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# A Few Thoughts on the Empire State IPPNY Annual Meeting

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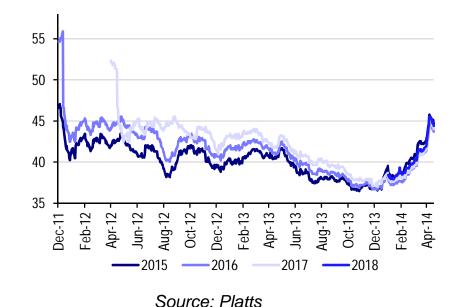


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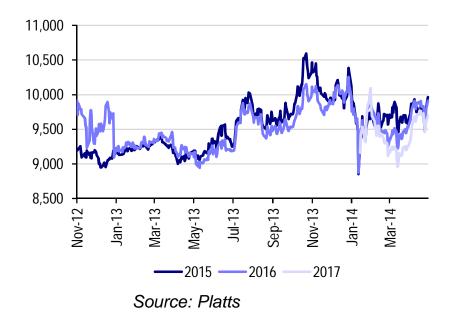
#### Where are we today?

Power Prices (and Markets) Have Recovered Some..

- Are we looking at some of the best years yet?
  - Counterpoint: Staring down from the top of the market even?







#### PJM West ATC Heat Rates (btu/KWh)

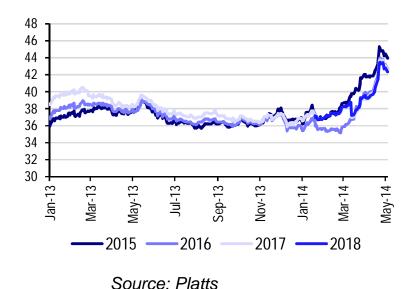
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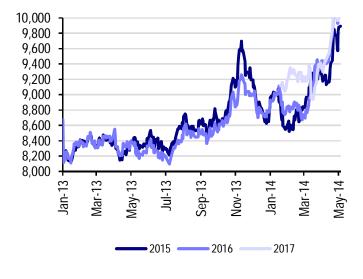
#### ... Even Upstate Has Recovered

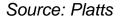
- It's not just been PJM, but New York too..
  - We're surprise by the recovery in upstate in particular
  - Nuclear retirement talk has enabled some talk, but it appears gas driven too...

That appears unlikely/unsustainable.

NYISO Zone A – ATC Power Prices (\$/MWh)



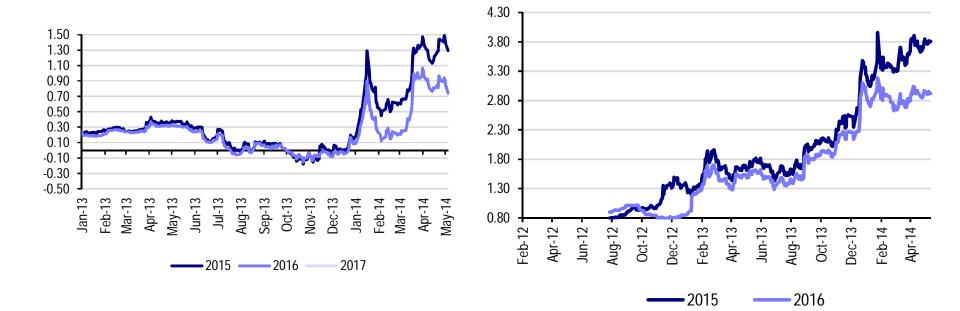




#### NYISO Zone A – ATC Heat Rates (btu/KWh)

#### Driven by Gas Price Recovery in the Region

- Continued recovery in Algonquin prices since 2012.
  - Transco has been recovering nicely since early this year



