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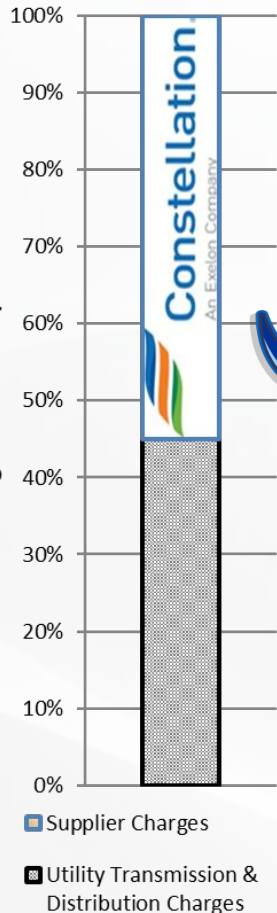
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Today's Agenda

- **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?

Estimated Electricity Bill Components



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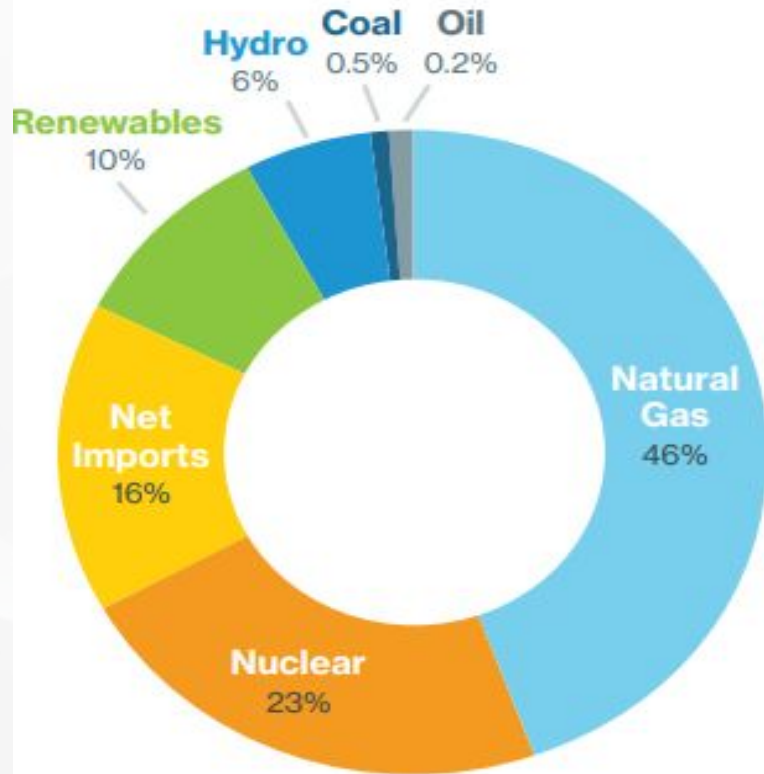
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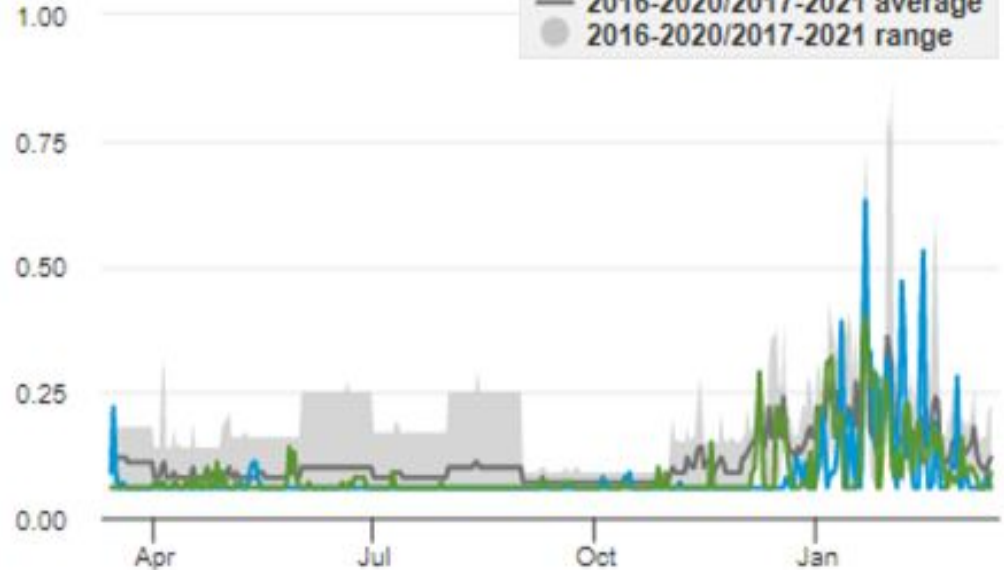
Why Natural Gas Matters to New England Power

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Daily deliveries of liquefied natural gas in New England

billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d)



- Natural gas pipeline constraints for gas coming up from Western PA/OH create a supply/demand imbalance during winter months
- Liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports are necessary to supplement constrained dry gas coming west to east.
 - This creates a link between New England energy pricing and global natural gas prices.

