

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee Meeting:  
**Nuclear Power & Generation Dispatch**

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# About Exelon



## Generation

Nation's largest producer of clean energy  
More than 31,000 MW of owned capacity  
Generates enough electricity to power 20 million homes and businesses

## Competitive Energy Sales

Retail and wholesale sales through Constellation business unit  
~2 million residential, public sector and business customers  
Two-thirds of Fortune 100 companies

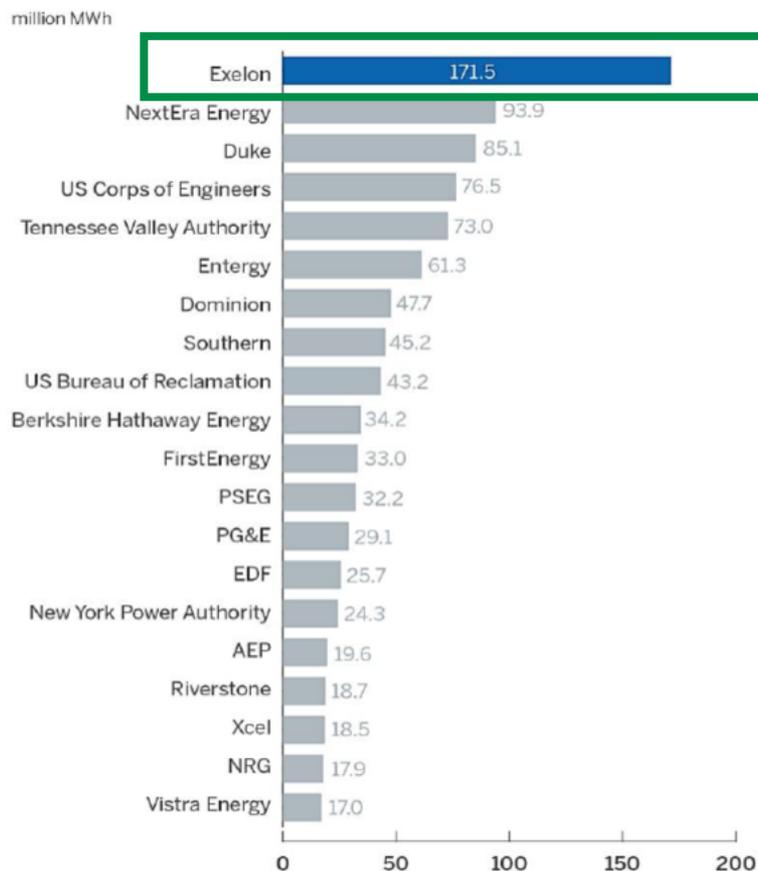
## Transmission and Delivery

Six utilities delivering electricity and natural gas to more than 10 million customers: BGE (MD), ComEd (IL), Delmarva (DE and MD), PECO (PA), Pepco (D.C. and MD), Atlantic City Electric (NJ)

Committed to powering a cleaner and brighter future for our customers and communities