#### TransCo – Zone 6 Basis (\$/MMBtu)

#### Source: Platts

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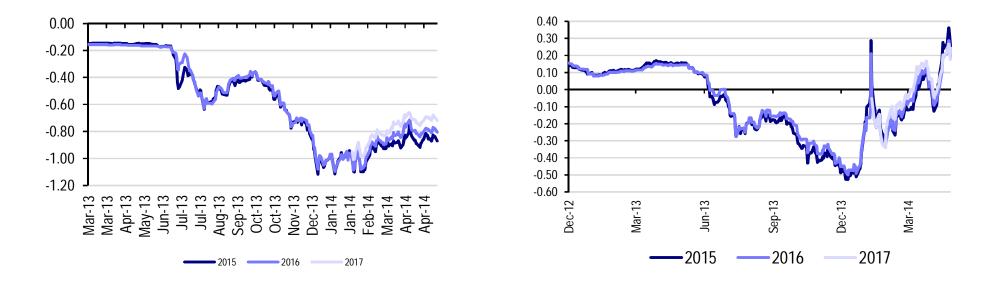
Algonquin (\$/MMBtu)



## Structural or Cyclical Headwind in Gas Prices?

Dramatic fall in Delivered Cost of Gas

Dominion South Point Forwards \$/MMBtu TETCO M3 (NJ-PA) \$/MMBtu



• When will the gas <u>takeaway</u> issues get resolved?

## The Debate: Will Supply Outstrip Demand?

Eventually, yes, but right now, not so sure

- What's the new pipeline sources?
  - <u>New York:</u> Constitution (0.6 bcf/d) and further expansion of Millennium Pipeline (0.2-0.5 bcf/d)
  - New Jersey: Expansion of TETCO of
- What's the new demand? Generation primarily.
  - <u>New York:</u> Additional gas capacity to eventually enable IP retirement, includes Danskammer and potentially another contracted CCGT (Cricket Valley?)
  - <u>New Jersey:</u> Hess' Newark Energy Center and LS Powers' West Deptford
- What else is at play?
  - <u>Less Canadian production</u>: How will continued decline in Western Canadian production factor into the Dawn Hub and New England prices?
  - Conversion of Gas to Oil pipelines could exacerbate decline.
- Litany of other moving pieces keep this math approximate— and limited to the winter peak days.

### Add Capacity Market Improvement Too...

- NY Capacity Prices have continued to improve
  - Here too, we think we could be looking at the top of the market
  - New Capacity (namely Hudson Transmission Partners, HTP) will limit any upside
- What about new entrants?
  - We see limited merchant investment outside of contracted constructs
- Exports to New England?
  - Upside to New York prices: clear potential, but would be for 2018/19
  - Mis-match on auction timing

# Capacity Market Forecast : New York Better than Most

- NY Capacity Prices are better than adjacent regions
  - More imports in very near term?

NYISO ICAP Forecast	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011E	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E
NYC Forecast									
Summer ICAP (\$/kW-month)	12.37	6.50	6.75	12.90	13.54	11.70	14.80	16.24	14.00
\$/kW-yr	148.44	78.00	81.00	154.80	162.48	140.40	177.60	194.88	168.00
\$/MW-day	407	214	222	424	445	385	487	534	460
Winter ICAP (\$/kW-month)	5.67	1.91	2.79	4.65	4.60	2.70	4.50	7.54	8.54
\$/kW-yr	68.04	22.92	33.48	55.80	55.20	32.40	54.00	90.48	102.48
\$/MW-day	186	63	92	153	151	89	148	248	281
Annualized (\$/kW-yr)	 100.72	52.22	60.96	105.20	105.04	90.00	121.88	142.68	129.24
\$/MW-day	276	143	167	288	288	247	334	391	354
NY - Rest of State (RoS)									
Summer ICAP (\$/kW-month)	2.25	2.67	3.01	2.47	0.55	1.25	4.20	5.15	4.00
\$/kW-yr	27.00	32.04	36.12	29.64	6.60	15.00	50.40	61.80	48.00
\$/MW-day	74	88	99	81	18	41	138	169	132
Winter ICAP (\$/kW-month)	2.50	1.91	1.77	1.75	0.39	0.15	0.82	2.58	3.58
\$/kW-yr	30.00	22.92	21.24	21.00	4.68	1.80	9.84	30.96	42.96
\$/MW-day	82	63	58	58	13	5	27	85	118
Annualized (\$/kW-yr)	 27.32	27.20	28.64	22.60	5.16	9.74	33.64	46.38	39.68
\$/MW-day	75	75	78	62	14	27	92	127	109
Lower Hudson Valley Estimate									
Summer ICAP (\$/kW-month)								9.96	8.00
\$/kW-yr								119.52	96.00
\$/MW-day								327	263



#### Our Forecast by Market...

Future uplift in New England could be favorable for New York?

