CALPINE ENERGY SOLUTIONS

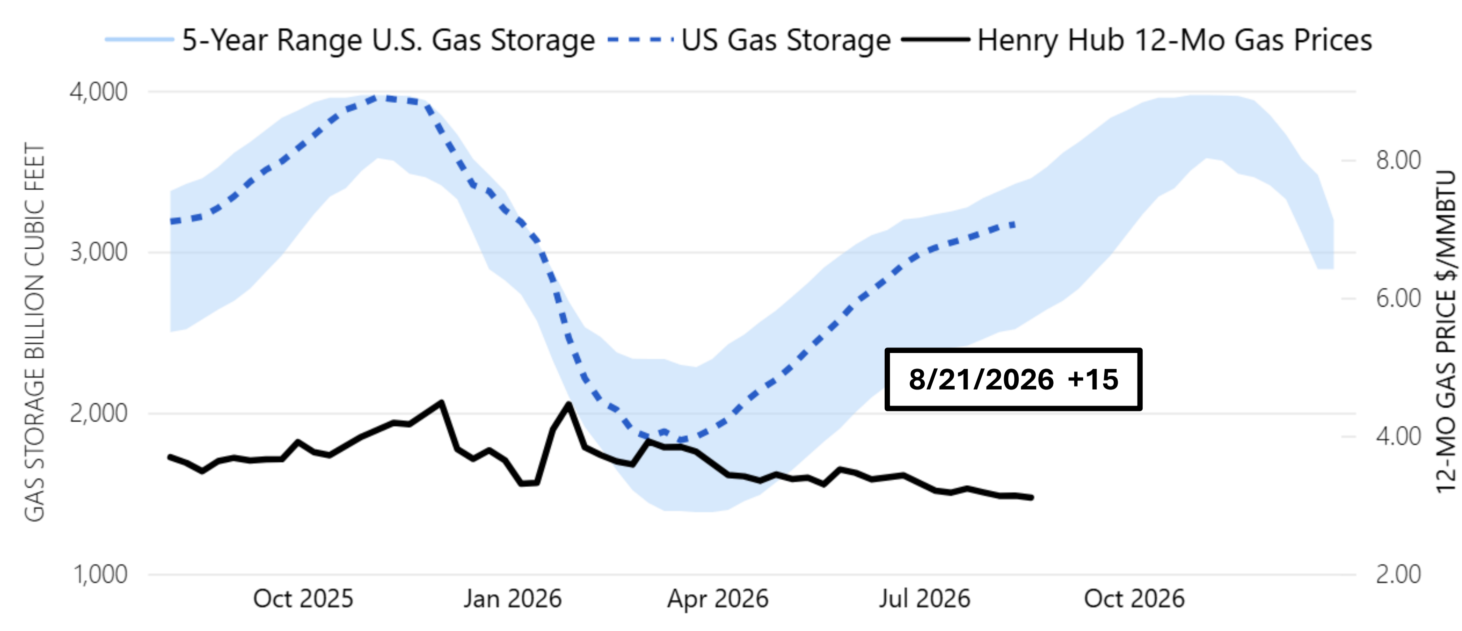
Weekly Market Update

Week of August 27th, 2026

NATURAL GAS STORAGE UPDATE:

The EIA reported Thursday morning that, for the week ending **August 21**, U.S. inventories acquired **15 Bcf**, roughly 21% less than the anticipated fortification of 19 Bcf. Total stockpiles now stand at 3,184 Bcf, down by 0.9% since a year ago but 5.5% above the five-year average for the same week.

The reported injection, the smallest of the current injection season, raised futures prices immediately after the announcement. At the time of this writing, the NYMEX Henry Hub prompt month of September, which expires today, rose by $0.056/MMBtu from Wednesday's closing to $2.898/MMBtu, still near the lower end of its range over the past 18 months. The averages for spot prices at PG&E Citygate and SoCal Citygate over the past seven days have increased by 10% and 14%, respectively, since last week's reported averages to $3.61/MMBtu and $4.33/MMBtu.



REGIONAL UPDATE:

WEST

Amid elevated temperatures and strong cooling load, cloud cover has undermined solar output across California, reducing the availability of some of the region's most inexpensive resources and forcing CAISO to rely more heavily on natural gas-fired generation to meet demand. The combination of impaired solar production and strong afternoon load has tightened the evening net-load ramp and significantly increased price volatility during non-solar hours. Indeed, Real-Time LMPs exceeded $1,000/MWh at several locations on Wednesday evening, contributing to a sharp increase in market-wide prices. The Real-Time average for this week reached $80.69/MWh, more than double the average for last week.

ERCOT

Spot prices have quietly begun to climb out of the cellar this week, notching high triple-digit prints in four of the last five days during those critical night hours. Consequently, the average for August has vaulted from just less than $30/MWh to more than $35/MWh. These prices are more than 10% above the figures from last month and 5% above the figures from the same time last year. Conversely, term prices have eroded further out the curve. All of the strips for CY2027-CY2030 have fallen by $1.00-$1.50/MWh, depending on term, and contango for that period is now nearly $12/MWh. In the North Hub, CY2027 is trading above $42/MWh.

MW

Mild weather and weak demand have depressed regional LMPs this week. In Indy Hub and AD Hub, Day Ahead prices are averaging $38/MWh while Real Time prices are in the neighborhood of $35-$38/MWh. In NI Hub, both Day Ahead and Real Time prices are hovering in a lower range of $32-$34/MWh. Warmer weather, plus weak wind generation, is expected to put significant upward pressure on LMPs next week.