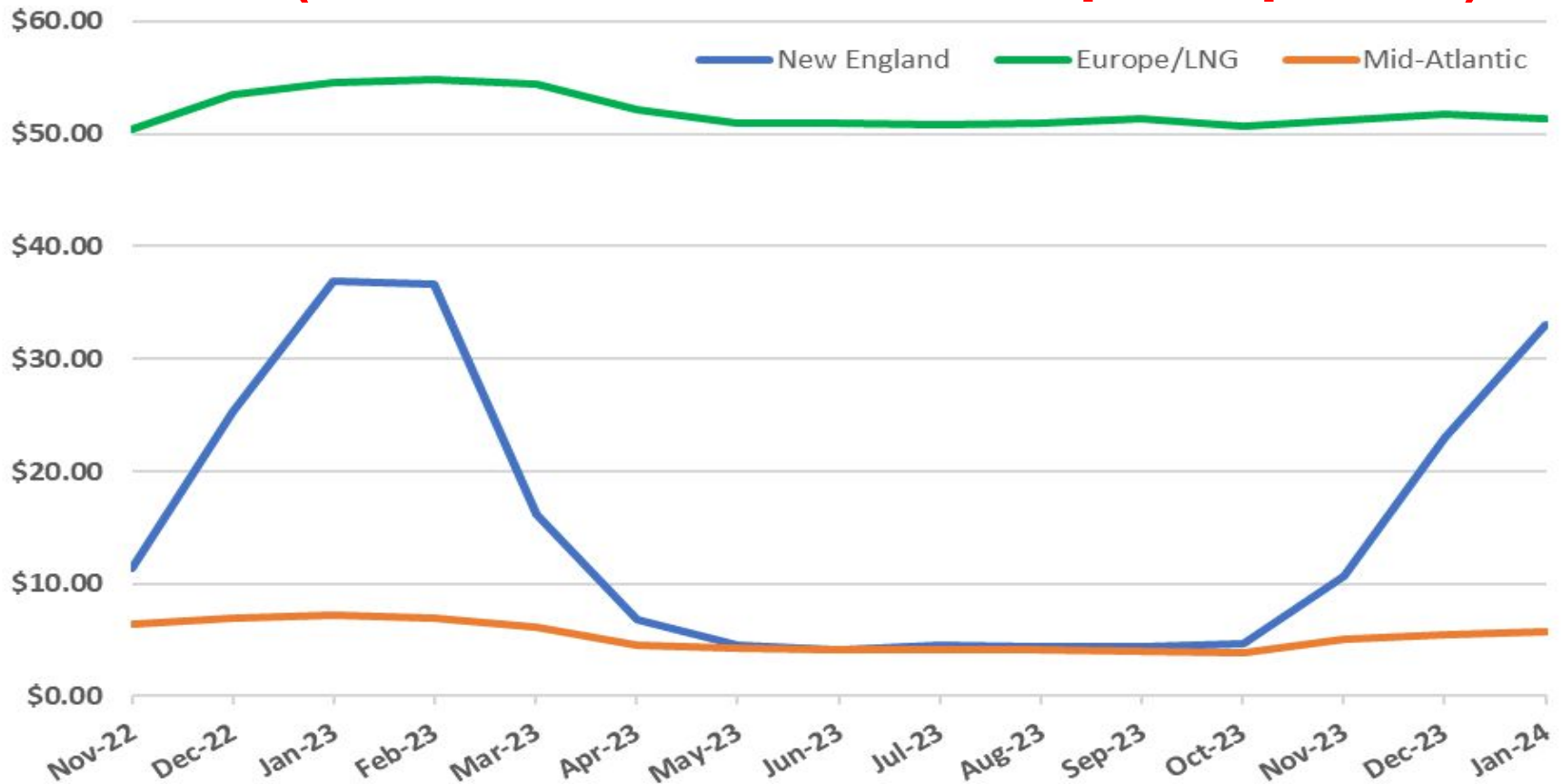
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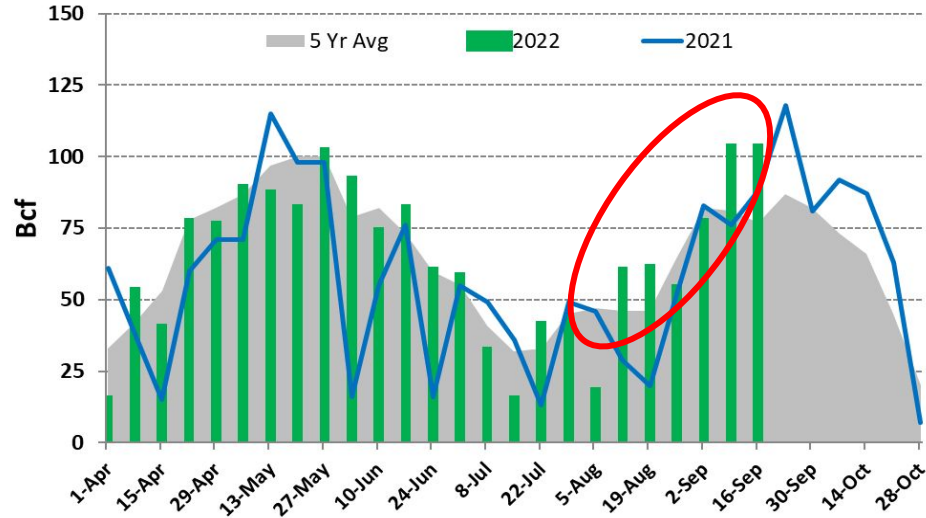
New England Natural Gas = Henry Hub + Basis (difference between two price points)



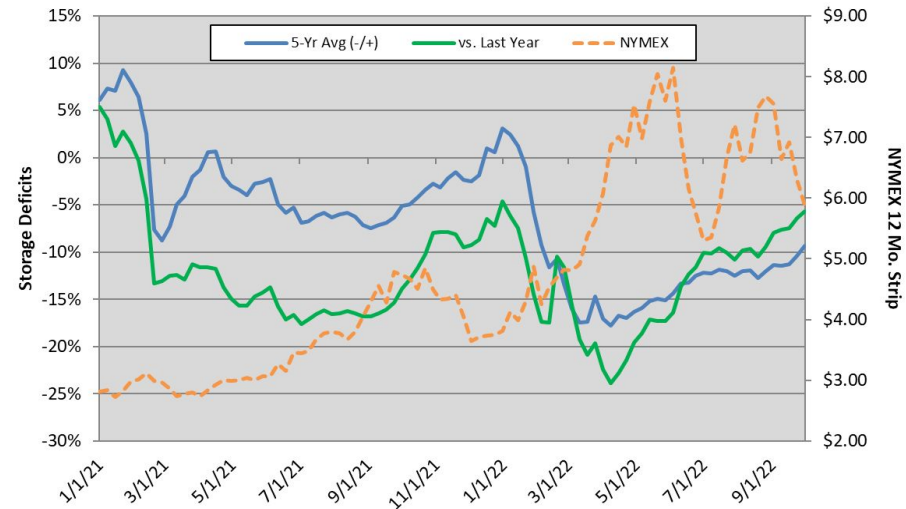
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Strong Late-Season Push to Fill Storage Narrows Deficits

EIA Weekly Gas Storage Report (Bcf)
vs Year-Ago and 5-Year Avg



Underground Storage Inventory Surplus/Deficit
vs. NYMEX 12 Month Strip



- Storage fills have come in at a hot 103 Bcf for the past two consecutive reports, well above historical averages for their respective weeks.
- This past week's 103 beat consensus by a nickel as well as last year's 86 and the 5-year average of 77.
- The current deficit to last year and the 5-year average of 5.7 and 9.3% respectively is significantly tighter than injection season peak of 24 and 18% back in early April despite the hottest summer on record.

