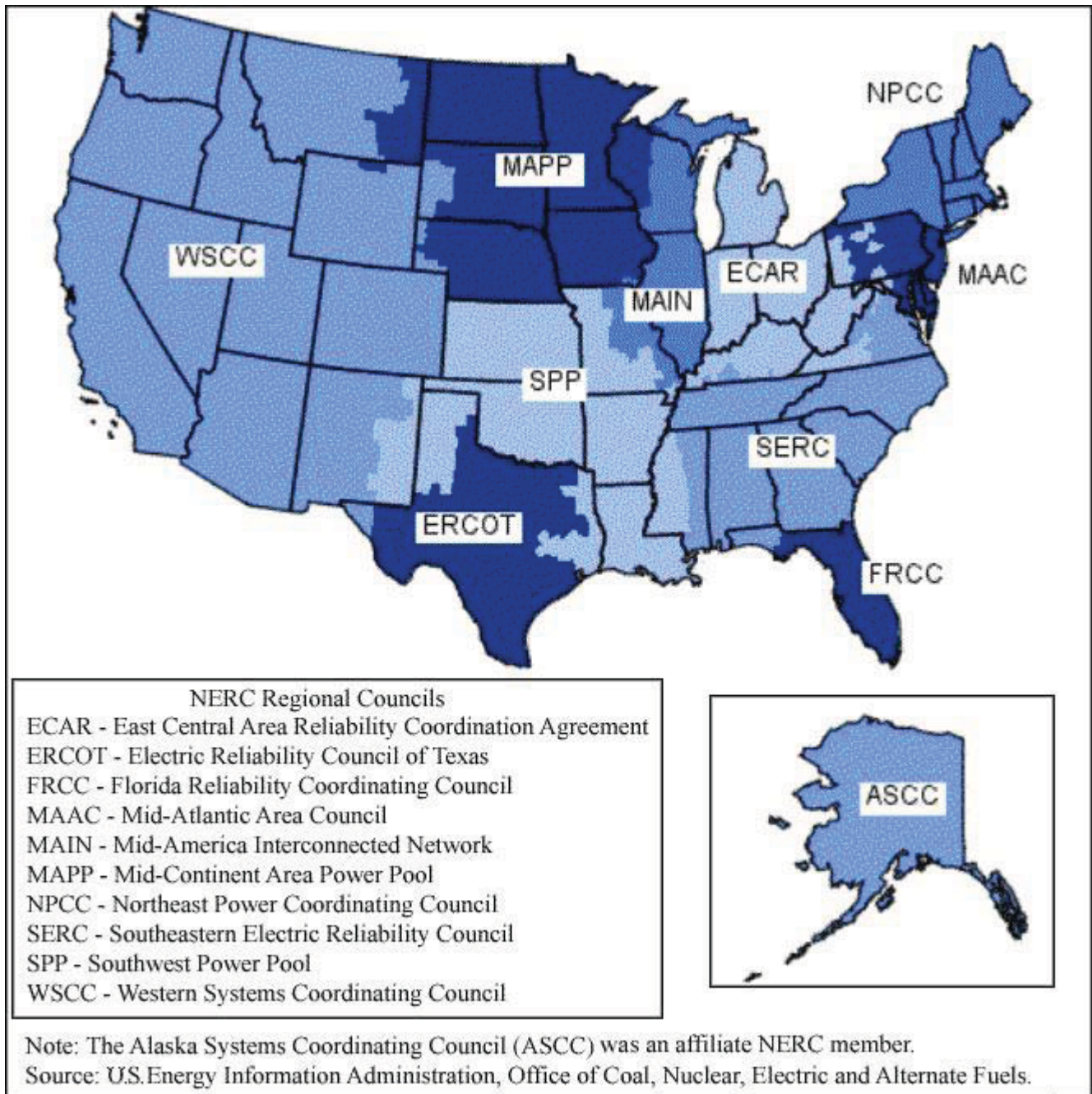
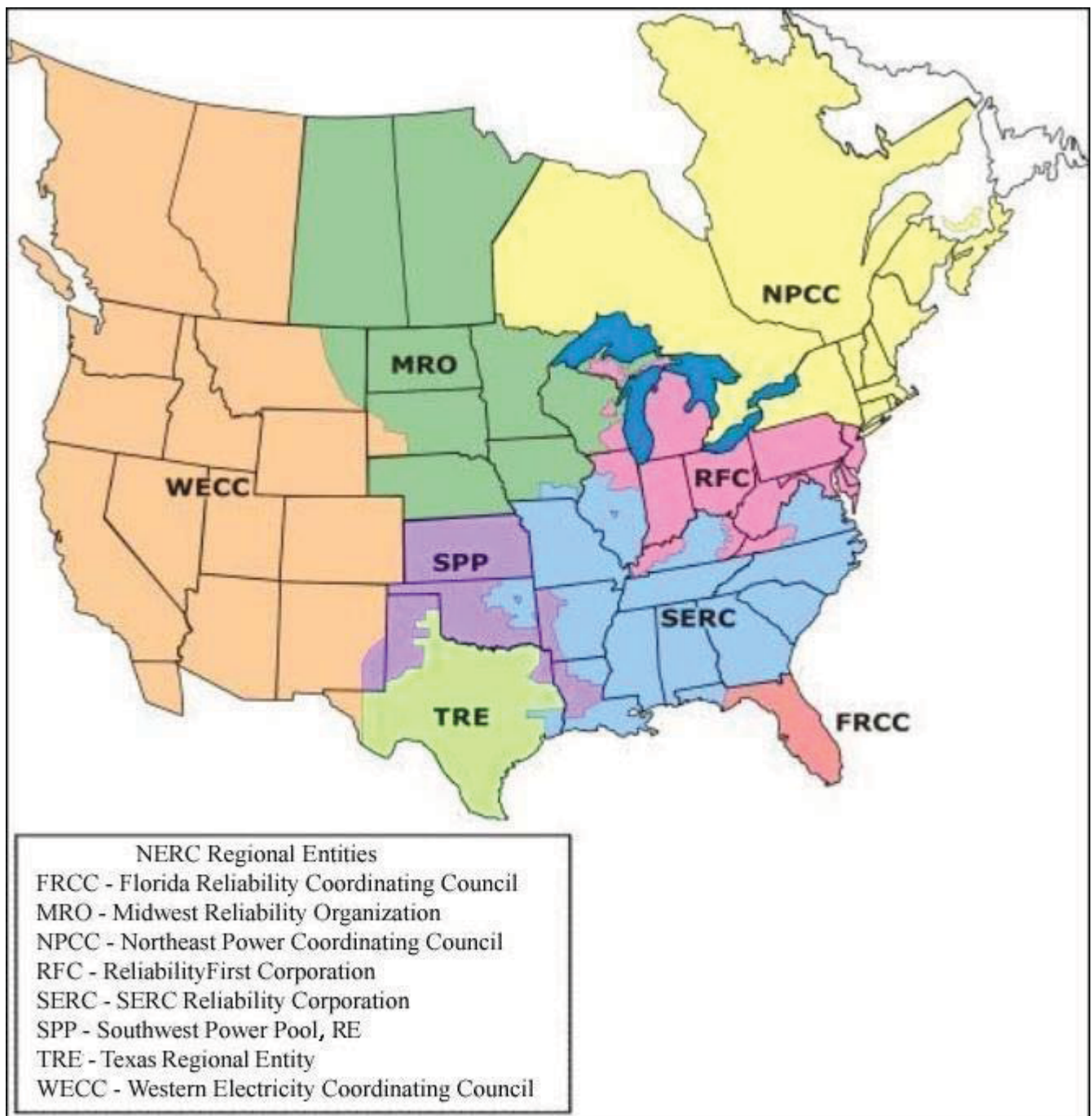


Figure 4.2 Consolidated North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
Regional Entities, 2009



## **Chapter 5. Characteristics of the Electric Power Industry**



**Table 5.2. Average Capacity Factors by Energy Source, 1998 through 2009**  
(Percent)

Year	Coal	Petroleum	Natural Gas CC <sup>1</sup>	Natural Gas Other	Nuclear	Hydroelectric Conventional	Other Renewables	All Energy Sources
1998.....	67.7	22.2	--	34.2	79.2	46.6	57.0	54.6
1999.....	68.1	22.4	--	33.2	85.3	45.9	56.9	54.9
2000.....	71.0	20.5	--	37.1	87.7	39.5	59.1	54.6
2001.....	69.2	21.5	--	35.7	89.4	31.4	50.2	51.4
2002.....	70.0	18.1	--	38.2	90.3	38.0	54.0	49.7
2003.....	72.0	22.4	33.5	12.1	87.9	40.0	50.0	47.7
2004.....	71.9	23.3	35.5	10.7	90.1	39.4	50.5	47.9
2005.....	73.3	23.8	36.8	10.6	89.3	39.8	47.0	48.3
2006.....	72.6	12.6	38.8	10.7	89.6	42.4	45.7	48.0
2007.....	73.6	13.4	42.0	11.4	91.8	36.3	40.0	48.7
2008.....	72.2	9.2	40.6	10.6	91.1	37.2	37.3	47.4
2009.....	63.8	7.8	42.5	9.8	90.3	39.8	33.8	44.9

<sup>1</sup> Prior to 2003, the generation collected on Form EIA-906 did not have a distinction for combined cycle (CC) prime movers. All natural gas-fired plants of all types are included in "Natural Gas Other" for 1998 to 2002.

Note: Technical Note: Average Capacity Factor is the ratio of actual generation to maximum potential output, expressed as a percent.

Average Capacity Factor = [(Net Generation)/(Net Summer Capacity\* Number of Hours in the Year)] \* 100  
for the respective energy source and year

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report;" Form EIA-923, Power Plant Operations Report," and predecessor forms.

**Table 5.3. Average Operating Heat Rate for Selected Energy Sources, 2001 through 2009**  
(Btu per Kilowatthour)

Year	Coal <sup>1</sup>	Petroleum <sup>2</sup>	Natural Gas	Nuclear
2001 .....	10,378	10,742	10,051	10,443
2002 .....	10,314	10,641	9,533	10,442
2003 .....	10,297	10,610	9,207	10,421
2004 .....	10,331	10,571	8,647	10,427
2005 .....	10,373	10,631	8,551	10,436
2006 .....	10,351	10,809	8,471	10,436
2007 .....	10,375	10,794	8,403	10,485
2008 .....	10,378	11,015	8,305	10,453
2009 .....	10,414	11,002	8,157	10,460

<sup>1</sup> Includes anthracite, bituminous, subbituminous and lignite coal. Waste coal and synthetic coal are included starting in 2002.

<sup>2</sup> Includes distillate fuel oil (all diesel and No. 1 and No. 2 fuel oils), residual fuel oil (No. 5 and No. 6 fuel oils and bunker C fuel oil, jet fuel, kerosene, petroleum coke, and waste oil.

Notes: • Included in the calculation for coal, petroleum, and natural gas average operating heat rate are electric power plants in the utility and independent power producer sectors. • Combined heat and power plants, and all plants in the commercial and industrial sectors are excluded from the calculations. • The nuclear average heat rate is the weighted average tested heat rate for nuclear units as reported on the Form EIA-860.

Technical Note: The average operating heat rate for coal, petroleum and natural gas displayed in Table 5.3 is calculated by dividing the energy consumed (in BTUs) to generate electricity by the kilowatthours of power generated as reported on the Form EIA-923 and its predecessor forms. Included in the calculation for coal, petroleum and natural gas are utility and independent power producer plants. The calculation excludes combined heat and power plants, industrial plants, and commercial sector plants. The nuclear heat rate is a weighted average (by capacity) of the tested heat rate as reported on the Form EIA-860.

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report," and predecessor form(s) including U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-906, "Power Plant Report;" and Form EIA-920, "Combined Heat and Power Plant Report;" Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."

**Table 5.4. Average Heat Rates by Prime Mover and Energy Source, 2009**  
(Btu per Kilowatthour)

Prime Mover	Coal	Petroleum	Natural Gas	Nuclear
Steam Turbine.....	10,148	10,351	10,399	10,460
Gas Turbine .....	--	13,343	11,497	--
Internal Combustion.....	--	10,262	9,973	--
Combined Cycle .....	W	10,709	7,543	--

W = Withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

Notes: • See Glossary reference for definitions. • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. • Heat rate is reported at full load conditions for electric utilities and independent power producers.

Technical Note: The heat rates reported on Form EIA-860 are weighted by Net Summer Capacity.

Average Heat Rate = Sum of [ Reported Heat Rate \* (NSC/Total Capacity)] where

NSC = Net Summer Capacity, and

Total Capacity = Sum of [NSC] of units for the respective prime mover and energy source categories.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report."

**Table 5.5. Planned Transmission Capacity Additions, by High-Voltage Size, 2010 through 2016**  
(Circuit Miles of Transmission)

Voltage		Circuit Miles						
Type	Operating (kV)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
AC .....	230	725	1,126	855	711	529	671	118
AC .....	345	804	767	1,576	3,478	1,300	589	345
AC .....	500	421	336	1,400	1,314	1,512	2,090	1,688
AC .....	765	--	--	--	--	275	--	--
<b>AC Total .....</b>		<b>1,950</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>3,831</b>	<b>5,503</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>2,151</b>
DC .....	100-299	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
DC .....	300-399	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
DC .....	400-599	--	--	--	--	--	620	1,300
<b>DC Total .....</b>		<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>1,300</b>
<b>Grand Total .....</b>		<b>1,950</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>3,831</b>	<b>5,503</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>3,451</b>
<b>Lines taken out of service</b>		<b>318</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>116</b>

Notes: • Circuit miles do not equal physical miles on the ground; the reference terminology for that concept is structural mile. • More than one circuit can be present on a structure. • Some structures were designed and then built to carry future transmission circuits in order to handle expected growth in new capability requirements. • Lines are taken out of service for a variety of reasons including intentional changes to the right-of-way to better use available land for different levels of voltage and types of poles and towers.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report."