ISO New England FCM Results					<u>Actual</u>	Forecasted
FCA Auction #	4	5	6	7'	8	9
Auction Date				4-Feb-13	4-Feb-13	
Period (Years)	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
CONE (Updated)	4.918	5.349	5.723	6.05	6.39	11.08
Increase		9%	7%	6%		New Demand Curve
Clearing Price, \$/kW-month (Actual/Forecasted)	2.95	3.21	3.43	3.15	7.025	
Pro-Rated Price (Actual/Forecasted)	2.52	2.86	3.13	2.88	7.025	11.08
\$/MW-day Equivalent	82.72	94.03	102.87	94.78	230.96	364.27
NEMA (Boston Clearing Price), \$/kW-month [	6.66	15.00	15.00			
\$/MW-day Equivalent				219	493	I

#### ISO-NE Forecast: Updated to Reflect Initial View of Demand Curve

Source: ISO-NE and UBS estimates

### New England Dynamic Bodes well in Medium Term

#### Exporting from New York in the Medium to Long Term

- We read ISO-NE's proposed new demand curve will drive structurally higher prices
  - How much transmission will commit itself forward out of New York?
  - Could this drive new investment in New York too? Yes, in part.
- Expect new Dual-Fueled Capacity to enter the market in New England
- Focus on alleviating gas concerns/resource adequacy could have negative impact to NY
- Higher Net CONE in New England could drive more exports structurally given higher barriers to entry
  - 'Gas by Wire'

#### How about other nearby markets?

PJM likely to be disappointing this week too...

#### PJM Capacity Price Forecast

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	UBSe 2017/18
Resource Clearing Prices (\$/MW-day)					
RTO	\$27.73	\$125.99	\$136.00	\$59.37	\$70.00
EMAAC	\$245.00	\$136.50	\$167.46	\$119.13	\$70.00
SWMAAC	\$226.15	\$136.50	\$167.46	\$119.13	\$70.00
MAAC	\$226.15	\$136.50	\$167.46	\$119.13	\$70.00
DPL-S	\$245.00	\$136.50	\$167.46	\$119.13	\$70.00
PS-N	\$245.00	\$225.00	\$167.46	\$219.00	\$200.00
PSEG	\$245.00	\$136.50	\$167.46	\$219.00	\$200.00
PEPCO	\$247.14	\$136.50	\$167.46	\$119.13	\$70.00
ATSI			\$357.00	\$114.23	\$70.00
Reserve Margin	20.2%	<b>1</b> 9.6%	20.2%	21.1%	

Source: PJM and UBS estimates

### How could PJM-NY Dynamic play out?

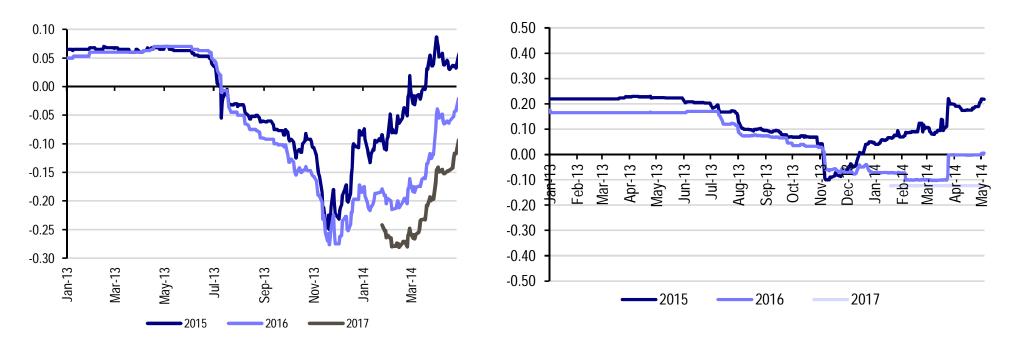
Prices in New York could appear to be higher...