Customer Takeaway:

- Storage fanatics can thank end-of-season stocks ending at respectable levels to muted fall temps and the Freeport LNG outage for most of the summer and fall.
- The late-season inventory scenario has kept the bearish momentum in late September going and is making for an opportune buying period ahead of winter.

Source: EIA

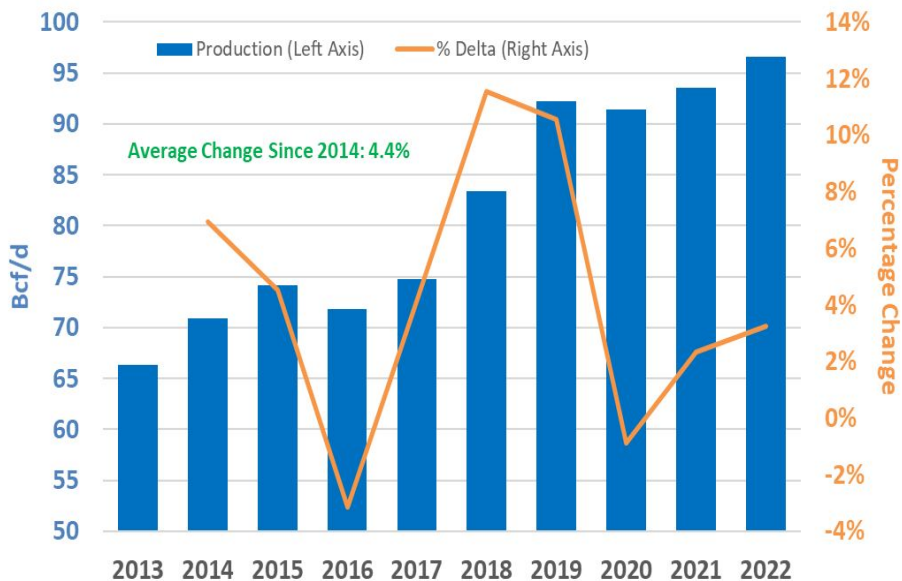
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Production Steady – More Growth Expected in ‘25-’28?

Dry Gas Production Annual Average vs. Y-o-Y Change



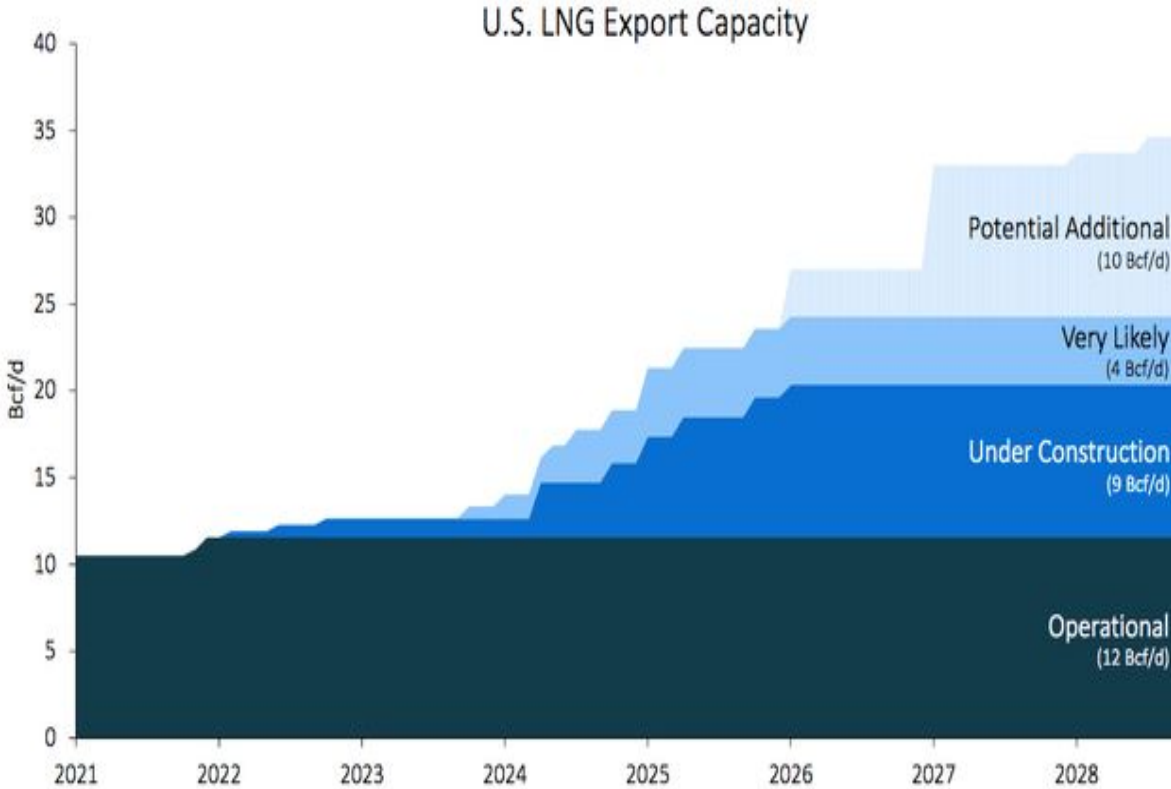
NYMEX Henry Hub Natural Gas Forward Curve



- Production has seen very slow and deliberate growth through 2022 despite oil and gas prices high enough for substantial profits – limited by producer discipline.
- Though historical performance does NOT indicate future returns, annual production growth over the past three years show only a 1.6% uptick and the average change since 2014 excluding 2018 and 2019 (biggest yearly gains) is 2.5%.