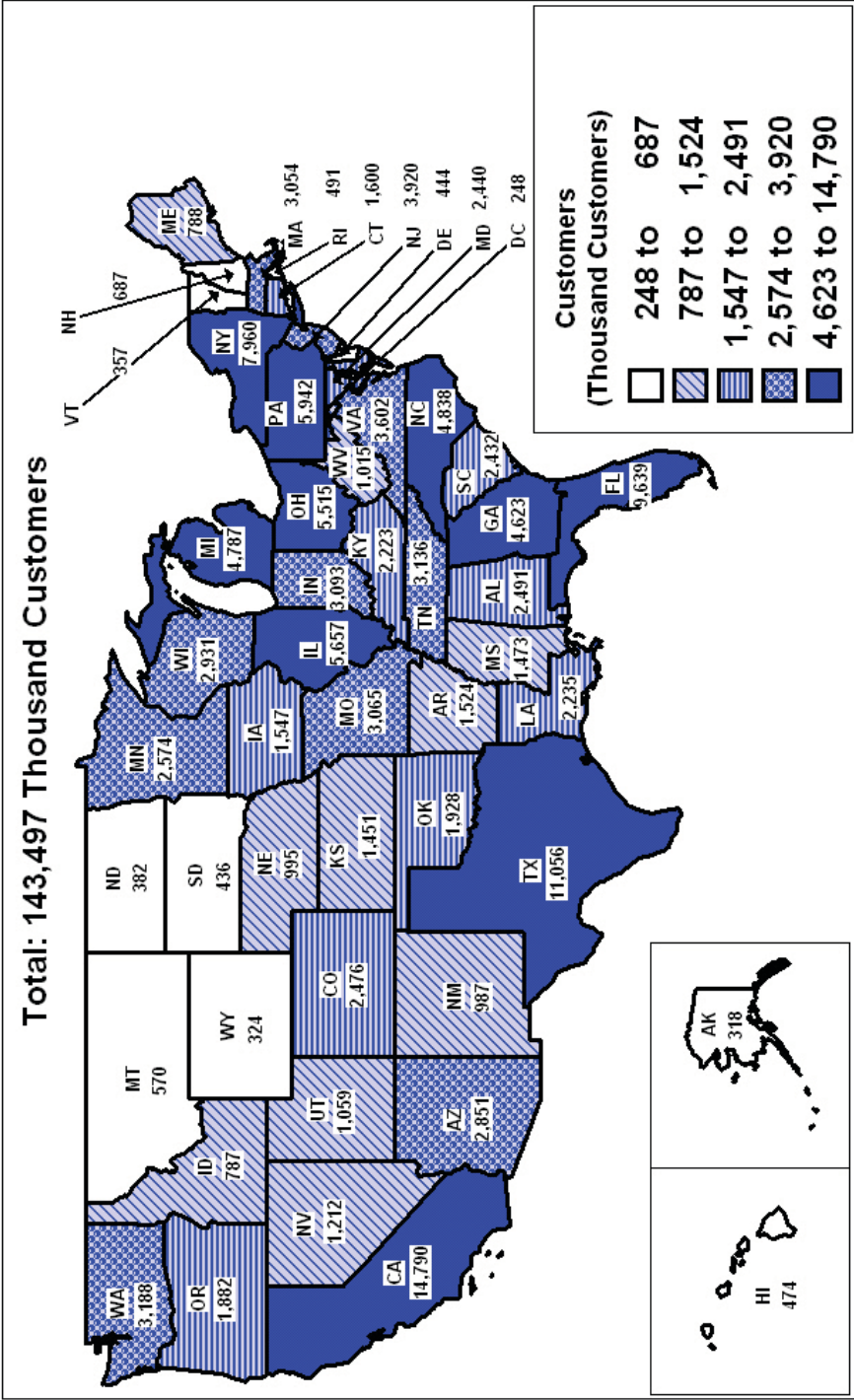
## **Chapter 6. Trade**



## **Chapter 7. Retail Customers, Sales, and Revenue**



Figure 7.1. U.S. Electric Industry Total Ultimate Customers by State, 2009

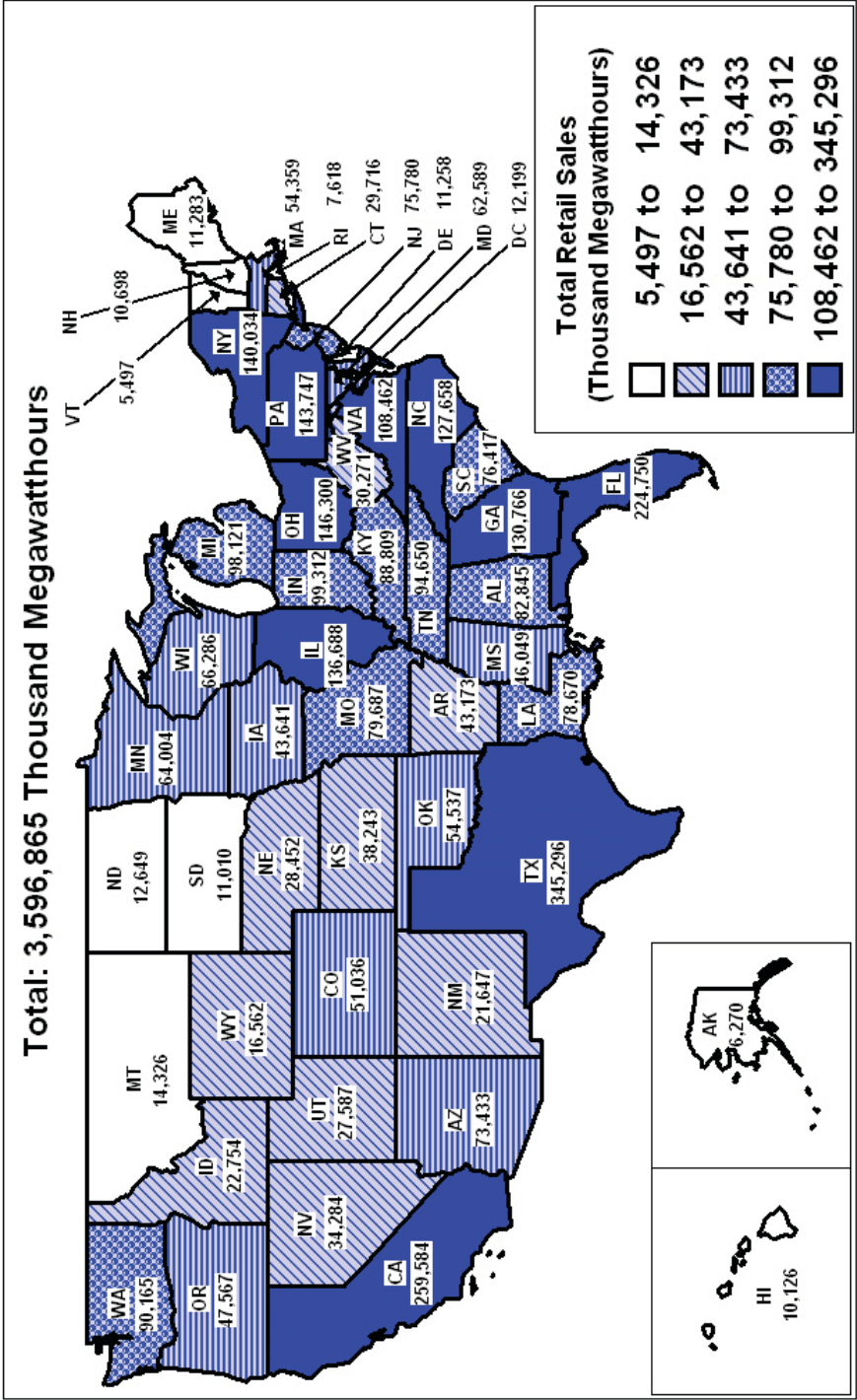


Note: Data are displayed as 5 groups of 10 States and the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report."



Figure 7.2. U.S. Electric Industry Total Retail Sales by State, 2009

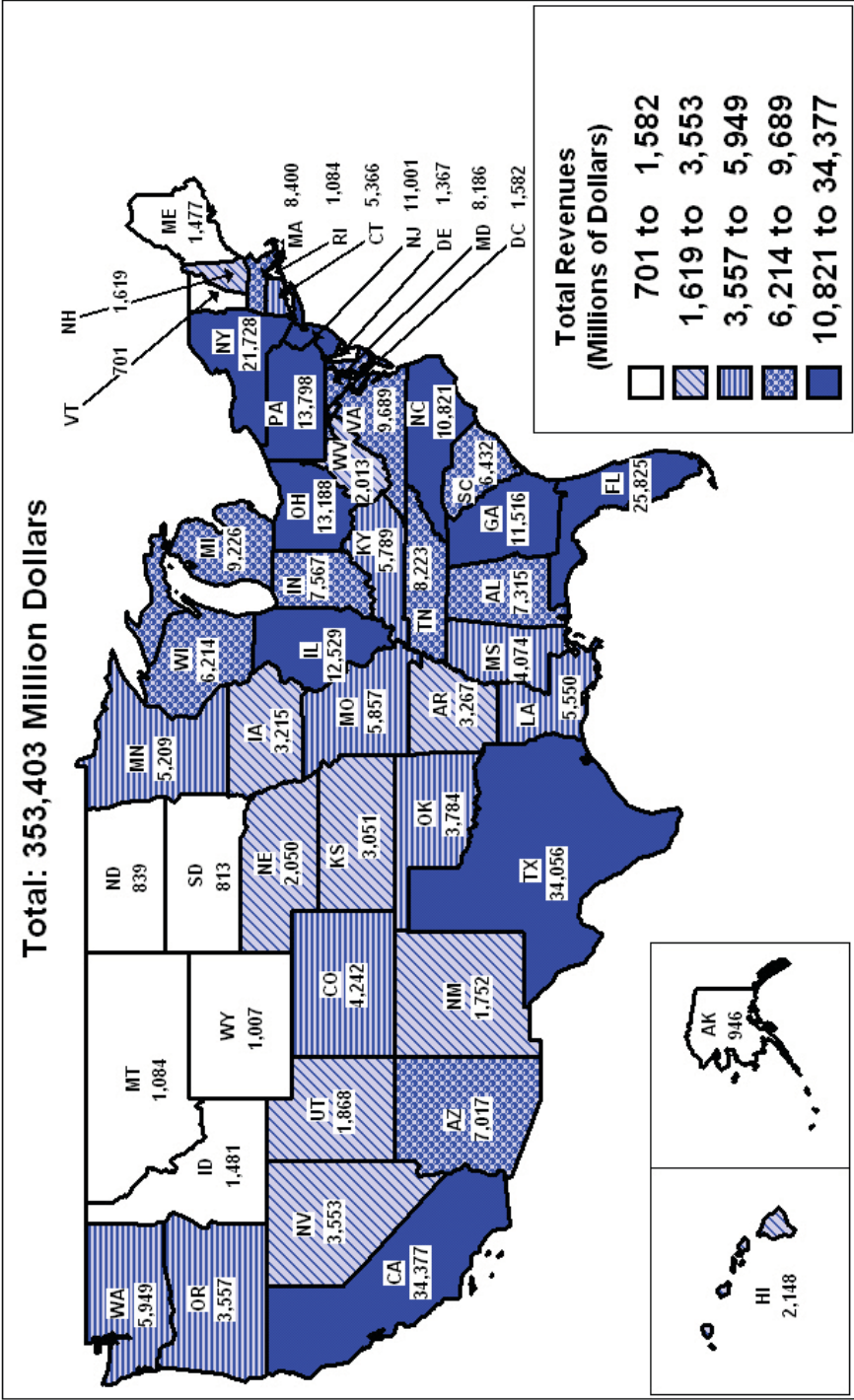


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Figure 7.3. U.S. Electric Industry Total Revenues by State, 2009



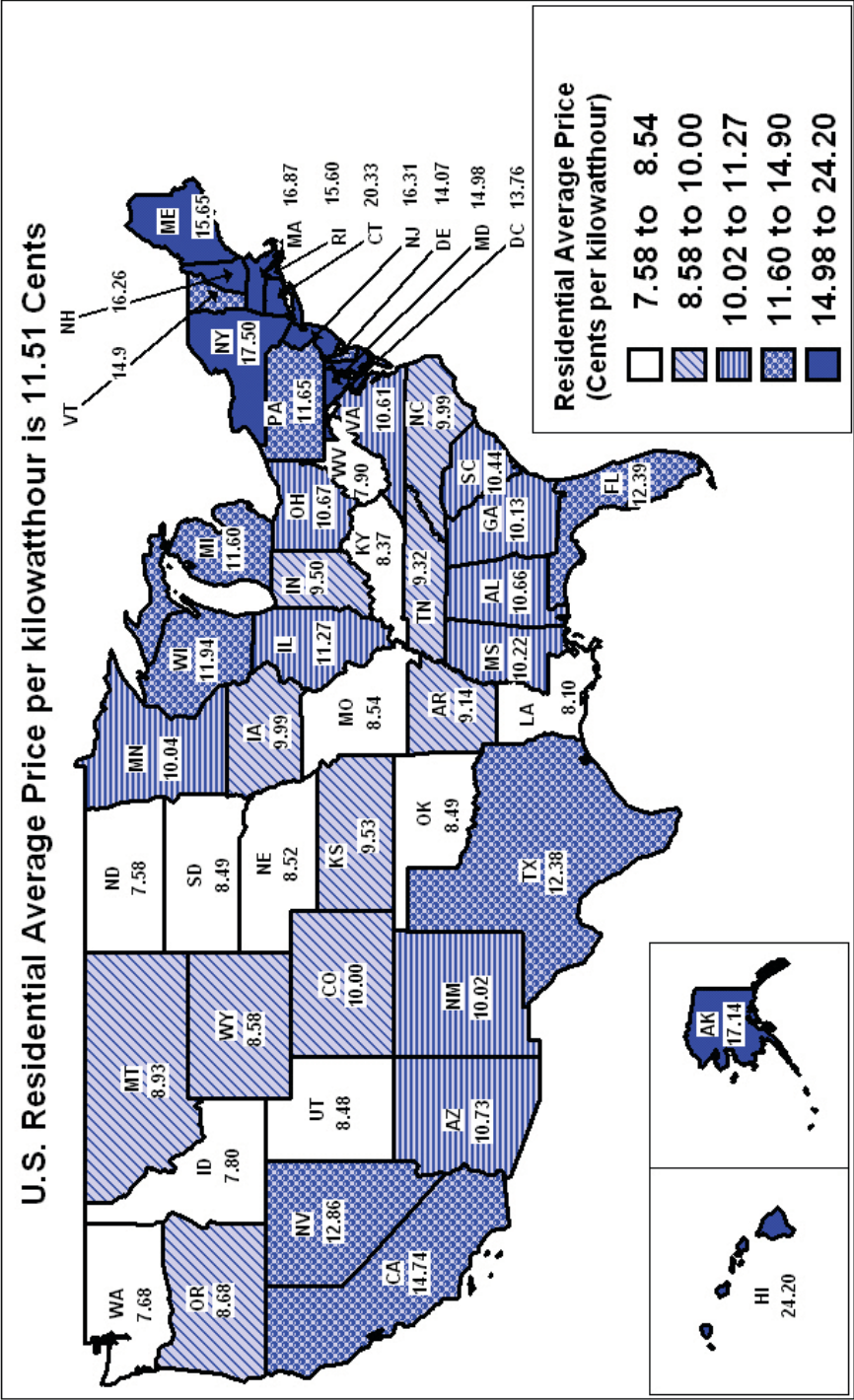
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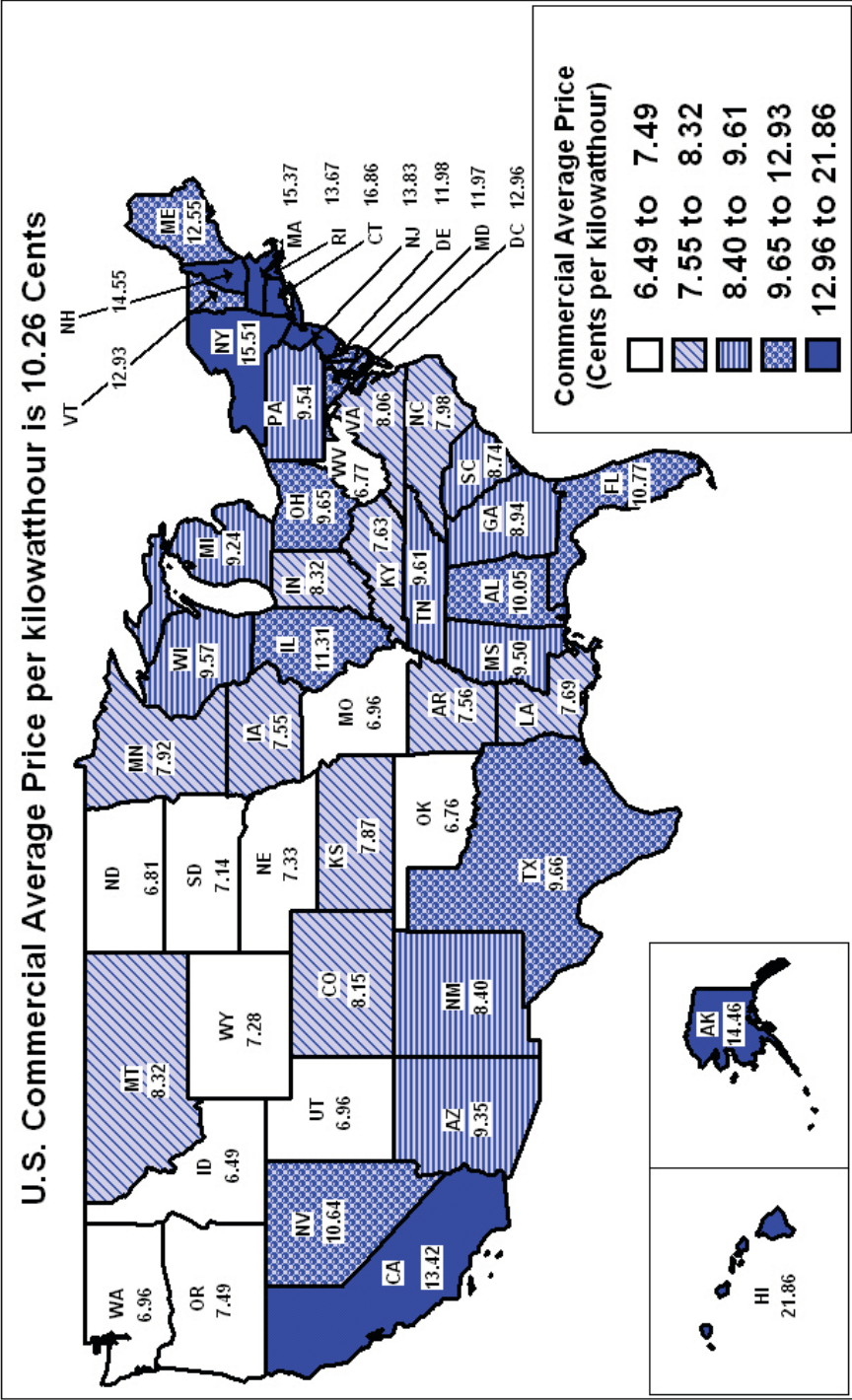
Figure 7.5. Average Residential Price of Electricity by State, 2009