- Question for NYC: will mitigation of HTP limit further imports?
  - How long will it take to work its way through all the mitigated capacity?
- Question for Upstate: is there a reverse flow of capacity to arb. out PJM in RTO/MAAC too?

#### Is PJM "West" Next?

Gas development could yet spread to Utica (and beyond?)

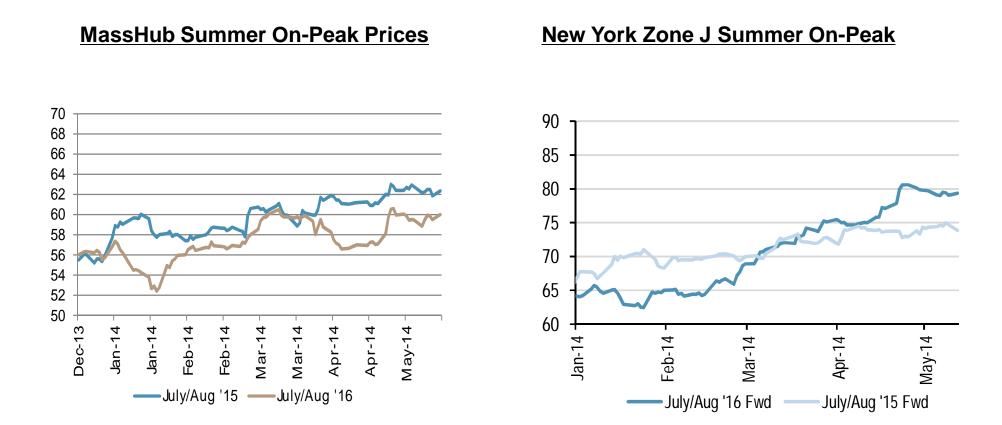
- Utica production remains strong, but liquids-rich
  - 'Associated' gas is the key
- Repurposing of REX Pipeline to *reverse* flow? 2015 is the bifurcating year.
- Beware Ohio Coal Generators....New GAS generators on the come (this Friday?)
  Chicago Citygate (\$/MMBtu)
  Dawn Hub (\$/MMBtu)



#### Gas Constraints to Save the Day?

Where are we today?

• Has been the case in NY and New England for Some Time... But Now PJM as well

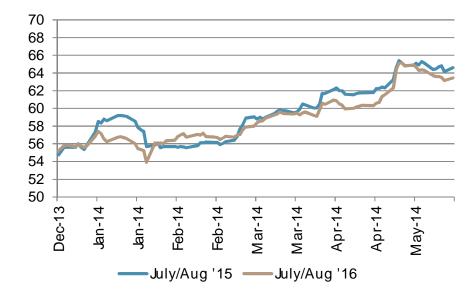


Source: Platts

### Adding PJM to that List

Winter Eclipses Summer for 'Value' Argument

• Commodity Recovery *Rather* Than Power Supply/Demand (Heat Rate) Recovery?



#### **PJM West- Summer On-Peak Prices**

Source: Platts

## Major NY Theme #1: Lacking Faith in Markets?

Can New York be trusted?

- Continued bifurcation on contracting efforts between NEW and OLD is challenging
  - How can 'merchant' new build truly occur
  - Faith is in maintaining the capacity construct, and at the whim of regulators
- More value locked up in Spark Spreads, rather than capacity
  - Regulatory risk in these cash flows is limited
- Focus of late in LHV around restructured markets and emergency order
  - What is the purpose of LHV?
  - Can there be new build in current context?

# Major Theme #2: Can New York afford the retirements?

**RGGI Math would suggest limited palatability of this** 

- We expect New York state to step in to save the units
  - Help out Ginna, and even Nine Mile / Fitzpatrick eventually?
- Energy Highway goal appears to be geared towards enabling IP shutdown? Precludes others?
- Question is whether state has adequate gas supply?
  - Dual fuel is clearly here to stay.

