





Virtual Energy Market Update

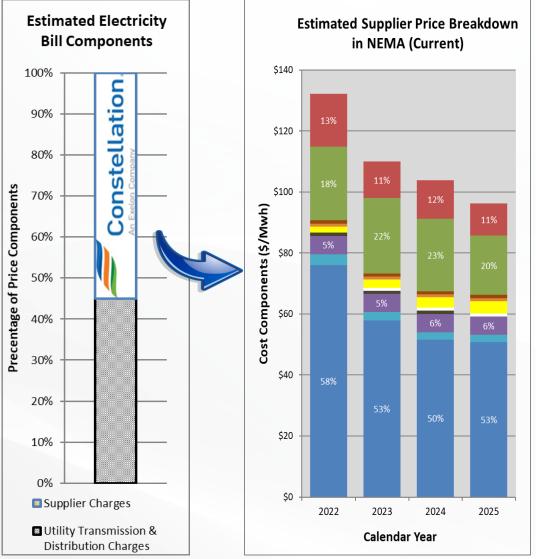
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Today's Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions Katie McCue, Director of Administration, Finance and Operations, Massachusetts Municipal Association
- Energy Market Update Brandon Fong, Principal, Commodities Management Group, Constellation
- Working with Constellation Through the MMA Aiste Dacys & Charlotte Diogo, Senior Business Development Managers, Constellation
- **Q & A** Thank you



What's In Your Electric Supplier's Price?



Capacity – Determined by prices set from independent system operator (ISO)-run auctions and customer capacity tag (peak usage). Designed to provide grid reliability and ensure enough generation available to the region.

- **Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS)** Mandates set by individual states for load-serving entities (LSE's/Constellation) to purchase a certain amount of renewable energy. Determined by state regulated compliance percentages and the financial market for renewable energy certificates (RECs).
- **Clean Energy Standard (CES)** Similar to RPS but a Massachusetts mechanism to incent new zero emission generation (ex. hydro & nuclear)
- Clean Energy Standard Expansion MA state mandate for existing zero emission generation

Clean Peak Standard – Mandate set by state of MA to incentivize renewable and storage power supply during peak periods.

- **Cost of Service/Fuel Security Ch. 1** Additional costs to LSE's to fund out-of-market compensation for particular resources to ensure grid reliability in the region.
- Inventoried Energy Program/Fuel Security Ch. 2– ISO New England administered program that will provide payments to resources that can store fuel for winters '23/24 & '24/25.
- **Ancillaries** Small administrative charges billed to load-serving entities by the ISO to operate grid safely and reliably.
- **Line Losses** Included to make up for the energy lost over transmission and distribution (T&D) lines due to heating

Energy – The cost of procuring the actual electrons transmitted through the T&D lines. Largely determined by cost of natural gas for New England.

* <u>Source</u>: Proprietary Data, Eversource

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Natural Gas Fundamental Outlook



Natural Gas Prices Have Enter "Chaos" Mode



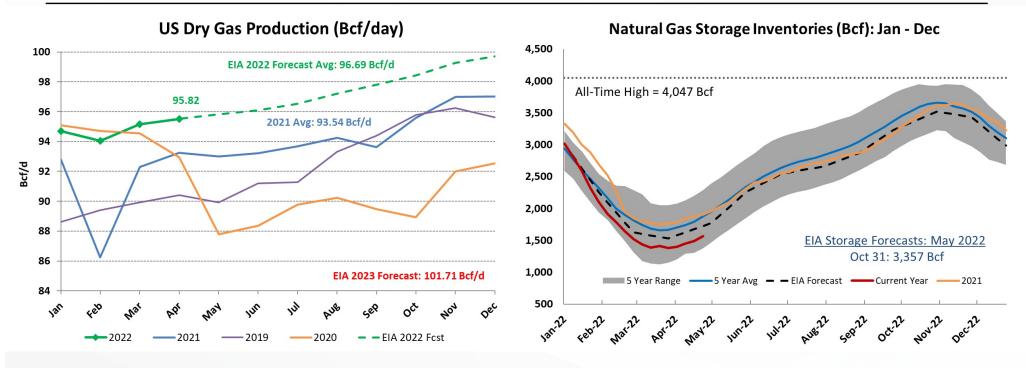
Customer Takeaway:

- Prices have taken off despite limited domestic fundamental impact to natural gas from the war in the Ukraine.
- Low gas inventories, unsteady production, continued uncertainty from war impacts, and general commodities bullishness are the likely drivers to the upward momentum.
- We've now blown through the all-important \$6 resistance level all bets are off.