Note: Data are displayed as 5 groups of 10 States and the District of Columbia.

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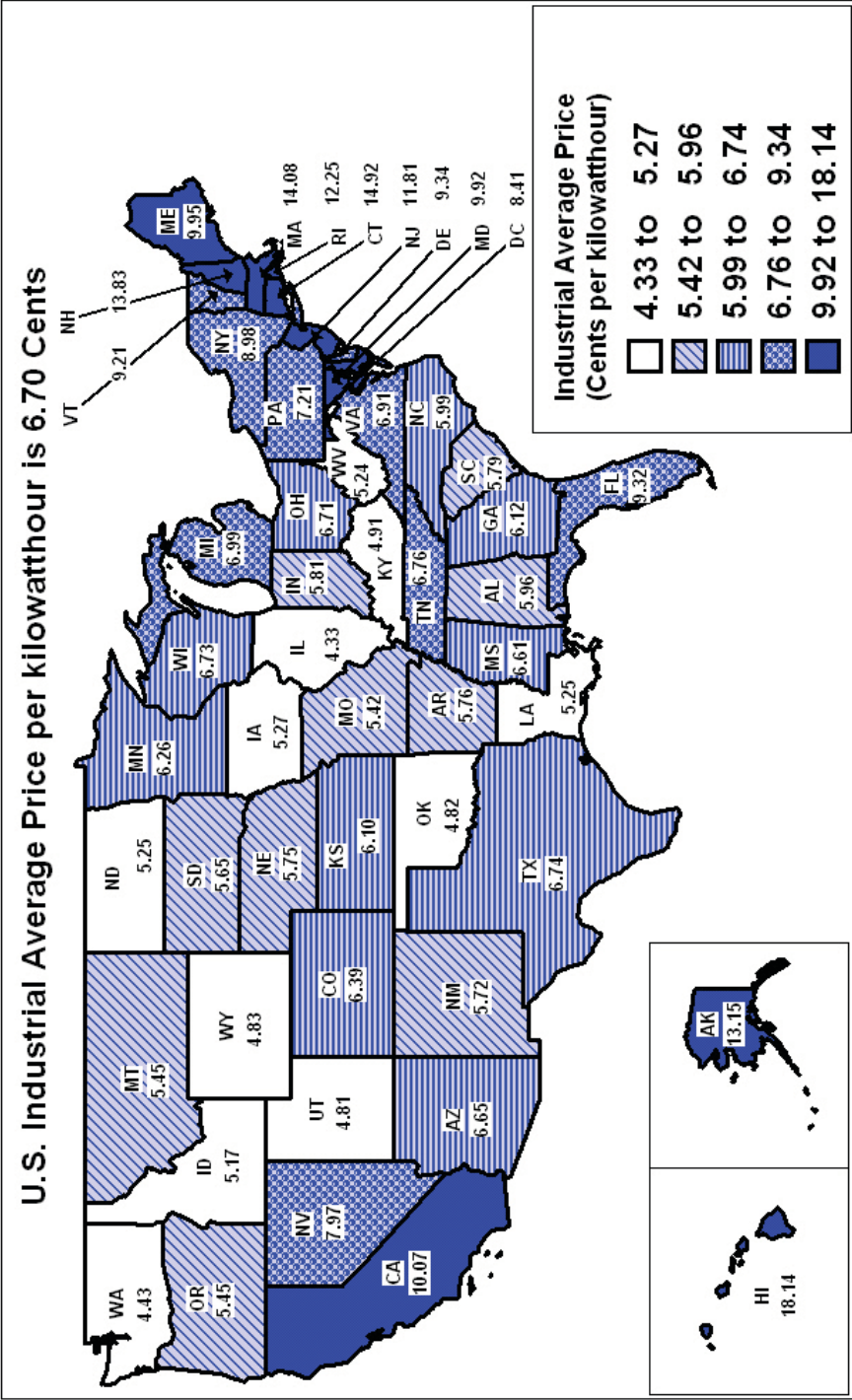
Figure 7.6. Average Commercial Price of Electricity by State, 2009



Note: Data are displayed as 5 groups of 10 States and the District of Columbia.

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Figure 7.7. Average Industrial Price of Electricity by State, 2009



Note: Data are displayed as 5 groups of 10 States and the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report."

**Table 7.5. Net Metering and Green Pricing Customers by End Use Sector, 2002 - 2009**

Year	Green Pricing			Net Metering		
	Residential	Non Residential	Total	Residential	Non Residential	Total
2002.....	688,069	23,481	711,550	3,559	913	4,472
2003.....	819,579	57,547	877,126	5,870	943	6,813
2004.....	864,794	63,539	928,333	14,114	1,712	15,826
2005.....	871,774	70,998	942,772	19,244	1,902	21,146
2006 <sup>1</sup> .....	606,919	35,937	642,856	30,689	2,930	33,619
2007.....	773,391	62,260	835,651	44,886	3,943	48,829
2008.....	918,284	64,711	982,995	64,400	5,609	70,009
2009.....	1,058,185	65,593	1,123,778	88,222	8,284	96,506

<sup>1</sup> In 2006 the single largest provider of green pricing services in the country discontinued service in two States. More than 297,600 customers in green pricing programs reverted to standard service tariffs, predominantly in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Notes: • Green Pricing programs allow electricity customers the opportunity to purchase electricity generated from renewable resources, thereby encouraging renewable energy development. Renewable resources include solar, wind, geothermal, hydroelectric power, and wood. • Net Metering arrangements permit facilities and residences (using a meter that reads inflows and outflows of electricity) to sell any excess power generated over its load requirement back to the distributor to offset consumption.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report."

## **Chapter 8. Revenue and Expense Statistics**







## **Chapter 9. Demand-Side Management**



**Table 9.4. Demand-Side Management Program Annual Effects by Sector, 1998 through 2009**

Item	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
<b>Actual Peak Load Reductions (MW)</b>												
<b>Large Utilities</b>												
Residential.....	12,605	12,910 <sup>R</sup>	13,192	10,730	9,432	8,870	9,431	9,137	9,619	9,446	9,976	9,327
Commercial.....	11,399	11,097 <sup>R</sup>	8,054	7,779	7,926	7,194	6,774	6,839	8,210	6,987	7,777	9,482
Industrial.....	7,666	7,602 <sup>R</sup>	8,990	8,692	8,343	7,454	6,594	6,500	6,553	6,141	6,360	7,927
Transportation.....	12	126	17	39	9	14	105	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	460	573	327	2,342	495
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>31,682</b>	<b>31,735<sup>R</sup></b>	<b>30,253</b>	<b>27,240</b>	<b>25,710</b>	<b>23,532</b>	<b>22,904</b>	<b>22,936</b>	<b>24,955</b>	<b>22,901</b>	<b>26,455</b>	<b>27,231</b>
<b>Potential Peak Load Reductions (MW)</b>												
<b>Large Utilities</b>												
Residential.....	15,986	16,831 <sup>R</sup>	15,263	13,040	12,097	11,967	12,525	12,072	12,274	12,970	12,812	13,022
Commercial.....	14,366	13,850 <sup>R</sup>	10,201	10,006	10,214	9,624	8,943	9,298	10,469	9,114	8,868	12,210
Industrial.....	15,502	15,103 <sup>R</sup>	15,271	14,119	14,260	13,665	17,298	18,321	17,344	18,775	17,237	15,512
Transportation.....	90	169	62	64	62	14	105	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	617	670	510	4,653	686
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>45,944</b>	<b>45,953<sup>R</sup></b>	<b>40,797</b>	<b>37,229</b>	<b>36,633</b>	<b>35,270</b>	<b>38,871</b>	<b>40,308</b>	<b>40,757</b>	<b>41,369</b>	<b>43,570</b>	<b>41,430</b>
<b>Energy Savings (Thousand MWh)</b>												
<b>Large Utilities</b>												
Residential.....	27,811	26,534 <sup>R</sup>	23,688	21,437	19,255	17,763	13,469	15,438	16,027	16,287	16,263	16,564
Commercial.....	35,019	34,869 <sup>R</sup>	30,725	28,982	28,416	24,624	25,089	24,391	24,217	25,660	23,375	25,125
Industrial.....	15,002	15,196 <sup>R</sup>	14,470	13,348	12,178	12,273	11,156	11,339	10,487	9,160	8,156	3,347
Transportation.....	76	76	109	50	48	51	551	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,907	3,206	2,593	2,770	831
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>77,907</b>	<b>76,674<sup>R</sup></b>	<b>68,992</b>	<b>63,817</b>	<b>59,897</b>	<b>54,710</b>	<b>50,265</b>	<b>54,075</b>	<b>53,936</b>	<b>53,701</b>	<b>50,563</b>	<b>49,167</b>

NA = Not available.

R = Revised.

Notes: • See Technical Notes for the Demand-Side Management definitions located within the Form EIA-861 section. • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report."



**Table 9.6. Demand-Side Management Program Energy Savings, 1998 through 2009**  
(Thousand Megawatthours)

Item	2009	2008 <sup>R</sup>	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
<b>Total Energy Savings</b> .....	<b>77,907</b>	<b>76,674</b>	<b>68,992</b>	<b>63,817</b>	<b>59,897</b>	<b>54,710</b>	<b>50,265</b>	<b>54,075</b>	<b>53,936</b>	<b>53,701</b>	<b>50,563</b>	<b>49,167</b>
Energy Efficiency .....	76,891	74,861	67,134	62,951	58,891	52,662	48,245	52,285	52,946	52,827	49,691	48,775
Load Management .....	1,015	1,813	1,857	865	1,006	2,047	2,020	1,790	990	875	872	392

R = Revised.

Notes: • Data presented are reflective of large utilities. • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report."

**Table 9.7. Demand-Side Management Program Direct and Indirect Costs, 1998 through 2009**  
(Thousand Dollars)

Item	2009	2008 <sup>R</sup>	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
<b>Direct Cost</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>3,199,568</b>	<b>2,994,280</b>	<b>2,364,739</b>	<b>1,923,891</b>	<b>1,794,809</b>	<b>1,425,172</b>	<b>1,159,540</b>	<b>1,420,937</b>	<b>1,455,602</b>	<b>1,384,232</b>	<b>1,250,689</b>	<b>1,233,018</b>
Energy Efficiency .....	2,255,451	2,158,242	1,664,563	1,258,158	1,169,241	910,115	807,403	1,007,323	1,097,504	938,666	820,108	766,384
Load Management .....	944,117	836,038	700,176	665,733	625,568	515,057	352,137	413,614	358,098	445,566	430,581	466,634
<b>Indirect Cost</b> <sup>2</sup> .....	<b>394,182</b>	<b>181,131</b>	<b>158,378</b>	<b>127,499</b>	<b>126,543</b>	<b>132,294</b>	<b>137,670</b>	<b>204,600</b>	<b>174,684</b>	<b>180,669</b>	<b>172,955</b>	<b>187,902</b>
<b>Total DSM Cost</b> <sup>3</sup> .....	<b>3,593,750</b>	<b>3,175,410</b>	<b>2,523,117</b>	<b>2,051,394</b>	<b>1,921,352</b>	<b>1,557,466</b>	<b>1,297,210</b>	<b>1,625,537</b>	<b>1,630,286</b>	<b>1,564,901</b>	<b>1,423,644</b>	<b>1,420,920</b>

<sup>1</sup> Reflects electric utility costs incurred during the year that are identified with one of the demand-side program categories.

<sup>2</sup> Reflects costs not directly attributable to specific programs.

<sup>3</sup> Reflects the sum of the total incurred direct and indirect cost for the year.

R = Revised.

Notes: • Data presented are reflective of large utilities. • Includes expenditures reported by large electric utilities, only. See the data files for Demand Side Management expenditures of small utilities. • Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report."

# Appendices

# Appendix A.

## Technical Notes

This appendix describes how the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) collects, estimates, and reports electric power data in the *Electric Power Annual*. Following is a description of the ongoing data quality efforts and sources of data for the *Electric Power Annual*.