EAST

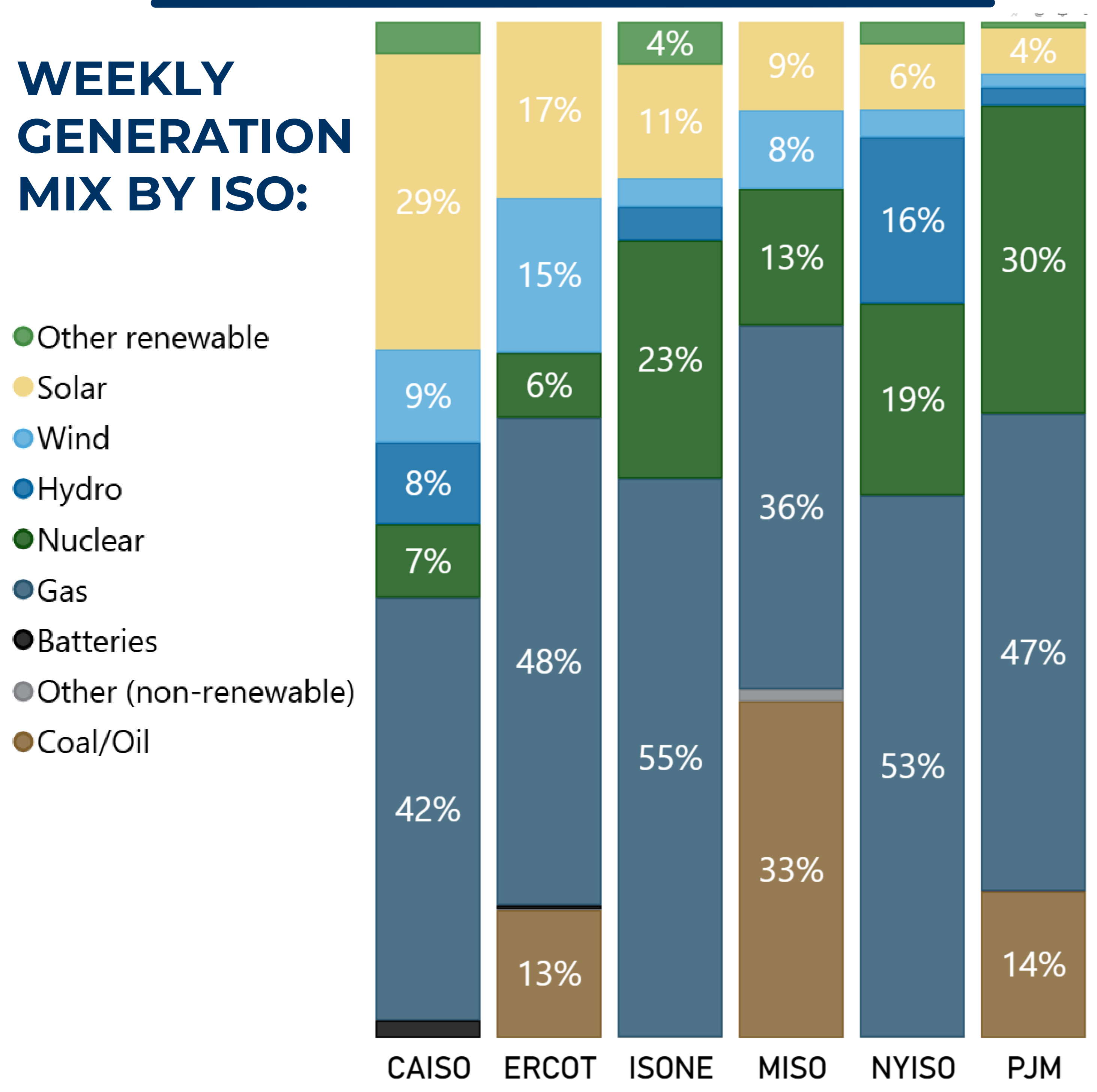
As tolerable temperatures between the upper 70s and low 80s suppressed cooling load this week, prices fell across nearly all regional markets. In PJM Western Hub, both Day Ahead and Real Time prices are averaging $39/MWh. In NYISO Hudson Valley/NYC, they are averaging $45.07/MWh and $46.73/MWh, respectively. In ISO-NE WCMASS, the figures are $42.83/MWh and $51.51/MWh. While the cooling load in PJM on Monday is projected to reach 150 GW, which would be the highest peak at this threshold since July 16, the Northeast should start September with a similarly bullish outlook for cooling load amid forecasts of heat and humidity on Monday and Tuesday.

REAL TIME PRICES:

8/20/2026 – 8/26/2026

ISO	RT Average	Off Peak	On Peak	Max	Weekly Change
CAISO	$75.01	$77.49	$73.15	$1,182.89	$33.25 ↑
MISO	$33.21	$27.88	$39.07	$301.33	($19.70) ↓
NEISO	$50.77	$47.08	$54.83	$210.61	$2.38 ↑
NYISO	$42.66	$39.01	$46.66	$258.48	($14.29) ↓
PJM	$36.18	$28.96	$44.10	$489.43	($24.85) ↓

WEEKLY GENERATION MIX BY ISO:



WEEKLY WEATHER UPDATE:

The 1-to-5 day forecast period will be warmer than usual in most of the U.S., particularly so in the center of the country, but the very southeastern corner and the stretch from Northern California through Washington, where temperatures will be average and below average, respectively, will be spared. While practically all regions east of the Rockies should be sweltering throughout the 6-to-10 day forecast period, that same tract in the Pacific Northwest should remain relatively cool. By the 11-to-15 day forecast period, temperatures should be typical in the Great Lakes and Northeast but at least somewhat elevated in the rest of the U.S.

In addition to this weather outlook, please see the 8–14-day temperature and precipitation outlooks below, which show the probability of above, near, or below-normal conditions for the week ahead.