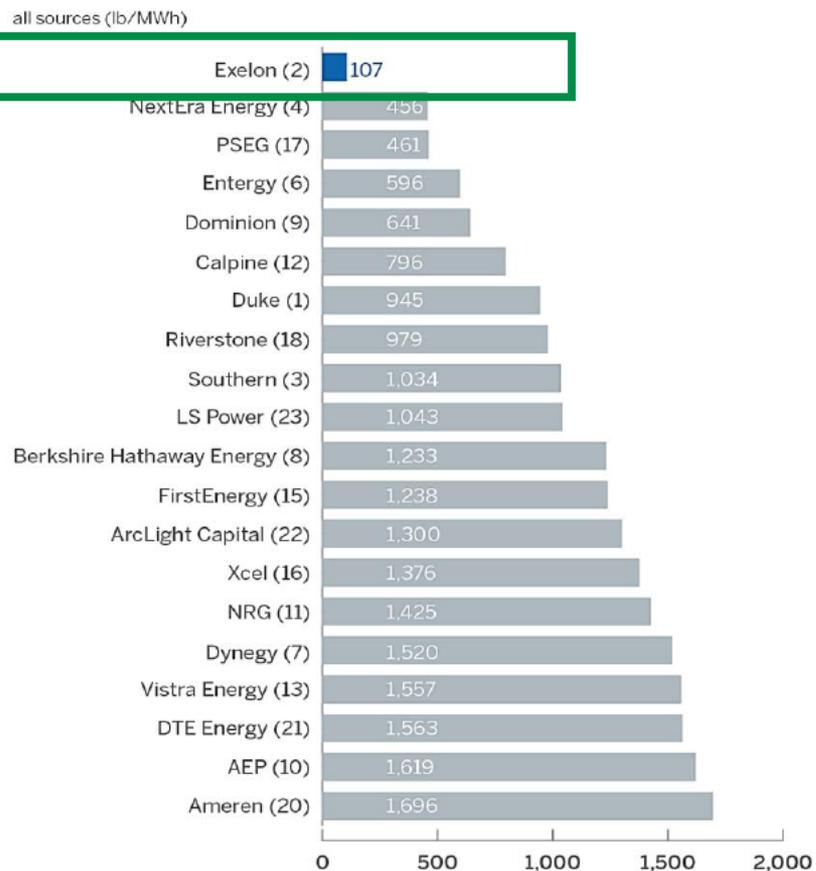
# Exelon Generation: Leader in Zero-Carbon Electricity Production

## TOP 20 LARGEST PRODUCERS OF ZERO-CARBON GENERATION



Source: Benchmarking Air Emissions of the 100 Largest Electric Power Producers in the United States, M.J. Bradley & Associates (June 2019). Data used in the benchmarking report was calendar year 2017.

## CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSION RATES OF THE TOP 20 INVESTOR-OWNED POWER PRODUCERS



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# Exelon Generation Nuclear Fleet – Largest in the Nation



Exelon Nuclear owns and operates the largest fleet of nuclear plants in the nation. The fleet consists of 22 reactors at 13 locations in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey and New York.

# Exelon Generation Pennsylvania Nuclear Units

## Limerick Generating Station



- Limerick Twp., Montgomery County
- Number of Units: 2 operating units
- Began Providing Power: 1986/1990
- Remaining Useful Life: 28/33 yrs
- Net MW: 2,317 MW
- Customers Served: More than 2 million homes
- Total Employees: 890
- Annual Payroll: Approximately \$86M
- Annual Contractor and Outage Contractor Spend: \$52M