### Data Quality

The *Electric Power Annual* (EPA) is prepared by the Office of Electricity, Renewables, and Uranium Statistics (ERUS), U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). ERUS performs routine reviews of the data collected and the forms on which they are collected. Additionally, to assure that the data are collected from the complete set of respondents, ERUS routinely reviews the frames for each data collection.

### Unified Data Submission Process

Data are entered directly by respondents into the ERUS e-filing system. A small number of hard copy forms are keyed by ERUS. All data are subject to review via edits built into the system, additional quality assurance reports, and review by subject matter experts. Questionable data values are verified through contacts with respondents. Also, survey non-respondents are identified and contacted.

Initial edit checks of the data are performed through the system by the respondent. Other program edits include both deterministic checks, in which records are checked for the presence of data in required fields, and statistical checks, in which the data are checked against a range of values based on historical data values and for logical or mathematical consistency with data elements reported in the survey. Discrepancies found in the data, as a result of these checks, are resolved either by the processing staff or by further information obtained from a telephone call to the respondent company.

Those respondents unable to use the electronic reporting method provide the data in hard copy, typically via fax and e-mail. These data are manually entered into the computerized database and are subjected to the same data edits as those that are electronically submitted. Resolution of questionable data is accomplished via telephone or e-mail contact with the respondents.

### Reliability of Data

Annual survey data have nonsampling errors. Nonsampling errors can be attributed to many sources: (1) inability to obtain complete information about all cases (i.e., nonresponse); (2) response errors; (3) definitional difficulties; (4) differences in the interpretation of questions; (5) mistakes in recording or coding the data; and (6) other errors of collection, response, coverage, and estimation for missing data.

Although no direct measurement of the biases due to nonsampling errors can be obtained, precautionary steps were taken in all phases of the frame development and data collection, processing, and tabulation processes, in an effort to minimize their influence.

**Imputation.** If the reported values appeared to be in error and the data issue could not be resolved with the respondent, or if the facility was a nonrespondent, a regression methodology was used to impute for the facility.<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup> The regression methodology relies on other data to make estimates for erroneous or missing responses.

The basic technique employed is described in the paper "Model-Based Sampling and Inference<sup>2</sup>," on the EIA website. Additional references can be found on the InterStat website. The basis for the current methodology involves a 'borrowing of strength' technique for small domains.<sup>1,6,7</sup>

### Data Revision Procedure

ERUS has adopted the following procedures with respect to the revision of data disseminated in energy data products:

- Annual survey data are disseminated either as preliminary or final when first appearing in a data product. Data initially released as preliminary will be so noted in the data

<sup>1</sup> Knaub, J.R., Jr. (1999a), "Using Prediction-Oriented Software for Survey Estimation," InterStat, August 1999, <http://interstat.statjournals.net/>

<sup>2</sup> Knaub, J.R. Jr. (1999b), "Model-Based Sampling, Inference and Imputation," EIA web site:

<http://www.eia.gov/cneaf/electricity/forms/eiawebme.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Knaub, J.R., Jr. (2005), "Classical Ratio Estimator," InterStat, October 2005, <http://interstat.statjournals.net/>

<sup>4</sup> Knaub, J.R., Jr. (2007a), "Cutoff Sampling and Inference," InterStat, April 2007, <http://interstat.statjournals.net/>

<sup>5</sup> Knaub, J.R., Jr. (2008), forthcoming. "Cutoff Sampling." Definition in Encyclopedia of Survey Research Methods, Editor: Paul J. Lavrakas, Sage, to appear.

<sup>6</sup> Knaub, J.R., Jr. (2000), "Using Prediction-Oriented Software for Survey Estimation - Part II: Ratios of Totals," InterStat, June 2000, <http://interstat.statjournals.net/>

<sup>7</sup> Knaub, J.R., Jr. (2001), "Using Prediction-Oriented Software for Survey Estimation - Part III: Full-Scale Study of Variance and Bias," InterStat, June 2001, <http://interstat.statjournals.net/>

product. These data are typically released as final by the next dissemination of the same product; however, if final data are available at an earlier interval they may be released in another product.

- After data are disseminated as final, further revisions will be considered if they make a difference of 1 percent or greater at the national level. Revisions for differences that do not meet the 1 percent or greater threshold will be determined by the Office Director. In either case, the proposed revision will be subject to the EIA revision policy concerning how it affects other EIA products.
- The magnitudes of changes due to revisions experienced in the past will be included periodically in the data products, so that the reader can assess the accuracy of the data.

The *Electric Power Annual* presents the most current annual data available to the EIA. The statistics may differ from those published previously in EIA publications due to corrections, revisions, or other adjustments to the data subsequent to its original release.

**Sensitive Data (Formerly Identified as Data Confidentiality).** Most of the data collected on the electric power surveys are not considered business sensitive. However, the data that are classified as sensitive are handled by ERUS consistent with EIA's "Policy on the Disclosure of Individually Identifiable Energy Information in the Possession of the EIA" (45 Federal Register 59812 (1980)).

## Rounding and Percent Change Calculations

**Rounding Rules for Data.** To round a number to  $n$  digits (decimal places), add one unit to the  $n$ th digit if the  $(n+1)$  digit is 5 or larger and keep the  $n$ th digit unchanged if the  $(n+1)$  digit is less than 5. The symbol for a number rounded to zero is (\*).

**Percent Change.** The following formula is used to calculate percent differences.

$$\text{Percent Change} = \left( \frac{x(t_2) - x(t_1)}{x(t_1)} \right) \times 100,$$

where  $x(t_1)$  and  $x(t_2)$  denote the quantity at year  $t_1$  and subsequent year  $t_2$ .

## Data Sources for *Electric Power Annual*

Data published in the *Electric Power Annual* are compiled from forms filed annually or aggregated to an annual basis from monthly forms by electric utilities and electricity generators (see figure on EIA Electric Industry Data Collection at the end of Appendix A.) The EIA forms used are:

- Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report;"
- Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report;" [Modified]
- Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report;"
- Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report,"

These forms can be found on the EIA Internet website at: <http://www.eia.gov/cneaf/electricity/page/forms.html>.

The purpose of each form follows.

Survey data from other Federal sources are also utilized for this publication. They include:

- Department of Energy Form OE-781R, "Annual Report of International Electric Export/Import Data" (Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability);
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Form 1, "Annual Report of Major Electric Utilities, Licensees, and Others;"
- Rural Utility Service Form 7, "Financial and Statistical Report;" and
- Rural Utility Service Form 12, "Operating Report – Financial."

In addition to the above-named forms, the historical data published in the EPA are compiled from the following sources:

- Form EIA-412, "Annual Electric Industry Financial Report;"
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Form 423, "Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants,"
- Form EIA-423, "Monthly Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants Report;" [Replaced]
- Form EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report,"
- Form EIA-767, "Steam-Electric Plant Operation and Design Report;" [Replaced]

- Form EIA-860A, “Annual Electric Generator Report–Utility,”
- Form EIA-860B, “Annual Electric Generator Report–Nonutility,”
- Form EIA-867, “Annual Non-utility Power Producer Report,”
- Form EIA-900, “Monthly Nonutility Power Report,”
- Form EIA-906, “Power Plant Report;” [Replaced] and
- Form EIA-920, “Combined Heat and Power Plant Report.” [Replaced]

Additionally, some data reported in this publication were acquired from the National Energy Board of Canada.

### Meanings of Symbols Appearing in Tables

Some symbols appearing in the data tables have further standardized to describe all data collected by the Office of Electricity, Renewables, and Uranium Statistics of EIA. The meanings are indicated in footnotes on the applicable tables and include the following:

- \* The value reported is less than half of the smallest unit of measure, but is greater than zero.
- P Usage of this symbol indicates a preliminary value. The P is defined in endnotes as "P=Preliminary data."
- NM Data value is not meaningful when compared to the same value for the previous month or the previous year. This symbol is also used to indicate a data value is not meaningful due to having a high Relative Standard Error (RSE).

### Form EIA-411

The Form EIA-411 is filed as a mandatory report except for Schedule 7 (Transmission Outages) that is still voluntary reported. The information reported includes: (1) actual energy and peak demand for the preceding year and five additional years; (2) existing and future generating capacity; (3) scheduled capacity transfers; (4) projections of capacity, demand, purchases, sales, and scheduled maintenance; and (5) bulk power system maps. The report presents various North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) regional council aggregate totals for their member electric utilities, with some nonmember information included. The eight NERC councils submit data for the Form EIA-411 to NERC. A joint

response, through the NERC Headquarters, is filed annually on July 15. The forms are compiled from data furnished by electricity generators and electric utilities (members, associates, and nonmembers) within the council areas.

**Instrument and Design History.** The Form EIA-411 program was initiated under the Federal Power Commission Docket R-362, Reliability and Adequacy of Electric Service, and Orders 383-2, 383-3, and 383-4. The Department of Energy, established in October 1977, assumed the responsibility for this activity. Until 2008, this form was considered voluntary under the authority of the Federal Power Act (Public Law 88-280), The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-275), and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law 95-91). The responsibility for collecting these data had been delegated to the Office of Emergency Planning and Operations within the Department of Energy and was transferred to EIA for the reporting year 1996.

### Issues within Historical Data Series

The Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC) separated itself from the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council (SERC) in the mid-1990s and all time series data have been adjusted. In 1998, several utilities realigned from Southwest Power Pool (SPP) to SERC. Adjustments were made to the information to account for the separation and to address the tracking of shared reserve capacity that was under long-term contracts with multiple members. Name changes altered both the Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP) to the Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) and the Western Systems Coordinating Council (WSCC) to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC). The MRO membership boundaries have altered over time, but WECC membership boundaries have not. The utilities in the associated regional entity identified as the Alaska System Coordination Council (ASCC) dropped their formal participation in NERC. Both the States of Alaska and Hawaii are not contiguous with the other continental States and have no electrical interconnections. At the close of calendar year 2005, the following reliability regional councils were dissolved: East Central Area Reliability Coordination Agreement (ECAR), Mid-Atlantic Area Council (MAAC), and Mid-America Interconnected Network (MAIN).

On January 1, 2006, the ReliabilityFirst Corporation (RFC) came into existence as a new regional reliability council. Individual utility membership in the former ECAR, MAAC, and MAIN councils mostly shifted to RFC. However, adjustments in membership as utilities joined or left various reliability councils impacted MRO, SERC, and SPP. The Texas Regional Entity (TRE) was formed from a delegation of authority from NERC to handle the regional responsibilities of the Electric Reliability

Council of Texas (ERCOT). The revised delegation agreements covering all the regions were approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on March 21, 2008. Reliability Councils that are unchanged include: Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC), Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC), and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC). The historical time series have not been adjusted to account for individual membership shifts.

The new NERC Regional Entity names are as follows:

- Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC),
- Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO),
- Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC),
- ReliabilityFirst Corporation (RFC),
- Southeastern Electric Reliability Council (SERC),
- Southwest Power Pool (SPP),
- Texas Regional Entity (TRE), and
- Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC).

Concept of Demand within the EIA-411: Historically, the Form EIA-411 has used the electric power industry's methodology for examining aggregated supply and demand. To get to the megawatts of power that are determined to be available for planning purposes each year, different categories are subtracted from the theoretical true totals. The definitions for demand are as follows:

- **Net Internal Demand:** Internal Demand less Direct Control Load Management and Interruptible Demand.
- **Internal Demand:** To collect these data, NERC develops a Total Internal Demand that is the sum of the metered (net) outputs of all generators within the system and the metered line flows into the system, less the metered line flows out of the system. The demand of station service or auxiliary needs (such as fan motors, pump motors, and other equipment essential to the operation of the generating units ) is not included nor are any requirement customer (utility) load or capacity found behind the line meters on the system.
- **Direct Control Load Management:** Demand-Side Management that is under the direct control of the system operator. DCLM may control the electric supply to individual appliances or equipment on customer premises; it does not include Interruptible Demand.
- **Interruptible Demand:** The magnitude of customer demand that, in accordance with

contractual arrangements, can be interrupted at the time of the Regional Council's seasonal peak by direct control of the System Operator or by action of the customer at the direct request of the System Operator.

**Sensitive Data (Formerly Identified as Data Confidentiality).** Power flow cases and maps are considered business sensitive.

### ***Form EIA-412 [Terminated]***

The Form EIA-412 was used annually to collect accounting, financial, and operating data from major publicly owned electric utilities in the United States. Those publicly owned electric utilities engaged in the generation, transmission, or distribution of electricity which had 150,000 megawatthours of sales to ultimate consumers and/or 150,000 megawatthours of sales for resale for the two previous years, as reported on the Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Utility Report," were required to submit the Form EIA-412. The Form EIA-412 was made available in January to collect data as of the end of the preceding calendar year. The completed surveys were due to EIA on or before April 30.

**Instrument and Design History.** The Federal Power Commission (FPC) created the FPC Form 1M in 1961 as a mandatory survey. It became the responsibility of the EIA in October 1977 when the FPC was merged with DOE. In 1979, the FPC Form 1M was superseded by the Economic Regulatory Administration (ERA) Form ERA-412, and in January 1980 by the Form EIA-412.

Beginning in 1996 data represent those electric utilities meeting a threshold of 120,000 megawatthours for ultimate consumers' sales and/or resales. The criteria used to select the respondents for this survey fit approximately 500 publicly owned electric utilities. Federal electric utilities are required to file the Form EIA-412. The financial data for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (except for Saint Mary's Falls at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan); the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation; and the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission were collected on the Form EIA-412 from the Federal power marketing administrations. The form was terminated after the 2003 data year.

### **Issues within Historical Data Series**

Beginning with the 2001 data collection, the plant statistics reported on Schedule 9 were also collected from unregulated entities that own plants with a nameplate capacity of 10 megawatts or greater. Also beginning with the 2003 collection, the transmission

data reported in Schedules 10 and 11 were collected from each generation and transmission cooperative owning transmission lines having a nominal voltage of 132 kilovolts or greater.

For 2001 - 2003, California Department of Water Resources - Electric Energy Fund data were included in the EIA-412 data tables. In response to the energy shortfall in California, in 2001 the California State legislature authorized the California Department of Water Resources, using its undamaged borrowing capability, to enter the wholesale markets on behalf of the California retail customers effective on January 17, 2001 and for the period ending December 31, 2002. Their 2001 revenue collected was \$5,501,000,000 with purchased power costs of \$12,055,000,000. Their 2002 revenue collected was \$4,210,000,000 with purchased power costs of \$3,827,749,811. Their 2003 revenue collected was \$4,627,000,000 with purchased power costs of \$4,732,000,000. The California Public Utility Commission was required by statute to establish the procedures for retail revenue recovery mechanisms for their purchase power costs in the future.

**Sensitive Data (Formerly Identified as Data Confidentiality).** The nonutility data collected on Schedule 9 "Electric Generating Plant Statistics" for "Cost of Plant" and "Production Expenses," are considered business sensitive.

### ***Form EIA-423 [Replaced in 2008 by the Form EIA-923]***

The Form EIA-423, "Monthly Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants Report," collected information from selected electric generating plants in the United States. The data collected on this survey included the cost and quality of fossil fuels delivered to nonutility plants to produce electricity. These plants included independent power producers (including those facilities that formerly reported on the FERC Form 423) and commercial and industrial combined heat and power producers whose total fossil-fueled nameplate generating capacity is 50 or more megawatts.