Source: CME Group, Trading Economics



Uncertain Production and Lagging Storage Supportive for Prices



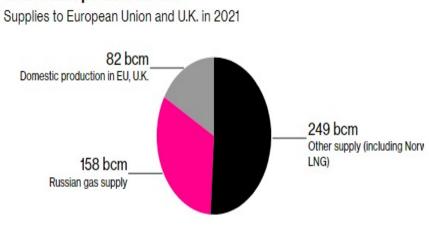
- A strong March rebound in production is reflective of supportive natural gas and crude oil prices around \$5-6/MMBtu and \$100/bbl, respectively.
- Underground storage now sits 20 and 16% below last year and the 5-year average

Customer Takeaway:

- The production trend this summer could reveal how prices could look later in 2022.
 - High oil price typically incentivized more drilling and extraction but producer discipline could limit growth.
- Lagging inventories means less supply available for heating-demand season but we have until November 1 to narrow deficits.
 - If deficits remain after the summer prices could remain supportive through fall and winter.



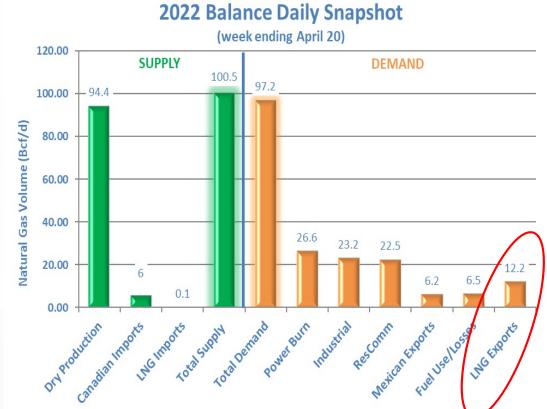
LNG Export Infrastructure Limits US Impacts of Global Energy Crisis



Where Europe Gets Its Gas

Source: IEA

 An interruption of energy flows into Europe poses the biggest price risk to international natural gas markets.



- A disruption of energy flow from Russia to Europe won't change impact to US natural gas balance sheet.
- US LNG exports continue to max out at infrastructure capacities.

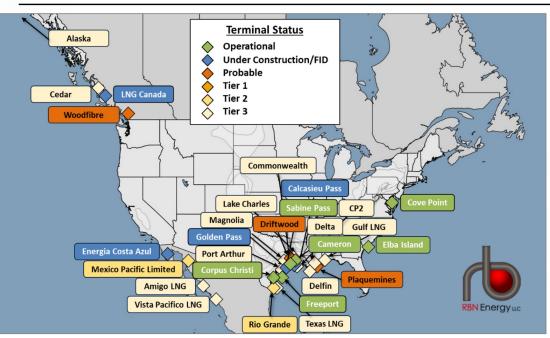
Customer Takeaway:

- Despite limited domestic fundamental impact to natural gas, there's been stronger support for Henry Hub natural gas prices amid the turmoil of the Russian-Ukraine war.
- Uncertainties of conflict escalation involving the West as well as any domestic disruption to energy (cyberattacks, etc.) continue to weigh on the national market.

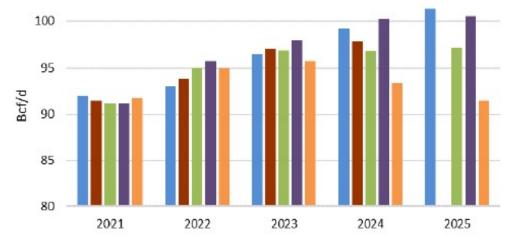
Source: Bloomberg, EIA



Long-Term Export Demand – Can Production Keep Pace?