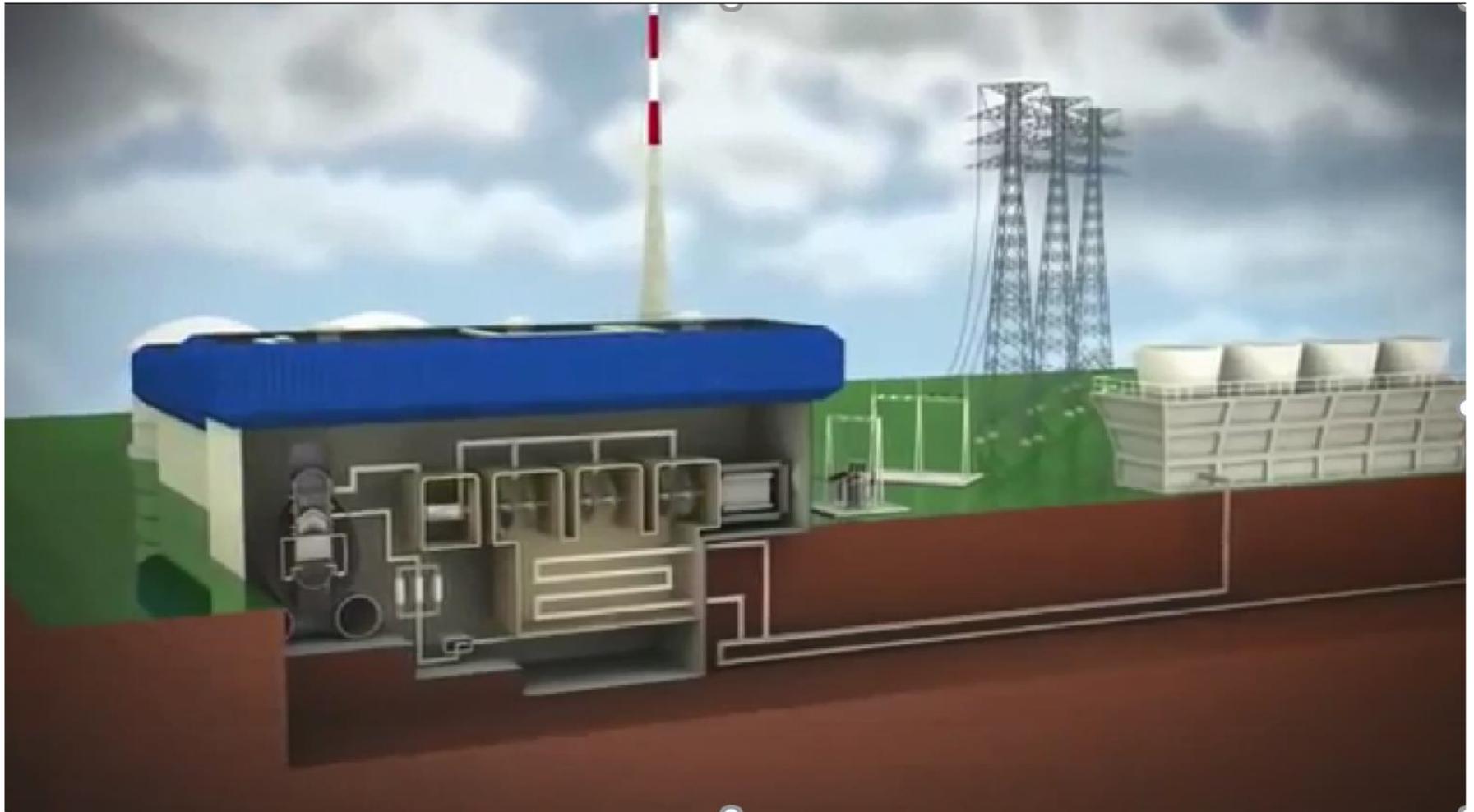
## Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station



- Delta Borough, York County
- Number of Units: 2 operating units
- Began Providing Power: 1974/1974
- Remaining Useful Life: License extension - 2054
- Net MW: 2,599 MW
- Customers Served: More than 2.25M homes
- Total Employees: 870
- Annual Payroll: Approximately \$81M
- Annual Contractor & Outage Contractor Spend: \$50M

Exelon Nuclear Headquarters – Kennett Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania - 650 employees