**Instrument and Design History.** The Form EIA-423<sup>8</sup> was originally implemented in January 2002 to collect monthly cost and quality data for fossil fuel receipts from owners or operators of nonutility electricity generating plants. It was terminated on January 1, 2008, and replaced by the Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report."

<sup>8</sup> Due to the restructuring of the electric power industry, many plants which had historically submitted this information for utility plants on the FERC Form 423 (see subsequent section) were being transferred to the nonutility sector. As a result, a large percentage of fossil fuel receipts were no longer being reported. The Form EIA-423 was implemented to fill this void and to capture the data associated with existing nonregulated power producers. Its design closely follows that of the FERC Form 423.

### **Issues within Historical Data Series**

Natural gas values for 2001 forward do not include blast furnace gas or other gas.

**Sensitive Data (Formerly Identified as Data Confidentiality).** Plant fuel cost data collected on the survey are considered business sensitive. State and national level aggregations will be published in this report if sufficient data are available to avoid disclosure of individual company and plant level costs.

### ***FERC Form 423 [Replaced in 2008 by Form EIA-923]***

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Form 423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants," was administered by FERC. The data were downloaded from the Commission's website into an EIA database. The Form was filed by approximately 600 regulated plants. To meet the old criteria for filing, a plant must have had a total steam turbine electric generating capacity and/or combined-cycle (gas turbine with associated steam turbine) generating capacity of 50 or more megawatts. Only fuel delivered for use in steam-turbine and combined-cycle units was reported. Fuel received for use in gas-turbine or internal-combustion units that was not associated with a combined-cycle operation is not reported. The 2007 data collection represents the last year where the information came from the FERC Form 423.

**Instrument and Design History.** On July 7, 1972, the Federal Power Commission (FPC) issued Order Number 453 enacting the New Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141.61, legally creating the FPC Form 423. Originally, the form was used to collect data only on fossil-steam plants, but was amended in 1974 to include data on internal-combustion and combustion-turbine units. The FERC Form 423 replaced the FPC Form 423 in January 1983. The FERC Form 423 eliminated peaking units, for which data were previously collected on the FPC Form 423. In addition, the generator nameplate capacity threshold was changed from 25 megawatts to 50 megawatts. This reduction in coverage eliminated approximately 50 utilities and 250 plants. All historical FPC Form 423 data in this publication were revised to reflect the new generator-nameplate-capacity threshold of 50 or more megawatts reported on the FERC Form 423. In January 1991, the collection of data on the FERC Form 423 was extended to include combined-cycle units. Historical data have not been revised to include these units. Starting with the January 1993 data, the FERC began to collect the data directly from the respondents. On January 1, 2008, EIA assumed responsibility for collection and the information is now under the Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report."

**Formulas and Methodologies.** Data for the FERC Form 423 were collected at the plant level. These data were then used in the same formulas used by the Form EIA-423 to produce aggregates and averages for each fuel type at the State, Census division, and U.S. levels.

**Issues within Historical Data Series.** The FERC Form 423 data published by EIA have been reviewed for consistency between volumes and prices and for their consistency over time.

Receipts data for regulated utilities were compiled by EIA from data collected by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on the FERC Form 423. These data were collected by FERC for regulatory rather than statistical and publication purposes. EIA did not attempt to resolve any late filing issues in the FERC Form 423 data. Due to the estimation procedure discussed previously, 2003 and later data cannot be directly compared to previous years' data.

**Sensitive Data (Formerly Identified as Data Confidentiality).** Data collected on FERC Form 423 are not considered to be business sensitive.

### ***Form EIA-767 [Replaced by Forms EIA-860 and EIA-923]***

The Form EIA-767 was used to collect data annually on plant operations and equipment design, including boiler, generator, cooling system, air pollution control equipment, and stack characteristics. Data were collected from a mandatory restricted-universe census of all electric power plants with a total existing or planned organic-fueled or combustible renewable steam-electric generator nameplate rating of 10 or more megawatts. The entire form was filed by approximately 800 power plants with a nameplate capacity of 100 or more megawatts. An additional 600 power plants with a nameplate capacity under 100 megawatts submitted information only on fuel consumption and quality, boiler and generator configuration, and nitrogen oxides, mercury, particulate matter, and sulfur dioxide controls.

**Instrument and Design History.** The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-275) defines the legislative authority to collect these data. The predecessor form, FPC-67, "Steam-Electric Plant Air and Water Quality Control Data," was used to collect data from 1969 to 1980, when the form number was changed to Form EIA-767. In 1982, the form was completely redesigned and retitled Form EIA-767, "Steam-Electric Plant Operation and Design Report." In 1986, the respondent universe of 700 was increased to 900 to include plants with nameplate capacity from 10 megawatts to 100 megawatts. In 2002, the respondent universe was increased by almost 1,370 plants with the addition of non-utility plants. Collection of data via the form was suspended for the

2006 data year. Starting for the collection of 2007 calendar year data, most of the Form EIA-767 information is now collected on either the revised Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report" or the new Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report."

**Estimation of EIA-767 Data.** No estimation of Form EIA-767 data was performed, as 100 percent of the forms were collected.

### **Issues within Historical Data Series**

None.

**Sensitive Data (Formerly Identified as Data Confidentiality).** Historical latitude and longitude data collected on the Form EIA-767 are considered business sensitive.

### ***Form EIA-860***

The Form EIA-860 is a mandatory census of all existing and planned electric generating facilities in the United States with a total generator nameplate capacity of 1 or more megawatts. The survey is used to collect data on existing power plants and 5-year plans for constructing new plants, generating unit additions, modifications, and retirements in existing plants. Data on the survey are collected at the individual generator level. Certain power plant environmental related data are now collected at the boiler level. These data include environmental equipment design parameters and boiler air emission standards and boiler emission controls. The Form EIA-860 is made available in January to collect data for the previous year and is due to EIA by February 15 of each year.

**Instrument and Design History.** The Form EIA-860 was originally implemented in January 1985 to collect plant data on electric utilities as of year-end 1984. In January 1999, the Form EIA-860 was renamed the Form EIA-860A and was implemented to collect data as of January 1, 1999.

In 1989, the Form EIA-867, "Annual Nonutility Power Producer Report," was initiated to collect plant data on unregulated entities with a total generator nameplate capacity of 5 or more megawatts. In 1992, the reporting threshold of the Form EIA-867 was lowered to include all facilities with a combined nameplate capacity of 1 or more megawatts. Previously, data were collected every 3 years from facilities with a nameplate capacity between 1 and 5 megawatts. In 1998, the Form EIA-867, was renamed Form EIA-860B, "Annual Electric Generator Report – Nonutility." The Form EIA-860B was a mandatory survey of all existing and planned nonutility electric generating facilities in the United States with a total generator nameplate capacity of 1 or more megawatts.

Beginning with data collected for the year 2001, the infrastructure data collected on the Form EIA-860A

and the Form EIA-860B were combined into the new Form EIA-860 and the monthly and annual versions of the Form EIA-906. The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-275) defines the legislative authority to collect these data.

Starting with the 2007 data,, design parameters data formerly collected on Form EIA-767 are collected on Form EIA-860. These include design parameters associated with certain steam-electric plants' boilers, cooling systems, flue gas particulate collectors, flue gas desulfurization units and stacks and flues.

**Estimation of EIA-860 Data.** Of the 17,879 existing generators in the 2009 For EIA-860 frame, imputation was performed on 5 generators. These 5 generators account for less than 0.0006% of the existing capacity. Imputation was performed at the generators levels using the respondents' 2008 data.

### Issues within Historical Data Series

Categorization of Capacity by Business Sector: There are a small number of electric utility combined heat and power plants, as well as a small number of industrial and commercial generating facilities that are not combined heat and power. For the purposes of this report the data for these plants are included, respectively, in the following categories: "Electricity Generators, Electric Utilities," "Combined Heat and Power, Industrial," and "Combined Heat and Power, Commercial."

Some capacity in 2001 through 2004 is classified based on the operating company's classification as an electric utility or an independent power producer. Starting in the *Electric Power Annual 2006*, capacity by producer type was determined at the generating plant level for 2005 and 2006, based on whether the plant is an electric utility plant or an electric nonutility plant. Therefore, the revised capacity by producer type for 2005 is comparable to the capacity for 2006 and later years, by producer type. The previously published 2005 capacity by producer type was determined based on the operating company's classification of electric utility or electric nonutility.

Planned Capacity: Delays and cancellations may have occurred subsequent to respondent data reporting as of December 31 of the data year.

Capacity by Energy Source: Prior to the *Electric Power Annual 2005*, the capacity for generators for which natural gas or petroleum was the most predominant energy source was presented in the categories "petroleum only," "natural gas only" and "dual-fired." The "dual-fired" category, which was EIA's effort to infer which generators could fuel-switch between natural gas and fuel oil, included only the capacity of generators for which the most predominant energy source and second most

predominant energy source were reported as natural gas or petroleum. Beginning in 2005 capacity is assigned to energy source based solely on the most predominant (primary) energy source reported for a generator. The "dual-fired" category was eliminated. Separately, summaries of capacity associated with generators with fuel-switching capability are presented for 2005 and later years.. These summaries are based on data collected from new questions added to the Form EIA-860 survey that directly address the ability of generators to switch fuels and co-fire fuels.

In the *Electric Power Annual 2005*, certain petroleum-fired capacity was misclassified as natural gas-fired capacity for 1995 – 2003. This has been corrected in the *Electric Power Annual 2006*. Corrections were noted as revised data.

**Sensitive Data (Formerly Identified as Data Confidentiality).** The tested heat rate data collected on the Form EIA-860 are considered business sensitive.

### Form EIA-861

The Form EIA-861 is a mandatory census of electric power industry participants in the United States. The survey is used to collect information on power production and sales data from approximately 3,300 respondents. About 3,200 are electric utilities, and the remainder is nontraditional entities such as energy service providers, or the unregulated subsidiaries of electric utilities and power marketers. The data collected are used to maintain and update the ERUS electric power industry participant frame database. The Form EIA-861 is made available in January of each year to collect data as of the end of the preceding calendar year and is due by April 30.

**Transportation Sector.** Prior to 2003, sales of electric power to the Transportation sector of the U. S. economy were included in the Other sector, along with sales to customers for public buildings, traffic signals, public street lighting, and sales to irrigation consumers. Beginning with the 2003 collection cycle, sales to the Transportation sector are collected separately. Sales to public-sector customers for public buildings, traffic signals and street lighting, previously reported in the Other sector, were reclassified as Commercial sector sales. Sales to irrigation customers, where separately identified, were reclassified to the Industrial sector.

On the Form EIA-861, the Transportation sector is defined as electrified rail, primarily urban transit, light rail, automated guideway, and other rail systems whose primary propulsive energy source is electricity. Electricity sales to transportation sector consumers whose primary propulsive energy source is not

electricity (i.e., gasoline, diesel fuel, etc.) are not included.

Benchmark statistics were reviewed from outside surveys, most notably the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration's National Transportation Database, a source previously used by EIA to estimate electricity transportation consumption. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) survey indicated the State and city locations of expected respondents. The EIA-861 survey methodology assumed that sales, revenue, and customer counts associated with these mass transit systems would be provided by the incumbent utilities in these areas, relying on information drawn routinely from rate schedules and classifications designed to serve the sector separately and distinctly. In 2007, 72 respondents reported transportation data in 28 States.

**Imputation.** The *Electric Power Annual* (EPA) reports total retail sales volumes (megawatthours) and customer counts in States with deregulated markets as the sum of bundled sales reported by full-service providers and delivery reported by transmission and distribution utilities. ERUS has concluded that the retail sales data reported by delivery utilities are more reliable than data reported by power marketers and Energy Service Providers (ESPs).

The reporting methodology change uses sales volumes and customer counts reported by distribution utilities, and add only an incremental revenue value, representing revenue associated with missing sales assumed to be attributable to the ESPs that were under-represented in the survey frame. In some cases, adjustments are also made to retail sales, revenue, and customer counts associated with underreporting of delivery volumes by one or more of the distribution utilities. In those cases, EIA assumes that total load served by those utilities is accurate, and that any underreporting of delivery volumes resulted from misclassifying actual delivery volumes as bundled sales. Therefore, in those instances EIA adjusted upwards the delivery volumes, revenues, and customer counts and made a corresponding equivalent offset (reduction) to the bundled sales by State and end-use sector.

Data for 2009 reflect imputed retail sales data to account for non-respondents on Form EIA-861. The imputation methodology used is the same as that used in preparing the *Electric Power Monthly* (whose retail sales data are drawn from Form EIA-826). Form EIA-826 is a monthly stratified sample of approximately 475 investor-owned and public utilities, as well as a census of energy service providers and power marketers. If an EIA-861 respondent did not file an annual form for 2009, their data were assumed to be the amount imputed during the year using the EIA-826 sample form collection and imputation process.

**Instrument and Design History.** The Form EIA-861 was implemented in January 1985 for collection of data as of year-end 1984. The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-275) defines the legislative authority to collect these data.

**Data Reconciliation.** The EPA reports total retail sales volumes (megawatthours) and customer counts in States with deregulated markets as the sum of bundled sales reported by full-service providers and delivery reported by transmission and distribution utilities. ERUS has concluded that the retail sales data reported by delivery utilities are more reliable than data reported by power marketers and ESPs.

**Average Retail Price of Electricity.** This represents the cost per unit of electricity sold and is calculated by dividing retail electric revenue by the corresponding sales of electricity. The average retail price of electricity is calculated for all consumers and for each end-use sector. State-level weighted average prices per unit of sales are calculated as the ratio of revenue to sales.

The electric revenue used to calculate the average retail price of electricity is the operating revenue reported by the electric power industry participant. Operating revenue includes energy charges, demand charges, consumer service charges, environmental surcharges, fuel adjustments, and other miscellaneous charges. Electric power industry participant operating revenues also include ratepayer reimbursements for State and Federal income taxes and taxes other than income taxes paid by the utility.

The average retail price of electricity reported in this publication by sector represents a weighted average of consumer revenue and sales within sectors and across sectors for all consumers, and does not reflect the per kWh rate charged by the electric power industry participant to the individual consumers. Electric utilities typically employ a number of rate schedules within a single sector. These alternative rate schedules reflect the varying consumption levels and patterns of consumers and their associated impact on the costs to the electric power industry participant for providing electrical service.

### Issues within Historical Data Series

Beginning in 2003 the Other sector has been eliminated. Data previously assigned to the Other sector have been reclassified as follows: lighting for public buildings, streets, and highways, interdepartmental sales, and other sales to public authorities are now included in the Commercial sector; agricultural and irrigation sales where separately identified are now included in the Industrial

sector; and a new sector, Transportation, includes electrified rail and various urban transit systems (such as automated guideway, trolley, and cable) where the principal propulsive energy source is electricity. Comparisons of data across years should include consideration of these reclassification changes.

Changes from year to year in consumer counts, sales and revenues, particularly involving the commercial and industrial consumer sectors, may result from respondent implementation of changes in the definitions of consumers, and reclassifications. Utilities and energy service providers may classify commercial and industrial customers based on either NAICS codes or demands or usage falling within specified limits by rate schedule. Also, the number of ultimate customers is an average of the number of customers at the close of each month.