Forecast Comparison L48 Production



- Numerous projects in the queue seeking US federal approval and long-term contract for financing
- Activity has picked up exponentially since March

Customer Takeaway:

- Forecasts of 6-12 Bcf/d of LNG export growth by 2027
 - That means will need 6-12 Bcf/d of production just to keep up the supply/demand balance
- This is a long-term bullish driver that could mean higher prices for a longer period



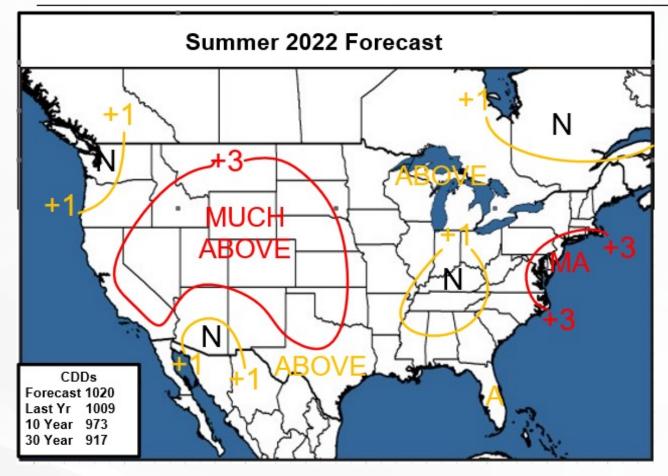
Exports Will Grow – "Energy security" and economics will encourage more LNG export growth in the US

Source: EIA, Constellation, RBN Energy

Weather



Summer Outlook: Another Hot One



- Constellation sees a top 5 hottest summer
- A La Nina pattern promotes zonal west to east flow
 - If there's a heat source in the West, it would flow East
- Highest confidence for heat is in the West and Texas.

Customer Takeaway:

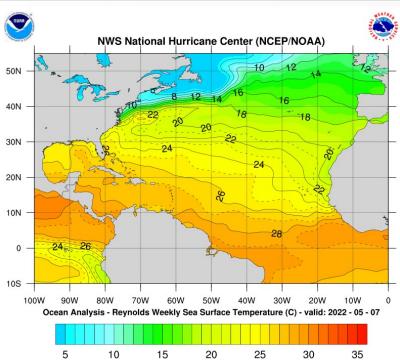
- Cooling demand/power burn stemming from realized temps will be a crucial determinant in rebuilding historically low storage inventories ahead of winter.
- We've seen few extended outages with lasting index price impacts but more sustained heat puts the regional grids at higher risks.

Source: Constellation



More Tropical Storm Activity Ahead for 2022

Colorado State 2022 Extended Range Atlantic Basis Hurricane Forecast			
	1991-2020		50N
	Average	2022 Forecast	
Named Storms	14.4	19	40N -
Hurricanes	7.2	9	
Major Hurricanes	3.2	4	30N
Probability Of N	/lajor Hurrica	nes Making	20N -
Landfall			10N -
	Average for		
	Last Century	2022 Forecast	0 - 24, 26
Entire US Coastline	52%	71%	
US East Coast	31%	47%	10S
Gulf Coast	30%	46%	Ocean Analy
Carribean	42%	60%	



- Atlantic water temperatures remain above-normal, while atmospheric conditions (weak La Nina) should provide favorable settings as well.
- Preliminary risks remain for a more active season overall, with high likelihood of major hurricanes (cat 3 or greater).

Customer Takeaway:

- Landfall hurricanes now carry both bullish and bearish risks depending on location, size, and scope.
- Outages to LNG export facilities means less natural gas (temporarily leaving the US) while storms targeting gasproducing regions are bullish for prices.
- In either scenario, initial market reactions to impactful storm tracks result in volatility.