Emission Increases from 'At Risk' Nuclear Units in Northeast

2014 New York RGGI Carbon Allowances Budget (short tons)								
			Total RGGI					
		% of Total	Carbon					
	CO <sub>2</sub> Adjusted	Adjusted RGGI	Allowances					
CO <sub>2</sub> Base Budget	Budget	Сар	Budget					
35,288,822	32,033,582	39%	91,000,000					

Source: RGGI

					Emissions from	
				Net Generation	Retirement	% of NY
Plant Name	Owners	State	MW	(MWh)	(short tons)	Budget
Indian Point 2	Entergy	NY	1,031	7,934,995	4,364,247	12%
Indian Point 3	Entergy	NY	1,044	9,002,057	4,951,131	14%
James A. FitzPatrick	Entergy	NY	848	6,070,526	3,338,789	9%
R.E. Ginna	Exelon, etc	NY	582	4,601,719	2,530,945	7%
Nine <mark>M</mark> ile	Exelon, etc	NY	1,785	13,165,263	7,240,895	21%
Total for New York					22,426,008	64%
Pilgrim	Entergy	MA	683	5,859,540	3,222,747	
Vermont Yankee	Entergy	VT	604	4,989,338	2,744,136	

Figure 3: RGGI under New '14 Budget (in Short Tons)

## Major NY Theme #3: Utility of the Future?

How much pain for the incumbents to come?

- More <u>regulated investments</u>
  - Subsidizing behind the meter investments
  - Enabling a rate-regulated construct again?
- Limiting demand growth
  - Expect a negative outlook for metered demand
- Accelerating and subsidizing new renewables
  - But that enables a growth investment for some?

#### Major NY Theme #4: ... and No Rate Inflation?

... Just this year. It matters more than most.

- Gubernatorial election year.. Despite any real challenger emerging?
- ConEd rate freeze illustrates this thesis
- Following this last winter, clear desire to avoid repeat of 'rate shock'
  - Numerous complaints to PSC exacerbate this policy directive
- Long-term: goals will drive inflation
  - Goal appears to be disproportionate

# Major NY Theme #5: ... and What about Fuel Diversity?

Inability to develop gas pipelines could be leading edge of problem

- Do delays in pipeline development impede shutdown of Indian Point?
- What about ramifications for New England gas adequacy?
  - Limits ability for pipes to ease pressure on expansions
  - New England Governors' intiative is emphasizing midstream development whereas NY appears to be de-emphasizing
- Focus is on <u>new pipeline</u>
  - But what about expansion of existing?

## The Renewables Are Coming

Watch Out!

- Robust outlook for new renewables
  - Rush to the door on PTC expiration
  - Robust capacity factor expectations... even low CF sites are now growing in Northeast!
- Effectively equivalent to new gas assets being added to market
  - Compare to Europe?
    - 1) No demand growth, but new supply based on subsidies
    - 2) PTCs drive negative prices
- Where is this relevant?
  - Particularly in California : duck chart
  - Midwest: Total MWhs added matter
  - Flexibility attributes will increasingly matter
- No fuel costs to renewables
  - Increasing penetration will driven prices down, below that of other fuel sources
  - Akin to nuclear assets, with limited marginal costs

-> Subsidized Renewables.. <u>Not</u> Subsidized Gas?

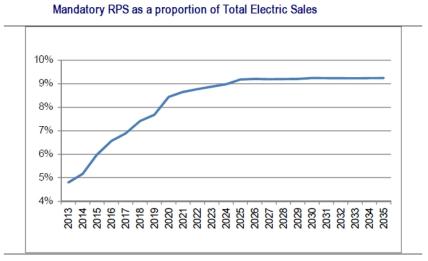
### Renewables: Exceeding Demand?

#### Cumulative US build exceeds forecasted EIA demand growth through 2020

Table 9: Incremental Renewable Requirements vs. Projected Incremental Retail Sales (GWh)