Demand-Side Management: The following definitions are supplied to assist in interpreting Tables 9.1 through 9.5. Utility costs reflect the total cash expenditures for the year, in nominal dollars, that flow out to support demand-side management (DSM) programs.

- **Actual Peak Load Reduction.** The actual reduction in annual peak load achieved by all program participants during the reporting year, at the time of annual peak load, as opposed to the installed peak load reduction capability (Potential Peak Load Reduction). Actual peak load reduction is reported by large utilities only.
- **Energy Savings.** The change in aggregate electricity use (measured in megawatthours) for consumers that participate in a utility DSM program. These savings represent changes at the consumer's meter (i.e., exclude transmission and distribution effects) and reflect only activities that are undertaken specifically in response to utility-administered programs, including those activities implemented by third parties under contract to the utility.
- **Large Utilities.** Those electric utilities with annual sales to ultimate customers or sales for resale greater than or equal to 150 million kilowatthours in 1998-2009 and, for years prior, the threshold was set at 120 million kilowatthours.
- **Potential Peak Load Reductions.** The potential peak load reduction as a result of load management, and also the actual peak load reduction achieved by energy efficiency programs.

Wholesale Trade: Alaska and Hawaii are not included.

**Sensitive Data (Formerly Identified as Data Confidentiality).** Data collected on the Form EIA-861 are not considered to be business sensitive.

### ***Form EIA-906 [Replaced in 2007 by Form EIA-923]***

The Form EIA-906 was used to collect plant-level data on generation, fuel consumption, stocks, and fuel heat content, from electric utilities and nonutilities. Data were collected monthly from a model-based sample of approximately 1,700 utility and nonutility electric power plants. The form was also used to collect these statistics from another 2,667 plants (i.e., all other generators 1 MW or greater) on an annual basis. The 2007 data collection represents the last year where the information came from the Form EIA-906. Starting with the collection of 2008 calendar year data, the Form EIA-906 information is now collected on a replacement form (the Form EIA-923). The monthly data for Form EIA-906 is now being collected on the replacement form starting in January of 2008.

**Instrument and Design History.** The Bureau of Census and the U.S. Geological Survey collected, compiled, and published data on the electric power industry prior to 1936. After 1936, the Federal Power Commission (FPC) assumed all data collection and publication responsibilities for the electric power industry and implemented the Form FPC-4. The Federal Power Act, Section 311 and 312, and FPC Order 141 defined the legislative authority to collect power production data. The Form EIA-759 replaced the Form FPC-4 in January 1982. In 1996, the Form EIA-900 was initiated to collect sales for resale data from unregulated entities. In 1998, the form was modified to collect sales for resale, gross generation, and sales to end user data. In 1999, the form was modified to collect net generation, consumption, and ending stock data. In 2000, the form was modified to include useful thermal output data.

In January 2001, Form EIA-906 superseded Forms EIA-759 and EIA-900. In January 2004, Form EIA-920 superseded Form EIA-906 for those plants defined as combined heat and power plants; all other plants that generate electricity continue to report on Form EIA-906. The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-275) defines the legislative authority to collect these data. In January 2008, the Form EIA-923 superseded this form.

#### **Issues within Historical Data Series**

There were a small number of electric commercial and industrial- only plants that are included in the combined heat and power category. For the purposes of this report the data for these plants were included, respectively, in the following categories: "Electricity Generators, Electric Utilities," "Combined Heat and

Power, Industrial,” and “Combined Heat and Power, Commercial.” No information on the production of Useful Thermal Output (UTO) or fuel consumption for UTO was collected or estimated for the electric utility combined heat and power plants.

**Sensitive Data (Formerly Identified as Data Confidentiality).** The only business sensitive data element collected on the Form EIA-906 is fuel stocks at the end of the reporting period.

## **Form EIA-920 [Replaced in 2007 by Form EIA-923]**

The Form EIA-920, “Combined Heat and Power Plant Report” was used to collect plant-level data on generation, fuel consumption, stocks, and fuel heat content of combined heat and power (CHP) plants. Data were collected monthly from a sample of plants. The form was also used to collect the statistics from combined heat and power plants on an annual basis.

**Instrument and Design History.** In January 2004, Form EIA-920 superseded Form EIA-906 for those plants defined as combined heat and power plants; all other plants that generate electricity continue to report on Form EIA-906. Starting with the collection of 2007 calendar year data, the Form EIA-920 information is now collected on a replacement form (the Form EIA-923). The monthly data for Form EIA-920 began collection on the replacement form in January of 2008. (For further information on predecessor forms, see the discussion of the EIA-906 survey, above.) The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-275) defines the legislative authority to collect these data.

### **Issues within Historical Data Series**

There are a small number of electric commercial and industrial only plants that are included in the combined heat and power category. For the purposes of this report the data for these plants are included, respectively, in the following categories: “Electricity Generators, Electric Utilities,” “Combined Heat and Power, Industrial,” and “Combined Heat and Power, Commercial.” No information on the production of UTO or fuel consumption for UTO was collected or estimated for the electric utility combined heat and power plants.

**Sensitive Data (Formerly Identified as Data Confidentiality).** The only business sensitive data element collected on the Form EIA-920 were fuel stocks at the end of the reporting period.

## **Form EIA-923**

Form EIA-923, “Power Plant Operations Report,” is used to collect information on receipts and cost of fossil fuels, fuel stocks, generation, consumption of

fuel for generation, and environmental data (e.g., emission controls and cooling systems). Data are collected from a monthly sample of approximately 1,600 plants, which includes a census of nuclear and pumped storage hydroelectric plants. The plants in the monthly sample report their receipts, cost and stocks of fossil fuels, electric power generation, and the total consumption of fuels for both electric power generation and, if a combined heat and power plant, useful thermal output. At the end of the year, the monthly respondents report their annual source and disposition of electric power (nonutilities only), and if applicable, the environmental data on the Form EIA-923 Supplemental Form (Schedules 6, 7, and 8A to 8F). Approximately 3,300 plants, representing all generators not included in the monthly sample and with a nameplate capacity of 1 MW or more, report data on the entire form (Schedules 1 to 8F, as applicable) annually. In addition to electric power generating plants, respondents include fuel storage terminals without generating capacity that receives shipments of fossil fuels for eventual use in electric power generation. The monthly data are due by the last day of the month following the reporting period.

Receipts of fossil fuels, fuel cost and quality information, and fuel stocks at the end of the reporting period are all reported at the plant level. Fuel receipts and costs are collected from plants with a nameplate capacity of 50 MW or more and burn fossil fuels. Plants that burn organic fuels and have a steam turbine capacity of at least 10 megawatts report consumption at the boiler level and generation at the generator level for each month, regardless of whether the plant reports in the monthly sample or reports once a year (annually). For all other plants, consumption is reported at the prime-mover level. For these plants, generation is reported either at the prime-mover level or, for noncombustible sources (e.g., wind, nuclear), at the prime-move and energy source level (including generating unit for nuclear only). The source and disposition of electricity is reported annually for nonutilities at the plant level, as is revenue from sales for resale. Additional operational data, including environmental data, are collected annually from facilities that have a steam turbine capacity of at least 10 megawatts.

### **Instrument and Design History:**

#### *Receipts and Cost and Quality of Fossil Fuels*

On July 7, 1972, the Federal Power Commission (FPC) issued Order Number 453 enacting the New Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141.61, legally creating the FPC Form 423. Originally, the form was used to collect data only on fossil-steam plants, but was amended in 1974 to include data on internal-combustion and combustion-turbine units. The FERC Form 423 replaced the FPC Form 423 in January 1983. The FERC Form 423 eliminated peaking units, for which data were previously collected on the FPC

Form 423. In addition, the generator nameplate capacity threshold was changed from 25 megawatts to 50 megawatts. This reduction in coverage eliminated approximately 50 utilities and 250 plants. All historical FPC Form 423 data in this publication were revised to reflect the new generator-nameplate-capacity threshold of 50 or more megawatts reported on the FERC Form 423. In January 1991, the collection of data on the FERC Form 423 was extended to include combined-cycle units. Historical data have not been revised to include these units. Starting with the January 1993 data, the FERC began to collect the data directly from the respondents.

The Form EIA-423 was originally implemented in January 2002 to collect monthly cost and quality data for fossil fuel receipts from owners or operators of nonutility electricity generating plants. Due to the restructuring of the electric power industry, many plants which had historically submitted this information for utility plants on the FERC Form 423 (see above) were being transferred to the nonutility sector. As a result, a large percentage of fossil fuel receipts were no longer being reported. The Form EIA-423 was implemented to fill this void and to capture the data associated with existing non-regulated power producers. Its design closely followed that of the FERC Form 423.

Both the Form EIA-423 and FERC-423 were superseded by Form EIA-923 (Schedule 2) in January of 2008. The EIA-923 maintains the same 50 megawatt threshold for these data. However, not all data are collected monthly on the new form. Beginning with 2008 data, a sample of the respondents will report monthly, with the remainder reporting annually (monthly values will be imputed via regression). For 2007, Schedule 2 annual data will not be collected or imputed. Most of the plants required to report on Schedule 2 already submitted their 2007 receipts data on a monthly basis.

#### *Generation and Consumption*

The Bureau of Census and the U.S. Geological Survey collected, compiled, and published data on the electric power industry prior to 1936. After 1936, the Federal Power Commission (FPC) assumed all data collection and publication responsibilities for the electric power industry and implemented the Form FPC-4. The Federal Power Act, Section 311 and 312, and FPC Order 141 defined the legislative authority to collect power production data. The Form EIA-759 replaced the Form FPC-4 in January 1982.

In 1996, the Form EIA-900 was initiated to collect sales for resale data from unregulated entities. In 1998, the form was modified to collect sales for resale, gross generation, and sales to end user data. In 1999, the form was modified to collect net generation,

consumption, and ending stock data. In 2000, the form was modified to include useful thermal output data.

In January 2001, Form EIA-906 superseded Forms EIA-759 and EIA-900. In January 2004, Form EIA-920 superseded Form EIA-906 for those plants defined as combined heat and power plants; all other plants that generate electricity continue to report on Form EIA-906. The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-275) defines the legislative authority to collect these data.

Forms EIA-906 and EIA-920 were superseded by survey form EIA-923 beginning in January 2008 with the collection of annual 2007 data and monthly 2008 data.

#### *Steam Electric Plant Operational Data*

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-275) defines the legislative authority to collect these data. The predecessor form, FPC-67, "Steam-Electric Plant Air and Water Quality Control Data," was used to collect data from 1969 to 1980, when the form number was changed to Form EIA-767. In 1982, the form was completely redesigned and retitled Form EIA-767, "Steam-Electric Plant Operation and Design Report." In 1986, the respondent universe of 700 was increased to 900 to include plants with nameplate capacity from 10 megawatts to 100 megawatts. In 2002, the respondent universe increased to above 1,370 plants plus the addition of non-utility plants. Collection of data via the Form EIA-767 was suspended for the 2006 data year, but was resumed on the Form EIA-923 for data year 2007. For respondents selected to be in the monthly sample for Form EIA-906 or EIA-920 in 2007, and were thus were not annual filers for Form EIA-923, this data was collected for 2007 via a one-time supplemental filing in 2008.

#### **Data Processing and Data System Editing.**

Respondents are encouraged to enter data directly into a computerized database via the e-filing system. A variety of automated quality control mechanisms are run during this process, such as range checks and comparisons with historical data. These edit checks were performed as the data were provided, and many problems that are encountered are resolved during the reporting process. Those plants that are unable to use the electronic reporting medium provide the data in hard copy, typically via fax. These data were manually entered into the computerized database. The data were subjected to the same edits as those that were electronically submitted.

If the reported data appeared to be in error and the data issue could not be resolved by follow up contact with the respondent, or if a facility was a nonrespondent, a regression methodology was used to impute for the facility.

**Imputation.** For data collected monthly, regression prediction, or imputation, is done for all missing data including non-sampled units and any nonrespondents. For data collected annually, imputation is done for nonrespondents.

For gross generation and total fuel consumption, multiple regression is used for imputation. For gross generation, the regressors are prior year average generation for the same fuel, prior year average generation from other fuels, and nameplate capacity. Regressors for total fuel consumption are prior year average fuel consumption from the same fuel, prior year average consumption from other fuels, and nameplate capacity. For stocks, a linear combination of the prior month's ending stocks value and the current month's consumption and receipts values is used.

Only approximately 0.01% of the national total gross generation for 2009 reported here is imputed, although this will vary by State and energy source.

Net generation, where not reported, is estimated by using a fixed ratio to gross generation by prime-mover type.

**Receipts of Fossil Fuels.** Receipts data, including cost and quality of fuels, are collected at the plant level from selected electric generating plants and fossil-fuel storage terminals in the United States. These plants include independent power producers, electric utilities, and commercial and industrial combined heat and power producers whose total fossil-fueled nameplate capacity is 50 megawatts or more (excluding storage terminals, which do not produce electricity). The data on cost and quality of fuel shipments are then used in the following formulas to produce aggregates and averages for each fuel type at the State, Census division, and U.S. levels. For these formulas, receipts and average heat content are at the plant level. For each geographic region, the summation sign,  $\sum$ , represents the sum of all facilities in that geographic region.

For coal, units for receipts are in tons and units for average heat contents (A) are in million Btu per ton.

For petroleum, units for receipts are in barrels and units for average heat contents (A) are in million Btu per barrel.

For gas, units for receipts are in thousand cubic feet (Mcf) and units for average heat contents (A) are in million Btu per thousand cubic foot.

For each of the above fossil fuels:

$$\text{Total Btu} = \sum_i (R_i \times A_i),$$

where  $i$  denotes a facility;  $R_i$  = receipts for facility  $i$ ;

$A_i$  = average heat content for receipts at facility  $i$ ;

$$\text{Weighted Average Btu} = \frac{\sum_i (R_i \times A_i)}{\sum_i R_i},$$

where  $i$  denotes a facility;  $R_i$  = receipts for facility  $i$ ; and,  $A_i$  = average heat content for receipts at facility  $i$ .

The weighted average cost in cents per million Btu is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Weighted Average Cost} = \frac{\sum_i (R_i \times A_i \times C_i)}{\sum_i (R_i \times A_i)},$$

where  $i$  denotes a facility;  $R_i$  = receipts for facility  $i$ ;

$A_i$  = average heat content for receipts at facility  $i$ ;

and  $C_i$  = cost in cents per million Btu for facility  $i$ .

The weighted average cost in dollars per unit (i.e., tons, barrels, or Mcf) is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Weighted Average Cost} = \frac{\sum_i (R_i \times A_i \times C_i)}{10^2 \sum_i R_i},$$

where  $i$  denotes a facility;  $R_i$  = receipts for facility  $i$ ;

$A_i$  = average heat content for receipts at facility  $i$ ;

and,  $C_i$  = cost in cents per million Btu for facility  $i$ .

