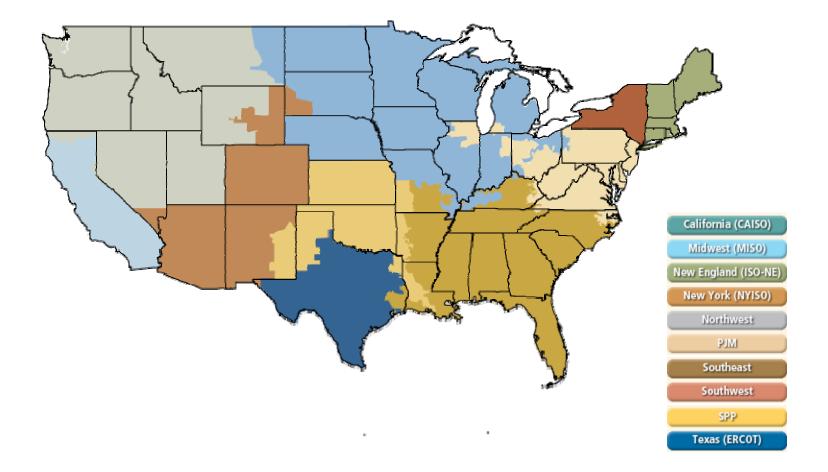
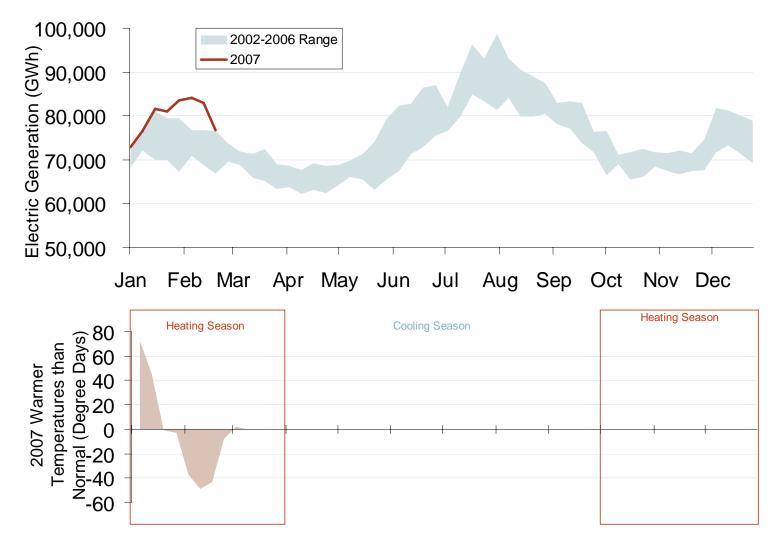
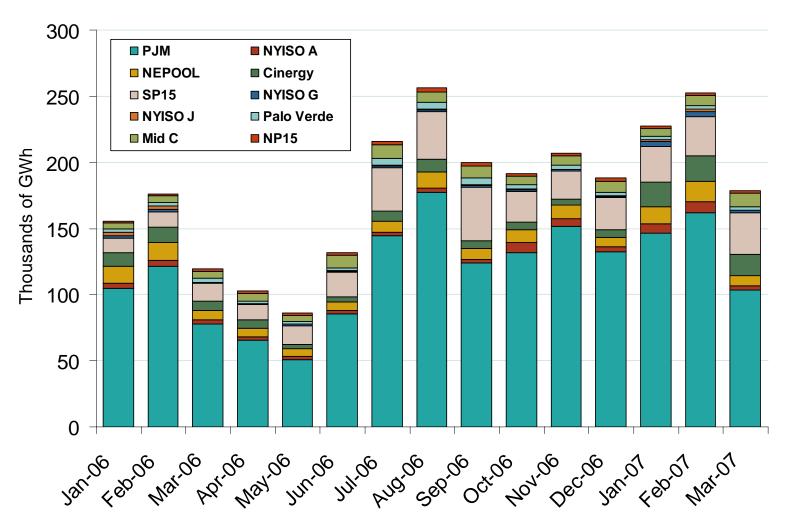
Electric Market National Overview



Weekly U.S. Electric Generation Output and Temperatures



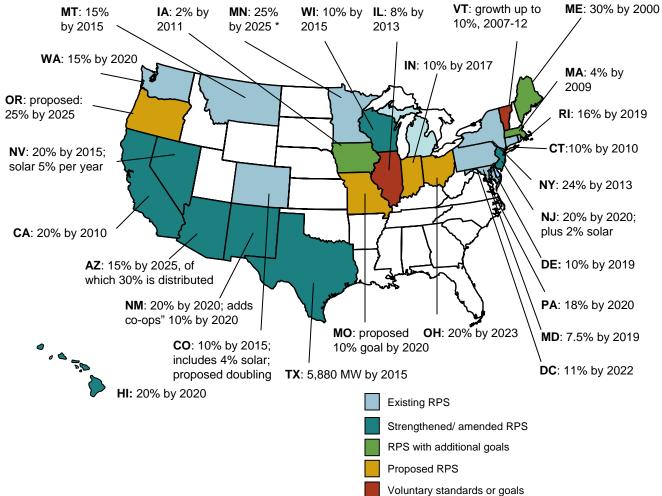
Financial Trading on ICE



Source: Derived from ICE data. ICE on-peak forward and swap volumes include monthly, dual monthly, quarterly, and calendar year contracts traded for each month.

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards (RPS)

- A RPS requires a percent of energy sales or installed capacity to come from renewable resources.
- 21 states and DC have renewable energy standards. Two states have goals only. Minnesota changed its goal to a law in Feb. 2007.
- Some states added nonbinding goals to the mandated RPS, including Maine, Massachusetts, and Iowa.
- Three RPS bills are pending in state legislatures; others have been introduced in Congress proposing a national RPS.
- Forty-five percent of U.S. load is in a state with a renewable energy purchase obligation.
- Fifteen states include energy efficiency in an RPS or related rule.



* Minnesota's requirement for Xcel Energy exceeds the state RPS; it is 30% by 2020. Sources: Derived from data in: EEI, EIA, LBNL, PUCs, State legislative tracking services, Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency, and the Union of Concerned Scientists.