Customer Takeaway: Production will have to show better growth over the long-term to absorb the additional demand drivers from LNG exports and dependency on the power grid. Forward curve backwardation show the market is expecting it in '24 – '27.

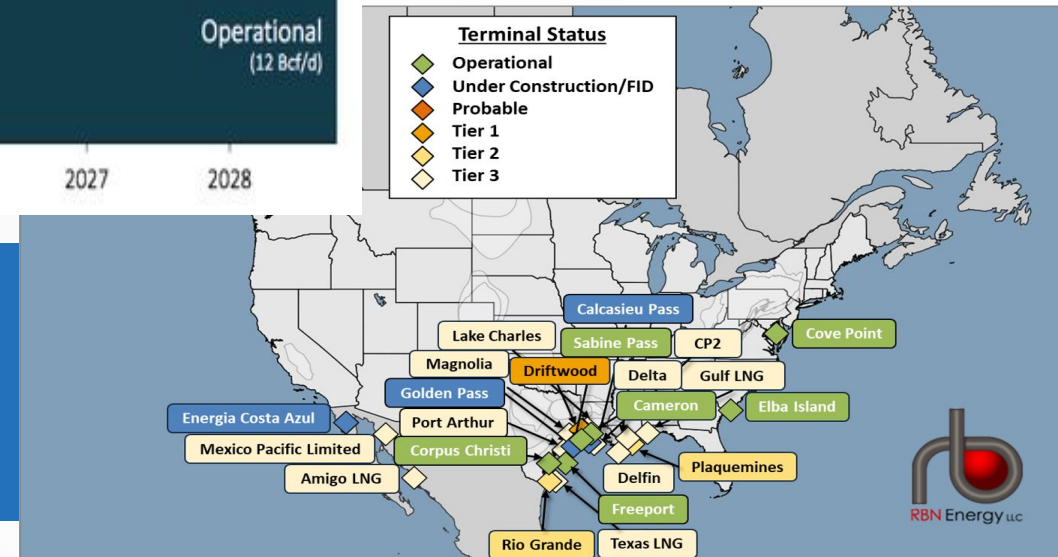
Long-Term LNG Export Demand Growth Accelerates



- **Exports Will Grow** – “Energy security” and economics will encourage more LNG export growth in the US
 - 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 8-20 Bcf/d of LNG export growth by 2028**
- This is a long-term bullish driver that could mean higher prices for a longer period



Source: RBN Energy, Seeking Alpha

A New Landscape for Natural Gas Prices But We've Seen This Before

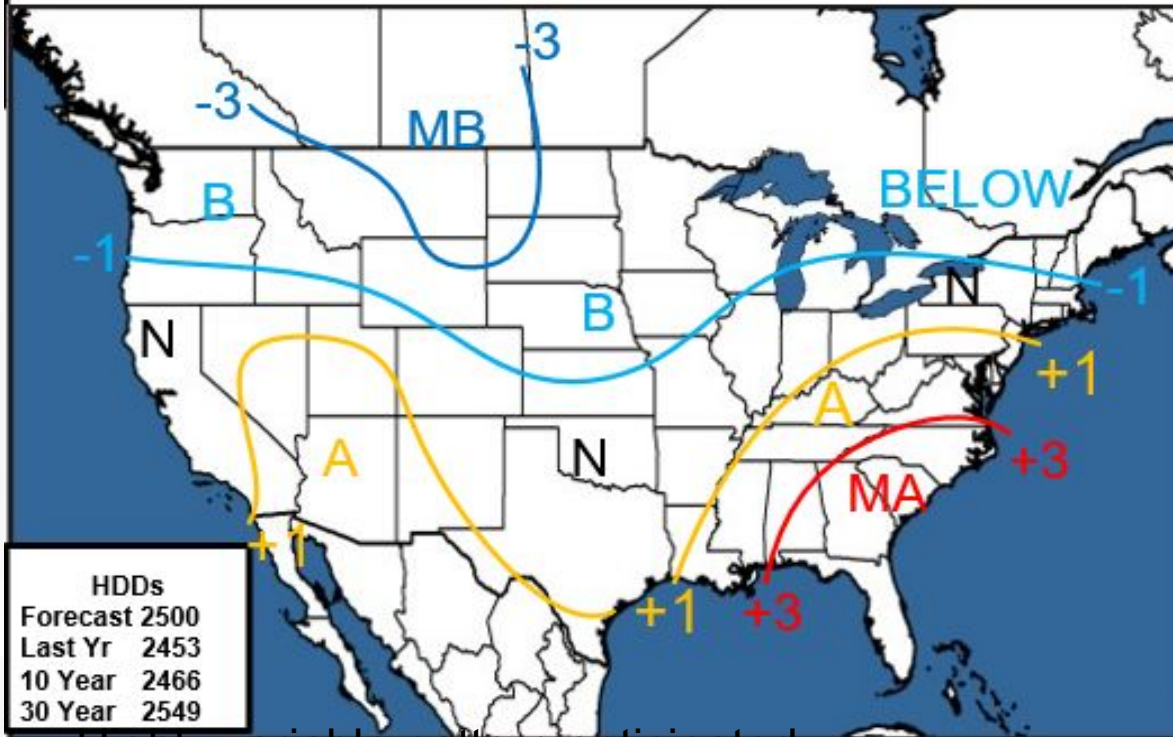


Customer Takeaway: Each pricing environment comes with its own supply/demand characteristics as we usher a new era of elevated demand supported by LNG exports and a higher dependency on natural gas. A checkdown in production growth has also led to further tightening in the supply/demand balance.

