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## **Heat wave contributes to higher summer electricity demand in the Northeast**

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In its new energy forecast, the U.S. Energy Information Administration expects summer retail electricity prices in the Northeast to be 2.7 percent higher than last summer...mainly due to rising costs for the fuels used to generate electricity.

Many households ran their air conditioners more than usual last month to try to beat the East Coast heat wave. While customers in New England are expected to use 1 percent more electricity during the peak summer months of June through August compared with last year, other regions such as the Midwest are experiencing a much milder summer, with electricity use expected to be about 9 percent less than last year.

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