**Power Production, Fuel Stocks, and Fuel Consumption Data.** The Bureau of Census and the U.S. Geological Survey collected, compiled, and published data on the electric power industry prior to 1936. After 1936, the Federal Power Commission (FPC) assumed all data collection and publication responsibilities for the electric power industry and implemented the Form FPC-4. The Federal Power Act, Section 311 and 312, and FPC Order 141 defined the legislative authority to collect power production data. The Form EIA-759 replaced the Form FPC-4 in January 1982.

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In January 2004, Form EIA-920 superseded Form EIA-906 for those plants defined as combined heat and power plants; all other plants that generate electricity continue to report on Form EIA-906. In January 2008, Form EIA-923 superseded both the EIA-906 and EIA-920 forms for the collection of these data.

**Methodology to Estimate Biogenic and Non-biogenic Municipal Solid Waste<sup>9</sup>.** Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) consumption for generation of electric power is split into its biogenic and non-biogenic components beginning with 2001 data by the following methodology:

The reported tonnage of MSW is reported on the Form EIA-923. The composition of MSW and categorization of the components were obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency publication, *Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 2005 Facts and Figures*. The Btu contents of the components of MSW were obtained from various sources.

The potential quantities of combustible MSW discards (which include all MSW material available for combustion with energy recovery, discards to landfill, and other disposal) were multiplied by their respective Btu contents. The EPA-based categories of MSW were then classified into renewable and non-renewable groupings. From this, EIA calculated how much of the energy potentially consumed from MSW was attributed to biogenic components and how much to non-biogenic components (see Table 1 and 2, below).<sup>10</sup>

<sup>9</sup> See the following sources:

- ◇ Bahillo, A. et al. Journal of Energy Resources Technology, "NOx and N2O Emissions During Fluidized Bed Combustion of Leather Wastes." Volume 128, Issue 2, June 2006. pp. 99-103.
- ◇ U.S. Energy Information Administration. *Renewable Energy Annual 2004*. "Average Heat Content of Selected Biomass Fuels." Washington, DC, 2005
- ◇ Penn State Agricultural College Agricultural and Biological Engineering and Council for Solid Waste Solutions. Garth, J. and Kowal, P. Resource Recovery, Turning Waste into Energy, University Park, PA, 1993
- ◇ Utah State University Recycling Center Frequently Asked Questions. Published at <http://www.usu.edu/recycle/faq.htm>. Accessed December 2006

<sup>10</sup> Biogenic components include newsprint, paper, containers and packaging, leather, textiles, yard trimmings, food wastes, and wood. Non-biogenic components include plastics, rubber and other miscellaneous non-biogenic waste.

These values are used to allocate the net and gross generation published in the *Electric Power Monthly* and *Electric Power Annual* generation tables. The tons of biogenic and non-biogenic components were estimated with the assumption that glass and metals were removed prior to combustion. The average Btu/ton for the biogenic and non-biogenic components is estimated by dividing the total Btu consumption by the total tons. Published net generation attributed to biogenic MSW and non-biogenic MSW is classified under Other Renewables and Other, respectively.

**Table 1. Btu Consumption for Biogenic and Non-biogenic Municipal Solid Waste (percent)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Biogenic	57	56	55	55	56	56
Non-biogenic	43	44	45	45	44	44

**Table 2. Tonnage Consumption for Biogenic and Non-biogenic Municipal Solid Waste (percent)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Biogenic	77	77	76	76	75	75
Non-biogenic	23	23	24	24	25	25

**Useful Thermal Output.** With the implementation of the Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report," in 2008, combined heat and power (CHP) plants are required to report total fuel consumed and electric power generation<sup>4</sup>. Beginning with preliminary January 2008 data, EIA estimated the allocation of the total fuel consumed at CHP plants between electric power generation and useful thermal output.

The estimated allocation methodology is summarized in the following paragraphs. The methodology was retroactively applied to 2004-2007 data. Prior to 2004, useful thermal output was collected on the Form EIA-906 and an estimated allocation of fuel for electricity was not necessary.

First, an efficiency factor is determined for each plant and prime mover type. Based on data for electric power generation and useful thermal output (UTO) collected in 2003 (on Form EIA-906, "Power Plant Report") efficiency was calculated for each prime mover type at a plant. The efficiency factor is the total output in Btu, including electric power and useful thermal output (UTO), divided by the total input in Btu. Electric power is converted to Btu at 3,412 Btu per kilowatthour.

Second, to calculate the amount of fuel for electric power, the gross generation in Btu is divided by the efficiency factor. The fuel for UTO is the difference between the total fuel reported and the fuel for electric power generation. UTO is calculated by multiplying the fuel for UTO by the efficiency factor.

In addition, if the total fuel reported is less than the estimated fuel for electric power generation, then the fuel for electric power generation is equal to the total fuel consumed, and the UTO will be zero.

### Issues within Historical Data Series

#### *Receipts and Cost and Quality of Fossil Fuels*

Values for receipts of natural gas for 2001 forward do not include blast furnace gas or other gas.

Historical data collected on FERC Form 423 and published by EIA have been reviewed for consistency between volumes and prices and for their consistency over time. However, these data were collected by FERC for regulatory rather than statistical and publication purposes. EIA did not attempt to resolve any late filing issues in the FERC Form 423 data. In 2003, EIA introduced a procedure to estimate for late or non-responding entities who were required to report on the FERC Form 423. Due to the introduction of this procedure, 2003 and later data cannot be directly compared to previous years' data.

Prior to 2008, regulated plants reported receipts data on the FERC Form 423. These plants, along with unregulated plants, now report receipts data on Schedule 2 of Form EIA-923. Because FERC issued waivers to Form 423 filing requirements to some plants who met certain criteria, and because not all types of generators were required to report (only steam turbines and combined cycle units reported), a significant number of plants either did not submit fossil fuel receipts data or submitted only a portion of their fossil fuel receipts. Since Form EIA-923 does not have exemptions based on generator type, or reporting waivers, receipts data from 2008 and later cannot be directly compared to previous years' data for the regulated sector. Furthermore, there may be a notable increase in fuel receipts beginning with January 2008 data.

Also beginning with January 2008 data, tables for total receipts will include imputed quantities for plants with capacity one megawatt or more, to be consistent with other electric power data. Previous published receipts data were from plants over a 50 megawatt threshold, which was a legacy of their original collection as information for a regulatory agency, not as a survey to provide more meaningful estimates of totals for statistical purposes. Totals appeared to become smaller as more electric production came from unregulated plants, until the EIA-423 was created to help fill that gap. As a further improvement, estimation of all receipts for the universe normally depicted in the EPA (*i.e.*, one megawatt and above), with associated relative

standard errors, provides a more complete assessment of the market.

### *Generation and Consumption*

Beginning in 2008, a new method of allocating fuel consumption between electric power generation and useful thermal output (UTO) was implemented (see above). This new methodology evenly distributes a combined heat and power (CHP) plant's losses between the two output products (electric power and UTO). In the historical data, UTO was consistently assumed to be 80 percent efficient and all other losses at the plant were allocated to electric power. This change causes the fuel for electric power to be lower while the fuel for UTO is higher as both are given the same efficiency. This results in the appearance of an increase in efficiency of production of electric power between periods.

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*Due to suspension of Form EIA-767 in 2007, there is a one year break in this data series as data year 2006 could not be collected.*

**Sensitive Data (Formerly identified as Data Confidentiality).** Most of the data collected on the Form EIA-923 are not considered business sensitive. However, the total delivered cost of fuel delivered to nonutilities, commodity cost of fossil fuels, and reported fuel stocks at the end of the reporting period are considered business sensitive. The release of these data must adhere to EIA's "Policy on the Disclosure of Individually Identifiable Energy Information in the Possession of the EIA" (45Federal Register 59812 (1980)).

## Air Emissions

This section describes the methodology for calculating estimated emissions of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from electric generating plants for 1989 through 2009, as well as the estimated emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) from electric generating plants for 2001 through 2009. For a description of the methodology used for other years, see the technical notes to the *Electric Power Annual 2003*.

### Methodology Overview

Initial estimates of uncontrolled SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions for all plants are made by applying an emissions factor to fuel consumption data collected by EIA on the Form EIA-923. An emission factor is the average quantity of a pollutant released from a power plant when a unit of fuel is burned, assuming no use of pollution control equipment. The basic relationship is:

$$\text{Emissions} = \text{Quantity of Fuel Consumed} \times \text{Emission Factor}$$

Quantity is defined in physical units (e.g., tons of solid fuels, million cubic feet of gaseous fuels, and thousands of barrels of liquid fuels) for determining NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. As discussed below, physical quantities are converted to millions of Btus for calculating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

For some fuels, the calculation of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions requires including in the formula the sulfur content of the fuel measured in percentage of weight. Examples include coal and fuel oil. In these cases the formula is:

$$\text{Emissions} = \text{Quantity of Fuel Consumed} \times \text{Emission Factor} \times \text{Sulfur Content}$$

The fuels that require the percent sulfur as part of the emissions calculation are indicated in Table A1, which lists the SO<sub>2</sub> emission factors used for this report.

In the case of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, the factor applied to a fuel can also vary with the combustion system: either a steam-producing boiler, a combustion turbine, or an internal combustion engine. In the case of boilers, NO<sub>x</sub> emissions can also vary with the firing configuration of a boiler and whether or not the boiler is a wet-bottom or dry-bottom design.<sup>11</sup> These distinctions are shown in Tables A1 and A2.

For SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>, the initial estimate of uncontrolled emissions is reduced to account for the plant's operational pollution control equipment, when data on control equipment are available from the historical Form EIA-767 survey (i.e., data for the years 2005 and earlier) and the EIA-860 survey for the years 2007 and 2008. A special case for removal of SO<sub>2</sub> is the fluidized bed boiler, in which the sulfur removal process is integral with the operation of the boiler. The SO<sub>2</sub> emission factors shown in Table A1 for fluidized bed boilers already account for 90 percent removal of SO<sub>2</sub> since, in effect, the plant has no uncontrolled emissions of this pollutant.

Although SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emission estimates are made for all plants, in many cases the estimated emissions can be replaced with actual emissions data collected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS) program. (CEMS data for CO<sub>2</sub> are incomplete and are not used in this report.) The CEMS data account for the bulk of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from the electric power industry. For those plants for which CEMS data are available, the EIA estimates of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>

emissions are employed for the limited purpose of allocating emissions by fuel, since the CEMS data itself do not provide a detailed breakdown of plant emissions by fuel. For plants for which CEMS data are unavailable, the EIA-computed values are used as the final emissions estimates.

There are a number of reasons why the historical data are periodically revised. These include data revisions, revisions in emission and technology factors, and changes in methodology. For instance, the 2008 EPA report features a revision in historic CO<sub>2</sub> values. This revision occurred due to a change in the accepted methodology regarding adjustments made for the percentage combustion of fuels.

The emissions estimation methodologies are described in more detail below.

**CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions.** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are estimated using the information on fuel consumption in physical units and the heat content of fuel collected on the Forms EIA-923 (data for combined heat and power plants) and EIA-906 (all other power plants) for the years 1989 through 2006. In 2007, a new form was introduced, the Power Plant Operations Survey (Form EIA-923), which includes information on fuel consumption previously part of the Form EIA-906/EIA-920 Surveys. Fuel consumption data from the Form EIA-923 was used to estimate CO<sub>2</sub>. The heat content information is used to convert physical units to millions of Btu (MMBtu) consumed. To estimate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the fuel-specific emission factor from Table A3 is multiplied by the fuel consumption in MMBtu.

The estimation procedure calculates uncontrolled CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. CO<sub>2</sub> control technologies are currently in the early stages of research and there are no operational systems installed. Therefore, no estimates of controlled CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are made.

**SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions.** To comply with environmental regulations controlling SO<sub>2</sub> emissions, many coal-fired generating plants have installed flue gas desulfurization (FGD) units. Similarly, NO<sub>x</sub> control regulations require many plants to install low-NO<sub>x</sub> burners, selective catalytic reduction systems, or other technologies to reduce emissions. It is common for power plants to employ two or even three NO<sub>x</sub> control technologies; accordingly, the NO<sub>x</sub> emissions estimation approach accounts for the combined effect of the equipment (Table A4). However, control equipment information is available only for plants that reported on the Form EIA-923 and for historical data from the Form EIA-767. Both the EIA-923 and the historical EIA-767 surveys are limited to plants with boilers fired by combustible fuels<sup>12</sup> with a minimum generating capacity of 10 megawatts (nameplate). Pollution control equipment data are unavailable from

<sup>11</sup> A boiler's firing configuration relates to the arrangement of the fuel burners in the boiler, and whether the boiler is of conventional or cyclone design. Wet and dry-bottom boilers use different methods to collect a portion of the ash that results from burning coal. For information on wet and dry bottom boilers, see the EIA Glossary at <http://www.eia.gov/glossary/index.html>. Additional information on wet and dry-bottom-boilers and on other aspects of boiler design and operation, including the differences between conventional and cyclone designs, can be found in Babcock and Wilcox, *Steam: Its Generation and Use*, 41<sup>st</sup> Edition, 2005.

<sup>12</sup> Boilers that rely entirely on waste heat to create steam, including the heat recovery portion of most combined cycle plants, did not report on the historical Form EIA-767 or EIA-923.

EIA sources for plants that did not report on the historical EIA-767 survey, or the EIA-923.

The following method is used to estimate SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions:

- For steam electric plants, uncontrolled emissions are estimated using the emission factors shown in Tables A1 and A2 as well as reported data on fuel consumption, sulfur content, and boiler firing configuration. Controlled emissions are then determined when pollution control equipment is present. Although information on control equipment was unreported for the years 2006 and 2007, updates for new installations during this period were made based upon Environmental Protection Agency data. For 2008, this data was collected on the Form EIA-923. For SO<sub>2</sub>, the reported efficiency of the plant's FGD units is used to convert uncontrolled to controlled emission estimates. For NO<sub>x</sub>, the reduction percentages shown in Table A4 are applied to the uncontrolled estimates.
- For plants and prime movers not reported on the historical Form EIA-767 survey or EIA-923, uncontrolled emissions are estimated using the Table A1 and Table A2 emission factors and the following data and assumptions:
  - Fuel consumption is taken from the Form EIA-923 (for historical data, from the Form EIA-920 - for combined heat and power plants) or the Form EIA-906 - all other power plants).
  - The sulfur content of the fuel is estimated from fuel receipts for the plant reported the Form EIA-923 (for historical data, from either the Form EIA-423 or the FERC Form 423). When plant-specific sulfur content data are unavailable, the national average sulfur content for the fuel, computed from the Form EIA-923 (for historical data, from the Form EIA-423 and the FERC Form 423), is applied to the plant.
  - As noted earlier, the emission factor for plants with boilers depends in part on the type of combustion system, including whether a boiler is wet-bottom or dry-bottom, and the boiler firing configuration. However, this boiler information is unavailable for steam electric plants that did not report on the historical Form EIA-767 or EIA-860. For these cases, the plant is assumed to have a dry-bottom, non-cyclone boiler using a firing method that falls into the "All Other" category shown on Table A1.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>13</sup> The "All Other" firing configuration category includes, for example, arch firing and concentric firing. For a full list of firing method options for reporting on the historical Form EIA-767, see the form instructions, page xi, at <http://www.eia.gov/cneaf/electricity/forms/eia767/eia767instr.pdf>.