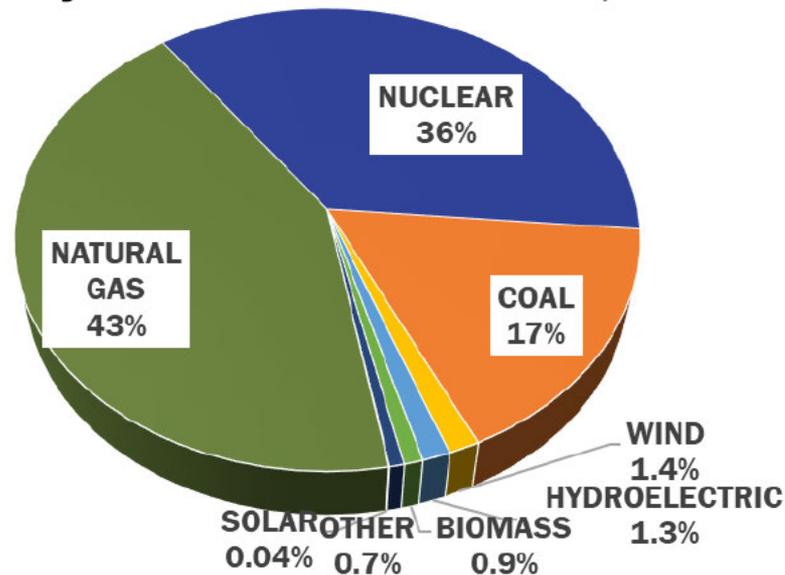
# How a Boiling Water Reactor Works



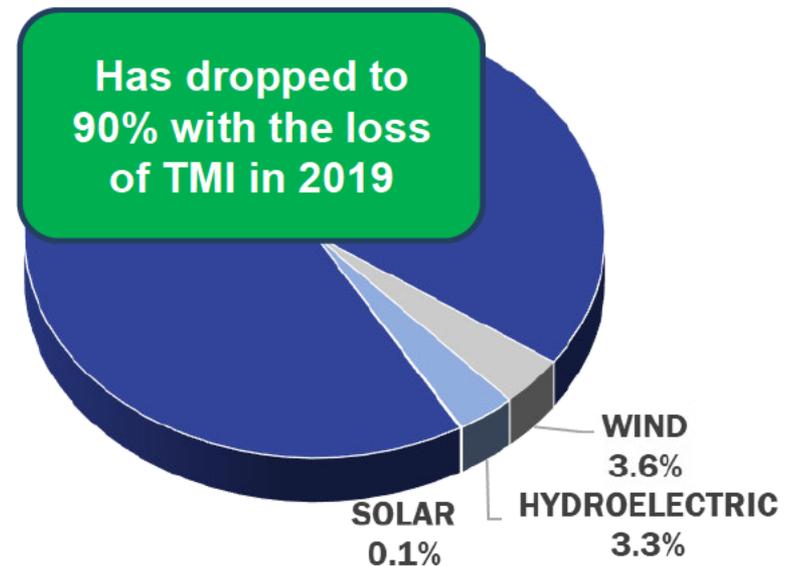
# Pennsylvania Energy Overview

- Most Pennsylvania electricity generation is from nuclear, gas and coal
- In 2019 Nuclear provided 36% of Pennsylvania's electricity
  - Over twice as much as coal
  - 25 times as much as wind and solar combined
  - 13 times as much as all renewables when hydroelectric is included