(GWh)	Incremental Renewable Generation Required (2020)	Total Incremental Retail Sales Projected (2020)	Discrepency
AZ	3,784	9,283	5,499
CA	57,231	21,834	(35,398
CO	5,715	7,193	1,478
CT <sup>1</sup>		1,456	
DE	1,162	373	(789
HI	1,667	519	(1,148
IA			
IL	17,077	7,229	(9,848
KS	3,140	1,283	(1,857
MA <sup>2</sup>	5,944	2,709	(3,235
MD	6,882	2,069	(4,813
ME		557	
MN <sup>3</sup>	11,218	3,624	(7,594
MO	4,259	2,291	(635
MT		1,589	
NC	8,162	9,968	(6,574
NH	1,850	530	(1,320
NJ⁴		2,500	
NM	2,850	2,854	4
NV	880	4,201	3,321
OH	10,695	7,829	(2,866
OR	6,252	5,435	(817
PA <sup>1</sup>	6,404	4,838	(1,566
RI		377	
TX <sup>1</sup>			
WA <sup>1</sup>	4,713	10,799	6,087
WI			
Total	159,884	111,340	(62,068
Total without CA	102,652	89,507	(26,671
Notes:			

- Assumes Build out to Existing RPS Standards
  - Some states poised to increase?
  - Will likely be regionally concentrated



Source: EIA, Berkeley National Laboratory

Source: LBNL, SNL, and UBS estimates



## On the (Bleeding) Edge

Negative Hours of Pricing are growing

- Power Prices are even *negative* for growing portion of time due to Production Tax Credits (PTCs)
- Negative Pricing pushes intersection of renewable policy against decarbonization policy
  - Offsetting subsidies to 'save the nukes' will be state-driven?

	# hours with negative pricing	average negative price (\$/MWh)	% of hours with negative prices
2006	0	0	0%
2007	0	0	0%
2008	20	(2.57)	0.23%
2009	129	(4.12)	1.47%
2010	213	(6.11)	2.43%
2011	133	(3.39)	1.52%
2012	337	(7.77)	3.85%
2013	101	(15.35)	1.15%

#### Quad Cities Day Ahead LMP Prices

Quad Cities Average LMP Prices (\$/MWh)

Vh)	(\$/MWh	Average LMF
.02	41.0	2006
.17	44.1	2007
8. <mark>07</mark>	48.0	2008
5.23	25.2	2009
. <mark>87</mark>	27.8	2010
. <mark>0</mark> 9	27.0	2011
).71	20.7	2012
5. <mark>36</mark>	25.3	2013

Source: PJM; \*\*2013 is YTD

Source: SNL

2013 as of Oct, 2013



## Zero Marginal Cost?

The Future of Power Markets

- Markets will need to response to these signals
- Does the future look more like energy or capacity markets
  - Intermittency and operational metrics will matter more
  - How will 'merchant' renewables ever be incentivized? Not with Energy?
- Still does not bode well for steam generation based technologies
  - Nuclear and Coal remain fragile
- Capacity markets appropriately redirect compensation towards fixed payments
  - Infrastructure business naturally attempts to *match* duration of assets with cash flows

## Permissible Bidding Strategies are Key

Focus on what retiring units are allowed to bid

- Trend in a market without load growth is towards Free Cash Flow Breakeven
  - The question is about asset rationalization to meet load forecast, NOT new entry
  - One capacity source is *cannibalizing another* with a lower fixed cost structure
- The key questions remains what are permissible bidding strategies by participants
  - What is my appropriate variable cost?
  - Recovery ON and OF Capital: That is to say:
    - 1) 'Return on Equity'
    - 2) Depreciation

**Bifurcation in the sector** 

- Seeing the gradual De-Integration of the Sector?
  - Many companies in PJM never required divestment
  - Investment profile increasingly bifurcated:
    - --> Regulated Utility ideal is stable dividend
    - --> Merchant Business Model emphasizes commodity leverage
  - Will see this continue to unfold in coming year:

PPL, AEP, DUK... eventually others to follow? What will EXC do?

- All about valuation arbitrage between metrics
  - EV/EBITDA vs. P/E Equity Valuations
  - What is a Business worth that :
    - a) generates no earnings?
    - B) generates no cash?
- Does current capitalization enable a **spin** or **sale**?

#### Is There a Bid for Yield?

**Contracted Generation Model Vindicated** 

- Success of NRG Yield heralds new focus
  - Contracted IPP Business model, primarily for renewables
- Bifurcation in equity markets between those with dividend and those without
  - Increasing premium for dividend growth
- Is it sustainable?
  - Accretive to acquire.. Until it's not.
  - Depleting assets? Contracts are 'above-market' by design.
  - Contract tenor: what's the coverage

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