- For the plants that did not report on the historical Form EIA-767 or EIA-860, pollution control equipment data are unavailable and the uncontrolled estimates are not reduced.

- If actual emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> or NO<sub>x</sub> are reported in EPA's CEMS data, the EIA estimates are replaced with the CEMS values, using the EIA estimates to allocate the CEMS plant-level data by fuel. If CEMS data are unavailable, the EIA estimates are used as the final values.

## Conversion of Petroleum Coke to Liquid Petroleum

The quantity conversion is 5 barrels (of 42 U.S. gallons each) per short ton (2,000 pounds). Coke from petroleum has a heating value of 6.024 million Btu per barrel.

## Relative Standard Error

The relative standard error (RSE) statistic, usually given as a percent, describes the magnitude of sampling error that might reasonably be incurred. The RSE is the square root of the estimated variance, divided by the variable of interest. The variable of interest may be the ratio of two variables, or a single variable.

The sampling error may be less than the nonsampling error. In fact, large RSE estimates found in preliminary work with these data have often indicated nonsampling errors, which were then identified and corrected. Nonsampling errors may be attributed to many sources, including the response errors, definitional difficulties, differences in the interpretation of questions, mistakes in recording or coding data obtained, and other errors of collection, response, or coverage. These nonsampling errors also occur in complete censuses. In a complete census, this problem may become unmanageable.

Using the Central Limit Theorem, which applies to sums and means such as are applicable here, there is approximately a 68-percent chance that the true total or mean is within one RSE of the estimated total. Note that reported RSEs are always estimates, themselves, and are usually, as here, reported as percents. As an example, suppose that a net generation from coal value is estimated to be 1,507 total million kilowatthours with an estimated RSE of 4.9 percent. This means that, ignoring any nonsampling error, there is approximately a 68-percent chance that the true million kilowatthour value is within approximately 4.9 percent of 1,507 million kilowatthours (that is, between 1,433 and 1,581 million kilowatthours). Also under the Central Limit

Theorem, there is approximately a 95-percent chance that the true mean or total is within 2 RSEs of the estimated mean or total.

Note that there are times when a model may not apply, such as in the case of a substantial reclassification of sales, when the relationship between the variable of interest and the regressor data does not hold. In such a case, the new information represents only itself, and such numbers are added to model results when estimating totals. Further, there are times when sample data may be known to be in error, or are not reported. Such cases are treated as if they were never part of the model-based sample, and values are imputed.

## Business Classification

Nonutility power producers consist of entities that own or operate electric generating units but are not subject to direct economic regulation of rates, such as by state utility commissions. Nonutility power producers do not have a designated franchised service area. In addition to entities whose primary business is the production and sale of electric power, entities with other primary business classifications can and do sell electric power. These can consist of, for example, manufacturing facilities and paper mills.

The Energy Information Administration, in the *Electric Power Annual* and other data products, classifies nonutility power producers into the following categories:

- Independent Power Producers (IPPs) whose primary business is selling electricity in the public markets. (The combination of the utility and IPP businesses are referred to by EIA as the Electric Power Sector.)
- Power producers whose primary business falls under NAICS<sup>14</sup> classifications Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Construction, or Manufacturing are classified as “industrial” producers.
- Power producers whose primary business falls under NAICS classifications Transportation and Public (non-electric) Utilities, Wholesale Trade, Retail Trade, Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate are classified as “commercial” producers.

Each of these non-utility sectors are further divided into facilities which do or do not operate as combined heat and power plants (CHP; often also referred to as co-generators). CHP plants produce heat, such as steam for use in a manufacturing process, along with electricity.

<sup>14</sup> Business classifications are based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

The following is a list of the main NAICS classifications and the category of primary business activity within each classification.

### Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing

111	Agriculture production-crops
112	Agriculture production, livestock and animal specialties
113	Forestry
114	Fishing, hunting, and trapping
115	Agricultural services

### Mining

211	Oil and gas extraction
2121	Coal mining
2122	Metal mining
2123	Mining and quarrying of nonmetallic minerals except fuels

### Construction

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### Manufacturing

311	Food and kindred products
3122	Tobacco products
314	Textile and mill products
315	Apparel and other finished products made from fabrics and similar materials
316	Leather and leather products
321	Lumber and wood products, except furniture
322	Paper and allied products (other than 322122 or 32213)
322122	Paper mills, except building paper
32213	Paperboard mills
323	Printing and publishing
325	Chemicals and allied products (other than 325188, 325211, 32512, or 325311)
32512	Industrial organic chemicals
325188	Industrial Inorganic Chemicals
325211	Plastics materials and resins
325311	Nitrogenous fertilizers
324	Petroleum refining and related industries (other than 32411)
32411	Petroleum refining
326	Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products
327	Stone, clay, glass, and concrete products (other than 32731)
32731	Cement, hydraulic
331	Primary metal industries (other than 331111 or 331312)
331111	Blast furnaces and steel mills
331312	Primary aluminum
332	Fabricated metal products, except machinery and transportation equipment
333	Industrial and commercial equipment and components except computer equipment

- 3345 Measuring, analyzing, and controlling instruments, photographic, medical, and optical goods, watches and clocks
- 335 Electronic and other electrical equipment and components except computer equipment
- 336 Transportation equipment
- 337 Furniture and fixtures
- 339 Miscellaneous manufacturing industries

#### **Transportation and Public Utilities**

- 22 Electric, gas, and sanitary services
- 2212 Natural gas transmission
- 2213 Water supply
- 22131 Irrigation systems
- 22132 Sewerage systems
- 481 Transportation by air
- 482 Railroad transportation
- 483 Water transportation
- 484 Motor freight transportation and warehousing
- 485 Local and suburban transit and interurban highway passenger transport
- 486 Pipelines, except natural gas
- 487 Transportation services
- 491 United States Postal Service
- 513 Communications
- 562212 Refuse systems

#### **Wholesale Trade**

421 to 422

#### **Retail Trade**

441 to 454

#### **Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate**

521 to 533

#### **Services**

- 512 Motion pictures
- 514 Business services
- 514199 Miscellaneous services
- 541 Legal services
- 561 Engineering, accounting, research, management, and 611 Education services
- 622 Health services
- 624 Social services
- 712 Museums, art galleries, and botanical and zoological gardens
- 713 Amusement and recreation services
- 721 Hotels
- 811 Miscellaneous repair services
- 8111 Automotive repair, services, and parking
- 812 Personal services
- 813 Membership organizations related services
- 814 Private households

#### **Public Administration**

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**Table A3. Carbon Dioxide Uncontrolled Emission Factors**  
(Pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per Million Btu)

Fuel, Code, Source, and Emission Factor		
Fuel And EIA Fuel Code	Source and Tables (As appropriate)	Factor (Pounds of CO <sub>2</sub> Per Million Btu)***
Bituminous Coal (BIT)	Source: 3	205.573 <sup>R</sup>
Distillate Fuel Oil (DFO)	Source: 1	161.386
Geothermal (GEO)	Estimate from EIA, Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting	16.59983
Jet Fuel (JF)	Source: 1	156.258
Kerosene (KER)	Source: 1	159.535
Lignite Coal (LIG)	Source: 3	215.070
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	Source: 1 (including footnote 2 within source)	91.900
Natural Gas (NG)	Source: 1	117.080
Petroleum Coke (PC)	Source: 1	225.130
Propane Gas (PG)	Source: 1	139.178
Residual Fuel Oil (RFO)	Source: 1	173.906
Synthetic Coal (SC)	Assumed to have emissions similar to Bituminous Coal.	205.573 <sup>R</sup>
Subbituminous Coal (SUB)	Source: 3	214.212 <sup>R</sup>
Tire-Derived Fuel (TDF)	Source: 1	189.538
Waste Coal (WC)	Assumed to have emissions similar to Bituminous Coal.	205.573 <sup>R</sup>
Waste Oil (WO)	Source: 2, Table 1.11-3 (assumes typical heat content of 4.4 MMBtus per barrel)	210.000

Note: \*\*\* CO<sub>2</sub> factors do not vary by combustion system type or boiler firing configuration.

R = Revised.

Sources: 1. U.S. Energy Information Administration, Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting, Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Program, *Table of Fuel and Energy Source: Codes and Emission Coefficients*; 2. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *AP 42, Fifth Edition (Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors, Volume 1: Stationary Point and Area Sources)*; available at: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chieff/ap42/>, and, 3. Environmental Protection Agency, *Inventory of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks, 1990-2008*, Annex 2, (April 2010, Washington, DC), Table A-36, and, Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report." Emission factor data has been converted to pounds per million Btu. Emission factor data is also an average of annual emission factors for the years 1990-2008 appearing in the *Inventory of Greenhouse gas Emissions and Sinks, 1990-2008* weighted by annual coal receipts at electric power plant data appearing in the EIA-923 data base over the same time period.

**Table A4. Nitrogen Oxides Control Technology Emissions Reduction Factors**

Nitrogen Oxides Control Technology	EIA-Code(s)	Reduction Factor (Percent)
Advanced Overfire Air .....	AA	30 <sup>1</sup>
Alternate Burners .....	BF	20
Flue Gas Recirculation .....	FR	40
Fluidized Bed Combustor .....	CF	20
Fuel Reburning .....	FU	30
Low Excess Air .....	LA	20
Low NO <sub>x</sub> Burners .....	LN	30 <sup>1</sup>
Other (or Unspecified) .....	OT	20
Overfire Air .....	OV	20 <sup>1</sup>
Selective Catalytic Reduction .....	SR	70
Selective Catalytic Reduction .....		
With Low Nitrogen Oxide Burners .....	SR and LN	90
Selective Noncatalytic Reduction .....	SN	30
Selective Noncatalytic Reduction .....		
With Low NO <sub>x</sub> Burners .....	SN and LN	50
Slagging .....	SC	20

1. Starting with 1995 data, reduction factors for advanced overfire air, low NO<sub>x</sub> burners, and overfire air were reduced by 10 percent.

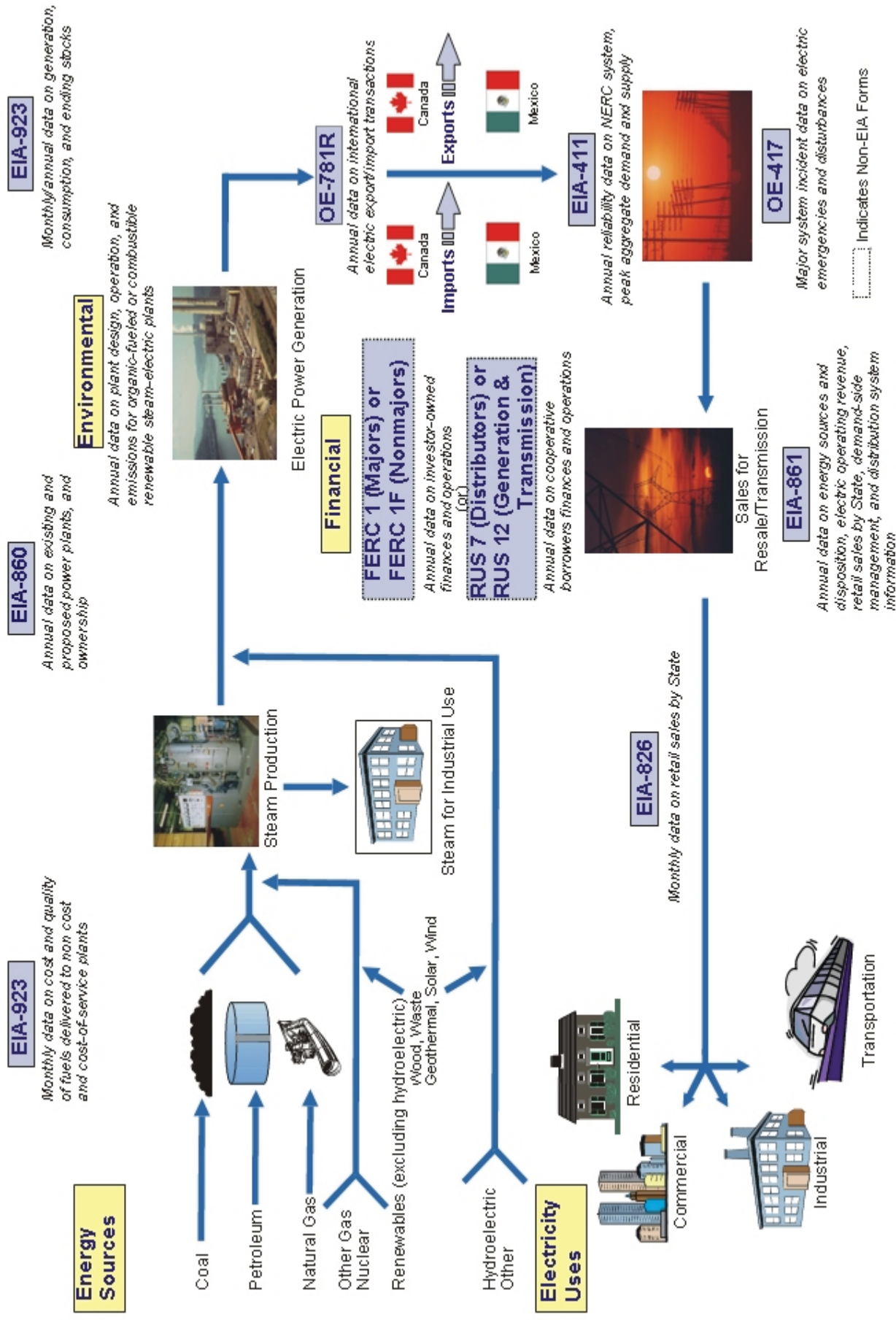
Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report;" Babcock and Wilcox, Steam 41st Edition, 2005.

**Table A5. Unit-of-Measure Equivalents**

Unit	Equivalent	Unit
Kilowatt (kW) .....	1,000 (One Thousand)	Watts
Megawatt (MW) .....	1,000,000 (One Million)	Watts
Gigawatt (GW) .....	1,000,000,000 (One Billion)	Watts
Terawatt (TW) .....	1,000,000,000,000 (One Trillion)	Watts
Gigawatt .....	1,000,000 (One Million)	Kilowatts
Thousand Gigawatts .....	1,000,000,000 (One Billion)	Kilowatts
Kilowatthours (kWh) .....	1,000 (One Thousand)	Watthours
Megawatthours (MWh) .....	1,000,000 (One Million)	Watthours
Gigawatthours (GWh) .....	1,000,000,000 (One Billion)	Watthours
Terawatthours (TWh) .....	1,000,000,000,000 (One Trillion)	Watthours
Gigawatthours .....	1,000,000 (One Million)	Kilowatthours
Thousand Gigawatthours .....	1,000,000,000 (One Billion)	Kilowatthours
U.S. Dollar .....	1,000 (One Thousand)	Mills
U.S. Cent .....	10 (Ten)	Mills

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Office of Electricity, Renewables, and Uranium Statistics.

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## **Glossary**

**The Office of Electricity, Renewables, and Uranium Statistics' Master Glossary contains all references used in this publication.**

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