Weather

Constellation Winter Forecast – The Headlines

Constellation Winter 2022-23 Forecast



**Population Weighted
HDD Forecast: 2,500** (17th
warmest since 1950)

Last Year: 2,453

10-Year Avg: 2,466 (17th
warmest)

30-Year Avg: 2,549 (25th
warmest)

Vendors 1-3: 2,468 - 2,500

Analog Years

2017-18 (50%)

2021-22 (30%)

1956-57 (20%)

- Highly variable pattern anticipated
- 3rd straight La Nina winter – history shows cold
- Elevated colder risks for the Northeast/Mid-Con
- Mild December start, cold January

Source: Constellation

Winter Analogs (Comparable Years) By Month – Mild Start

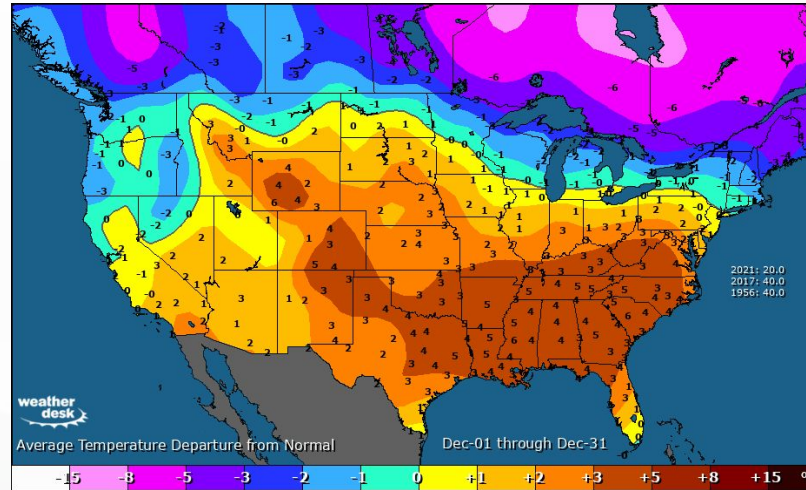
Winter 2022 - 23
New England Cold
Chances