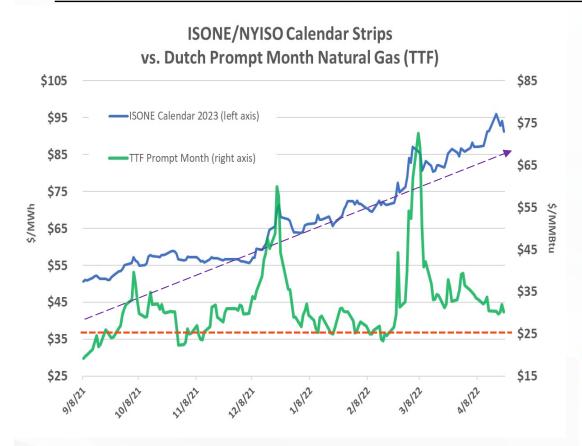
Source: Constellation, National Hurricane Center



Regional Fundamental and Pricing Impacts



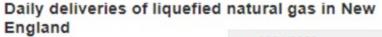
Winter LNG Imports Link New England Prices to Volatile Global Markets

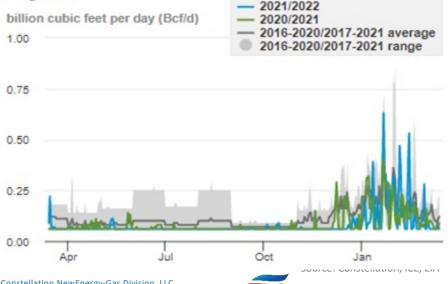


Customer Takeaway:

- European natural gas prices remain volatile on the prospect of supply disruptions in an already very tight market.
- Forward New England energy prices will likely remain elevated for the foreseeable future with the most risk exposed during the winter months.

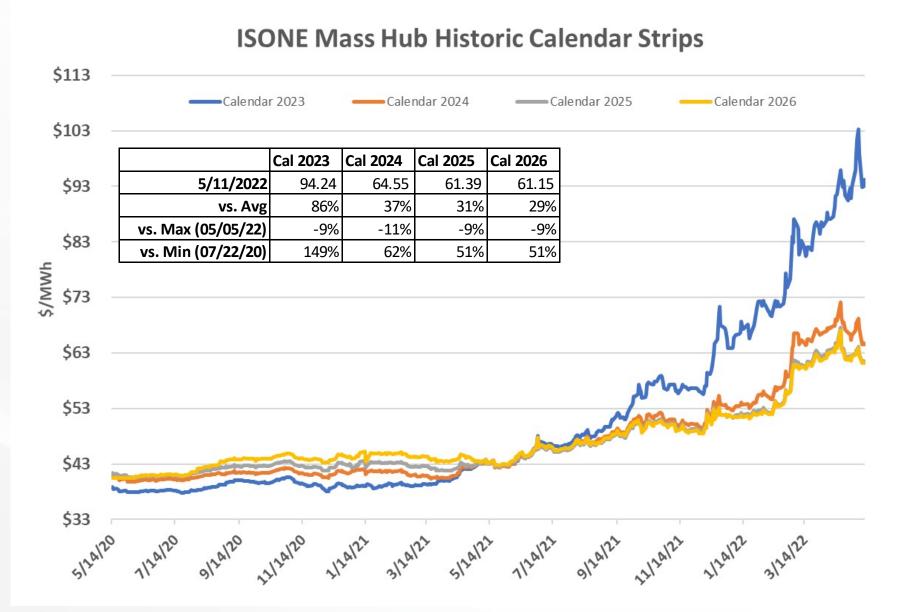
- Tight correlation between global natural gas prices and New England forward energy rates due to constrained fuel in the winter here.
- The European market was tight heading into winter 2021/'22 already.
 - High demand LNG cargoes
 - Low storage inventories
 - High cost for coal and oil generation