## Pennsylvania Generation Mix, 2019



## Zero-Carbon Energy Mix, 2019

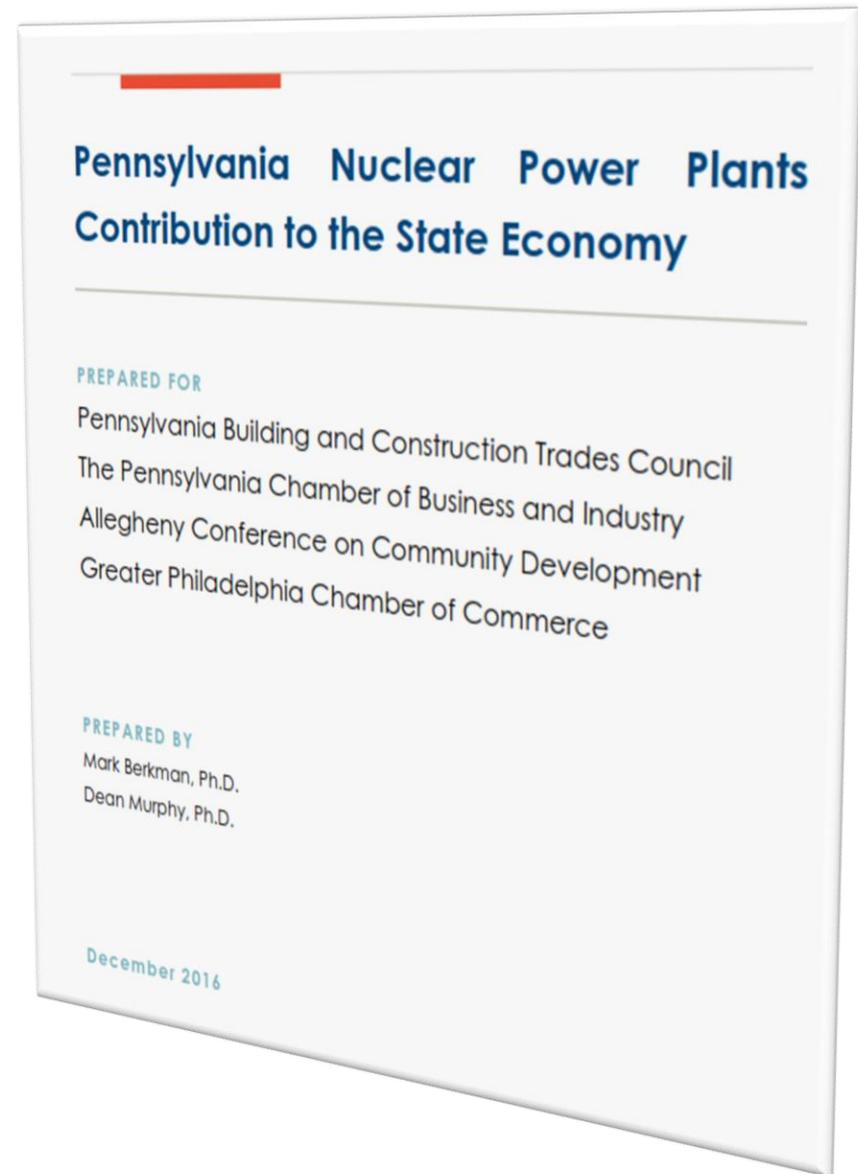


Source: Pennsylvania 2019 Generation from EIA State Generation Monthly (Dec. 2020)