Severe Cold Outbreak
1 in 10

None
1 in 3

Meaningful Outbreak
1 in 2

December



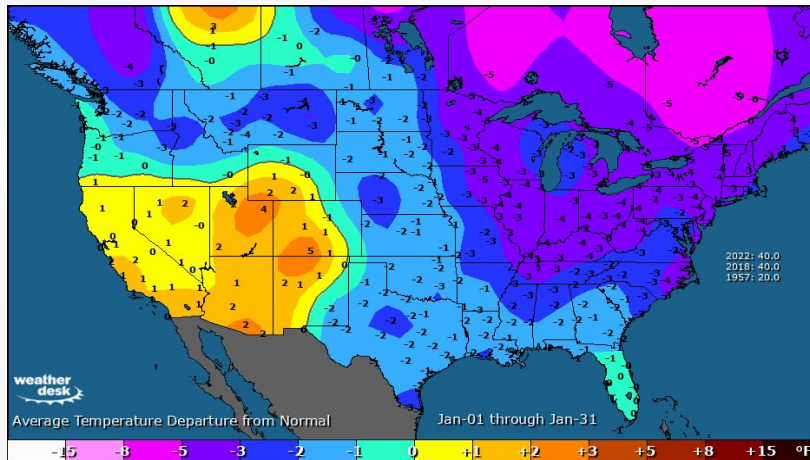
Winter 2022 - 23
ERCOT Cold
Chances

Severe Cold
Outbreak
1 in 15

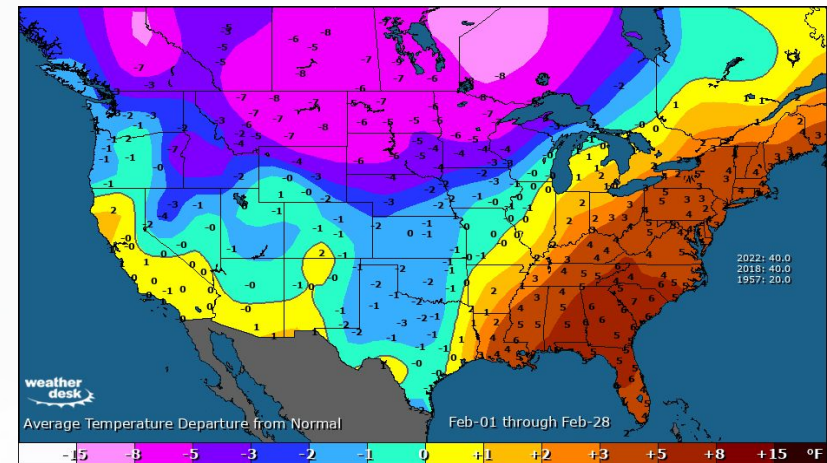
Meaningful Outbreak
1 in 4

None
1 in 2

January

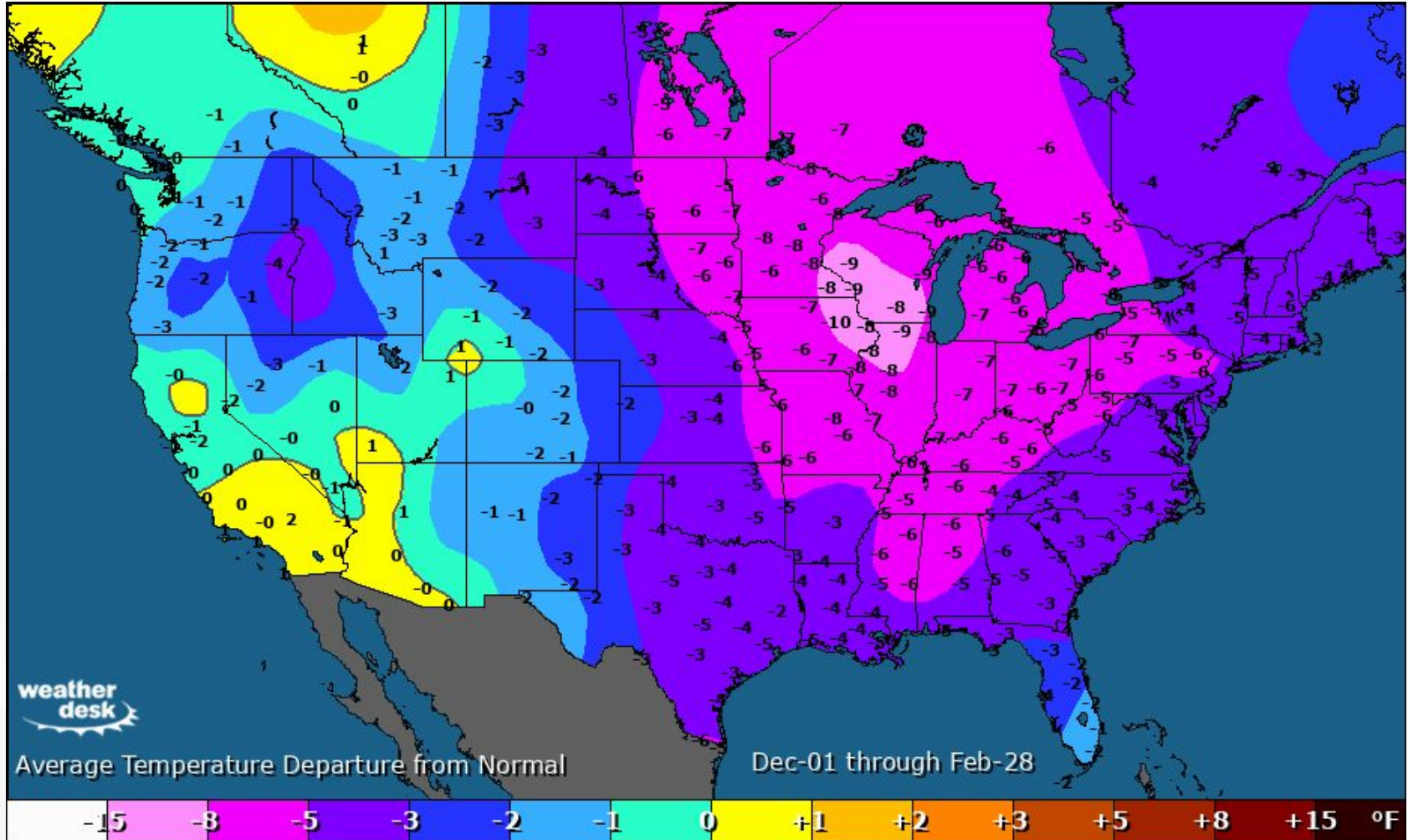


February



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Forecast Risks: 3rd La Nina Winters = Brrrrrr...cold! (2013/2000/1976)

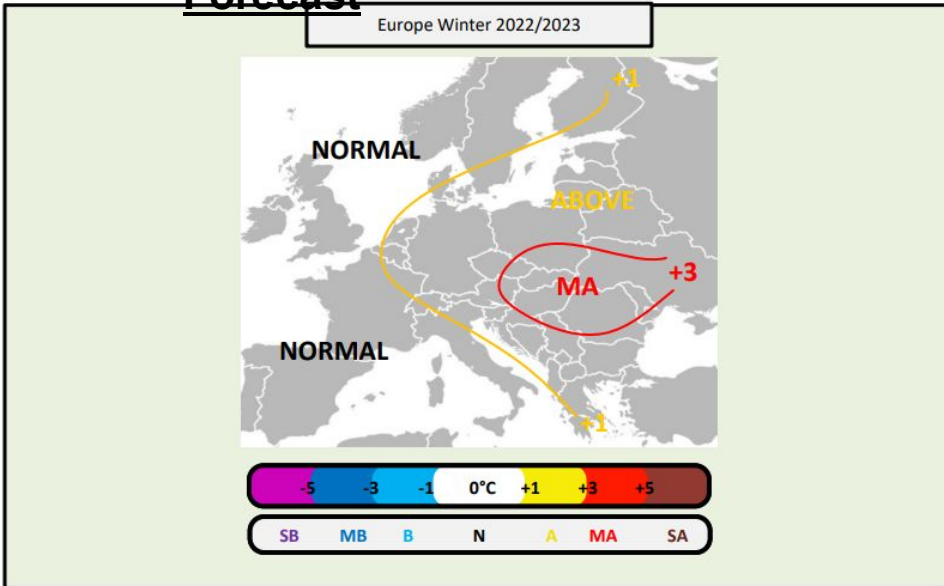


The above equally weighted average of these years yields about **2,900** GWHDD
10 Year Normal – **2,466** / 30 Year Normal – **2,549** / Forecast – **2,500**

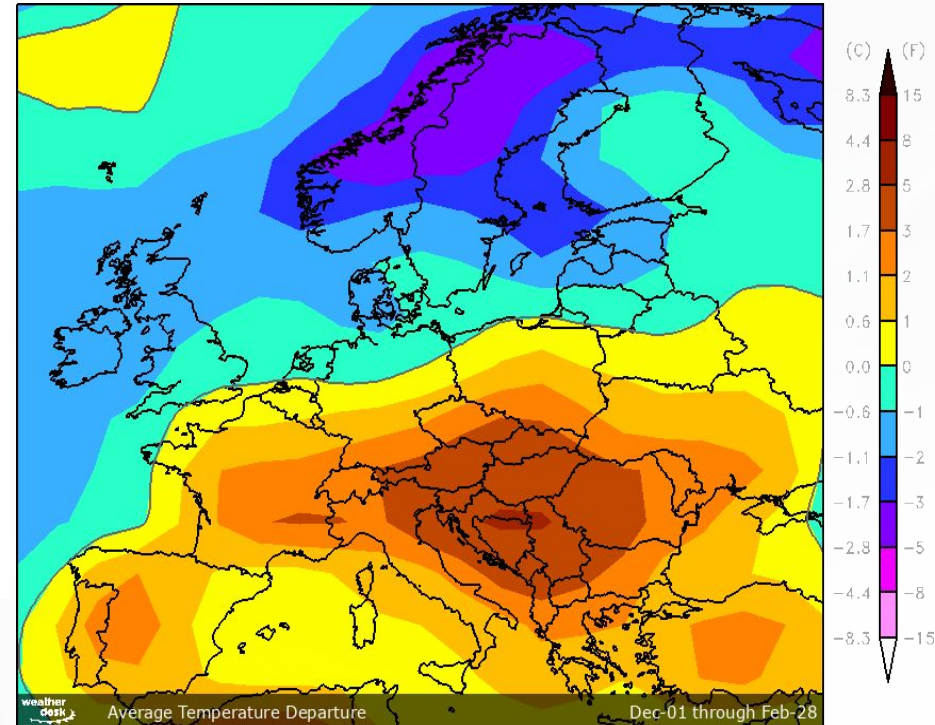
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Winter to Play a Huge Role in European Energy Crisis

Constellation Europe Forecast



Europe 3rd Year La Nina Risks



- Overall, there is moderate confidence that the eastern and southern portions of the Continent will be milder-than-normal, yielding lower heating demand from Ukraine into Germany, Italy and France. However, wind generation may also come in lower than normal for most of Europe.
- If we use the same methodology in Europe for 3rd year La Nina risks, a colder outcome is possible for Scandinavia and the U.K, but the interior is still expected to average above-normal.