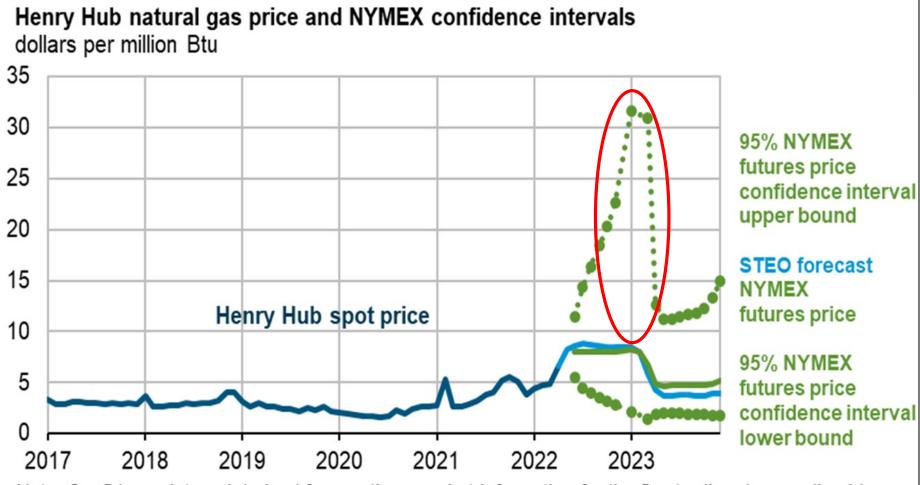
New England Historical Power Pricing – 2 Year Lookback



Sources: Constellation



Upside Risks Vastly Outweigh Downside Rewards



Note: Confidence interval derived from options market information for the five trading days ending May 5, 2022. Intervals not calculated for months with sparse trading in near-the-money options contracts.

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Short-Term Energy Outlook, May 2022, CME Group, and Refinitiv an LSEG Business



Source: CME Group



Contract Benefits

- A municipal energy contract negotiated and vetted by the MMA's energy attorney.
- An exceptional 55-day payment term billed directly on your utility bill so you can take advantage of Net Metering credits.
- No added fee to your kWh price. Unlike a broker where you pay the fee in your price per kWh over the term of the contract there is no fee built into your price through the MMA's MunEnergy program.
- Ability to add/delete accounts at any point during the term of the contract without penalty*. No bandwidth on usage.
- Ability to add solar or any other co-generation without penalty*.

*Please see our terms and conditions which provide specific details of these protections for your town and school accounts.

Sources: Constellation



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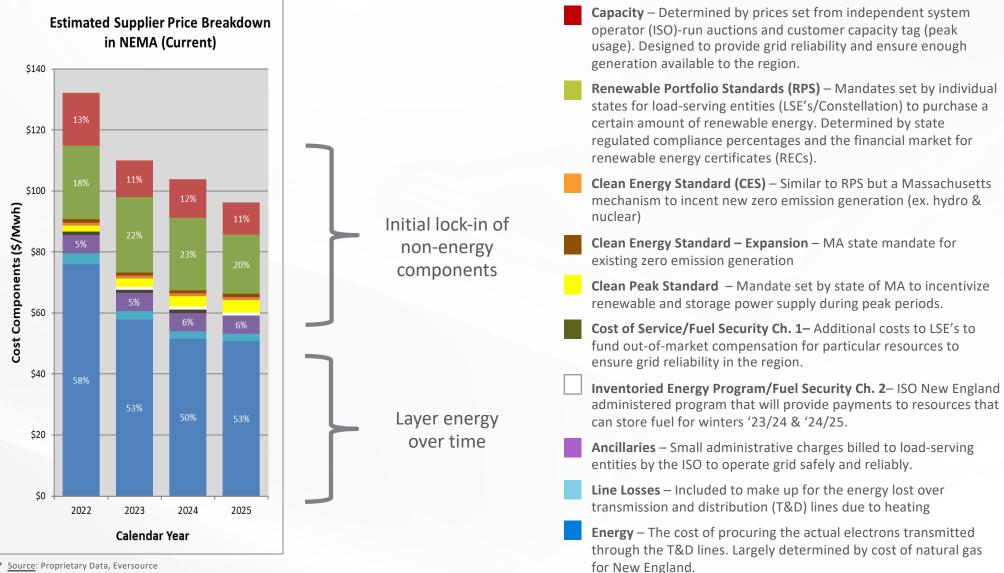
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Appendix