Pricing Impacts

“Softness” in Prices From Quiet Temps and Tropics

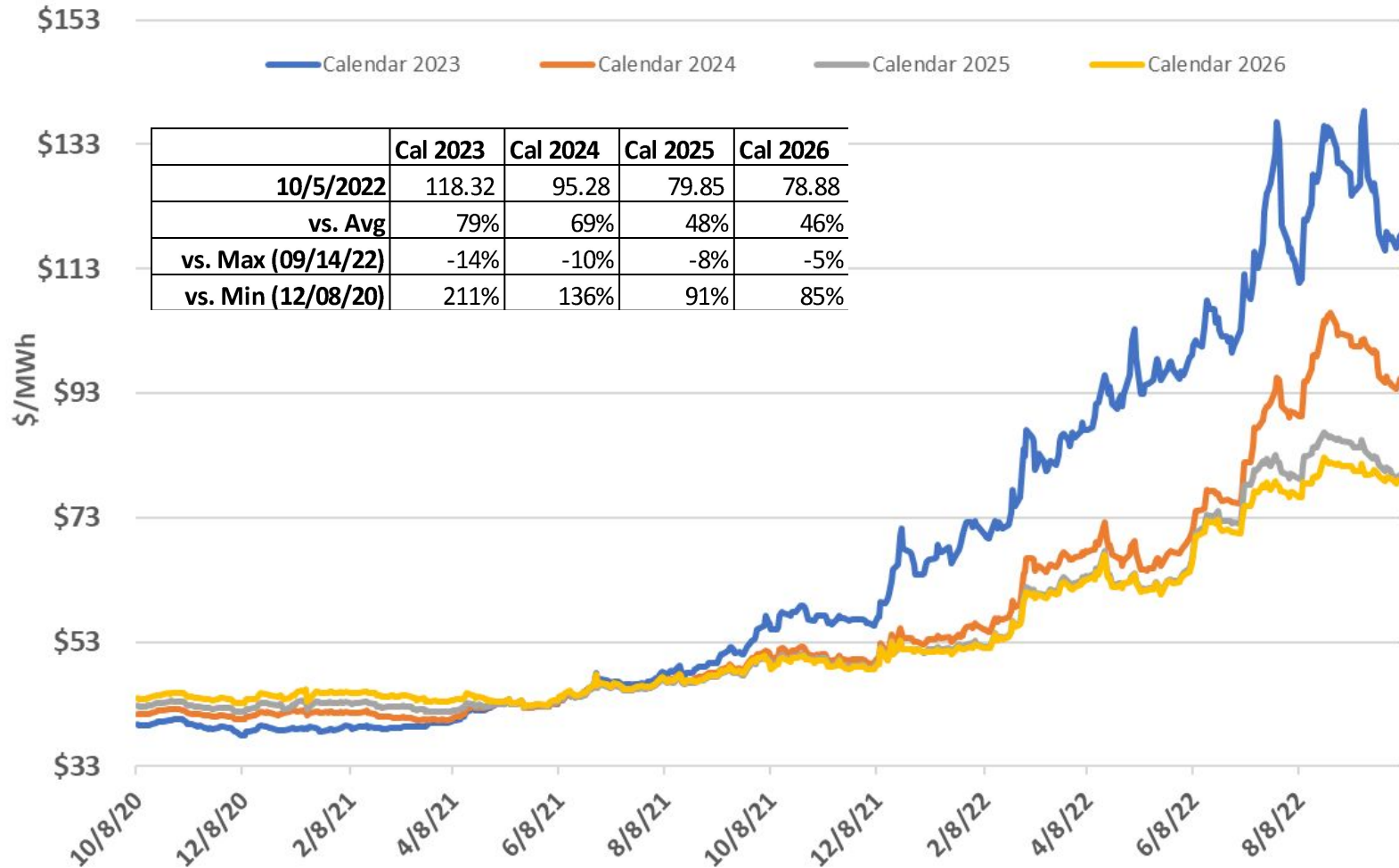


Customer Takeaway:

- One can't deny the buying opportunity we've seen lately when framing it against pricing over the past 6 months. Upside risks still exist as we head into typically the most volatile time of year (winter).
- Fundamentals are improving but market sensitivity to news/data still make for tenuous and very uncertain markets.
- Don't forget how hard it is to pick the exact bottom. diversify your buys with multiple layers

New England Historical Power Pricing – 2 Year Lookback

ISONE Mass Hub Historic Calendar Strips



Sources: Constellation

Benefits From Participating in the MMA's MunEnergy program:

- 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.*

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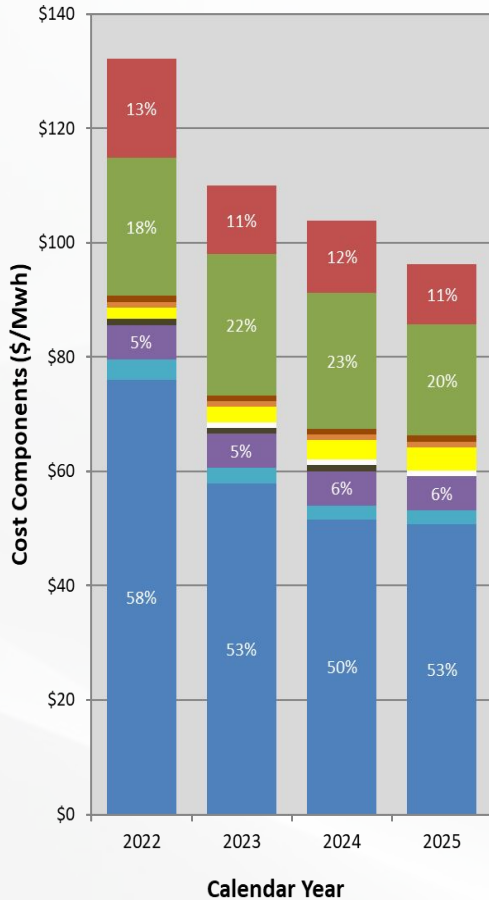
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Appendix

Layering Your Energy Costs

Estimated Supplier Price Breakdown in NEMA (Current)



Initial lock-in of non-energy components

Layer energy over time

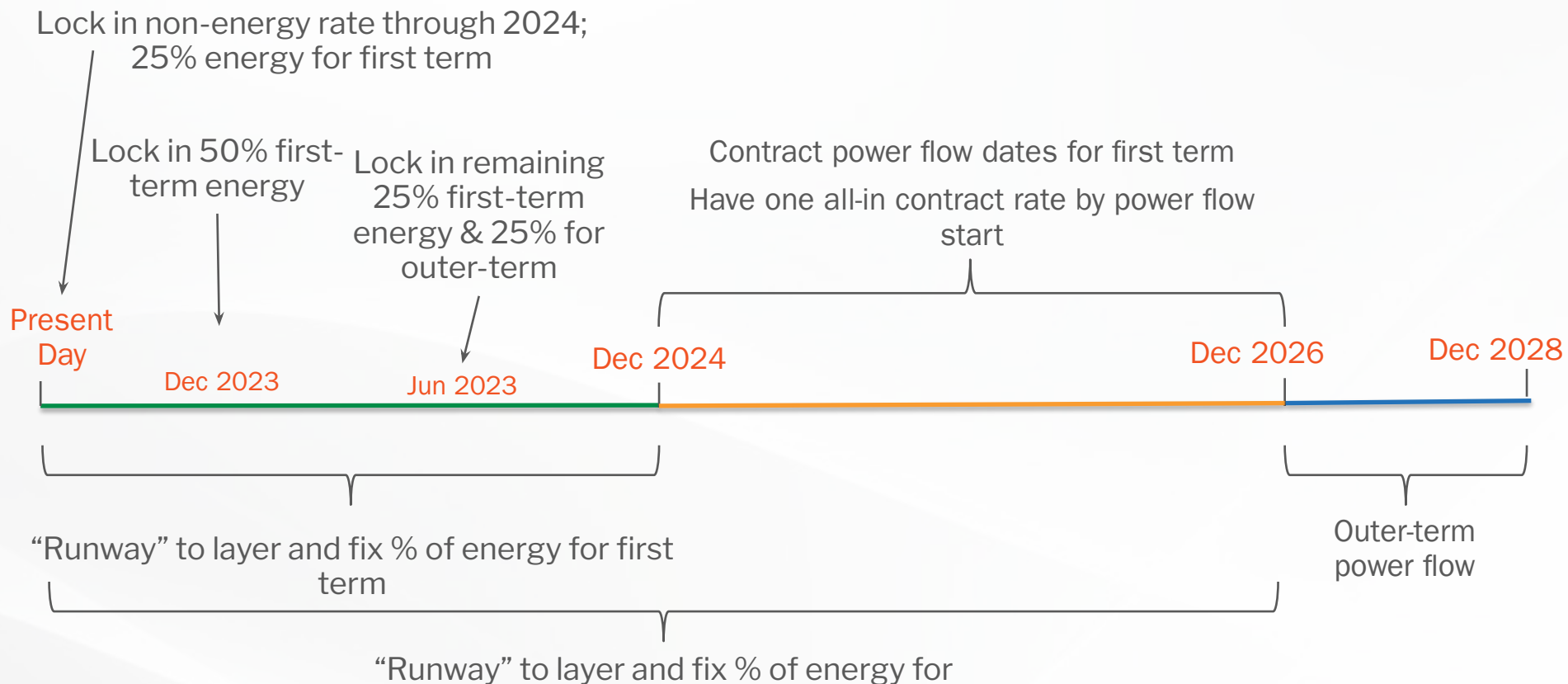
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How To Time Your Layering Strategy



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

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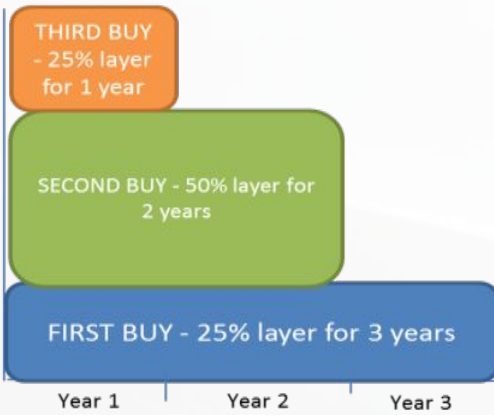


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Manage Energy Through a Long-Term Strategy

What Does a Purchasing Strategy Look like?

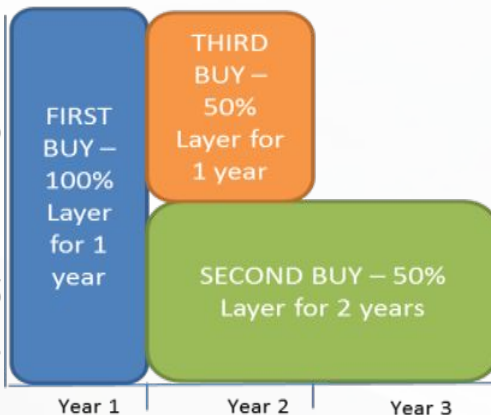
Layering purchases to get to 100% load locked



3 year Strategy

Ex. Strategy 1: Customer signs a 3 year contract, and buys 25% of their power for the next 3 years. In the future, they add a 50% layer for years 1 and 2. At a later date, they take out another 25% layer for year 1, which give them 100% locked for year 1. They will then focus on years 2, 3, 4, 5...

Layering purchases to get to 100% load locked



3 year Strategy

Ex. Strategy 2: Customer signs a 3 year contract, and buys 100% of their power for year 1 right away. In the future, they add a 50% layer for years 2 and 3. At a later date, they add another 50% layer for year 2, locking in that price. They will then focus on years 3, 4, 5, 6...

Layering purchases to get to 100% load locked



Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3

3 year Strategy

What will your strategy be??

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