Layering Your Energy Costs

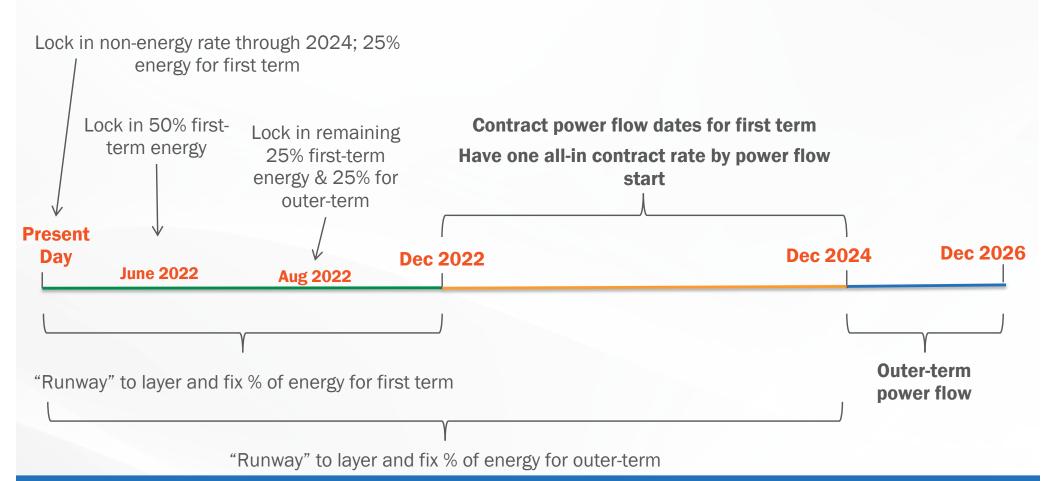


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How To Time Your Layering Strategy



Customer Takeaway: Continuing to layer forward terms will allow you to manage the market over time while maintaining budget stability

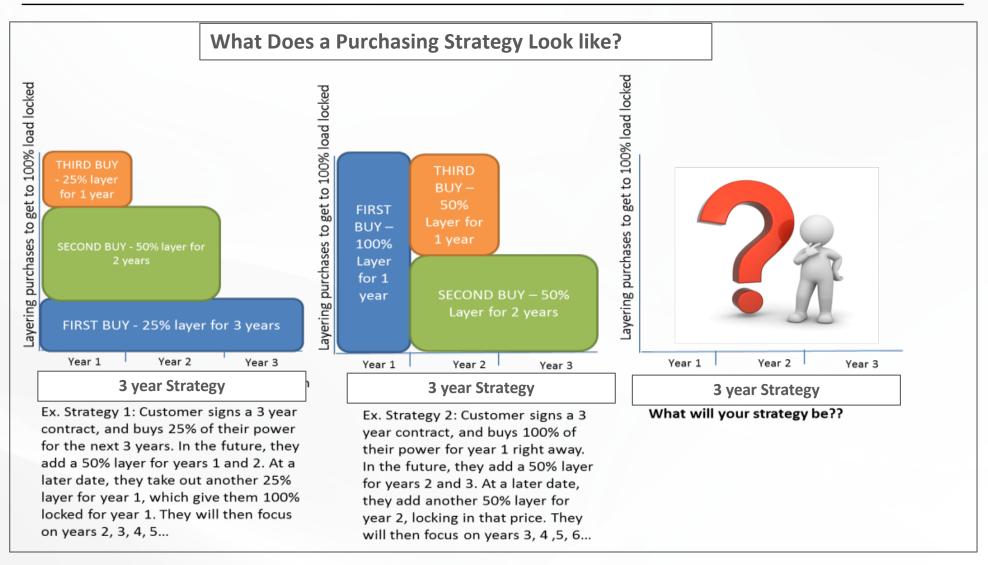
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Manage Energy Through a Long-Term Strategy



- Ability to lock to on fully fixed-price rate after 100% energy has been layered for the term. ٠
- Customers that want a no open exposure by flow date can achieve that from a number of different strategies. ٠



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