# Pennsylvania Nuclear Plants Drive State Economic Activity

## Nuclear plants in Pennsylvania drive the economy and provide good jobs

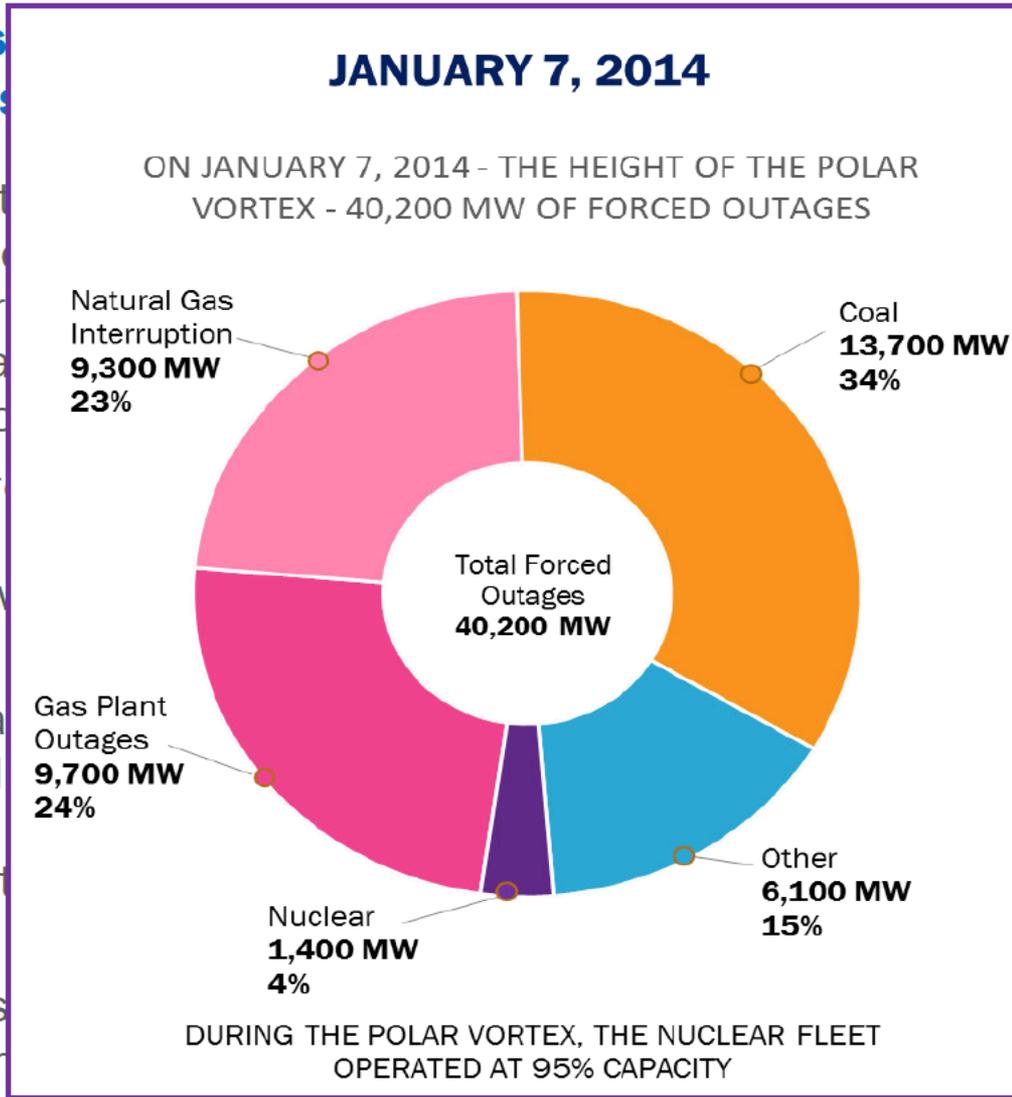
- Inject \$3.1 billion annually into the Pennsylvania economy
- \$2 billion in state gross domestic product (GDP) – Net impacts that would be permanently lost without the nuclear plants
- Directly employ 4,700 workers
- Create more than 11,200 additional jobs in other industries in Pennsylvania
- About 16,000 in-state jobs
- Are responsible for \$69 million dollars of in-state tax revenues annually
- Support hundreds of vital community organizations



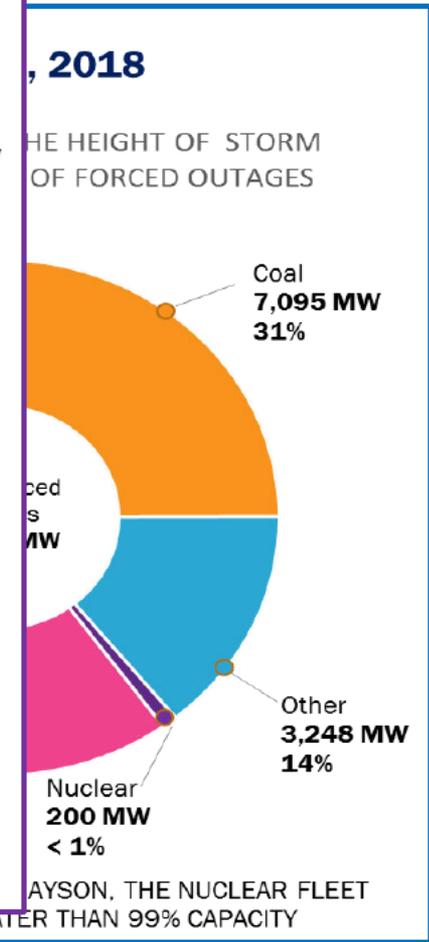
# Nuclear Energy Has Unparalleled Reliability

## Pennsylvania's reliable and res

- Nuclear plants have the highest capacity factor of any energy source, regardless of time of day, and can operate for months without refueling.
- This kind of reliable, base-load output is not available from any other "all-weather" energy source.
- During the January 2014 Polar Vortex - like the Polar Vortex earlier - coal, gas, and generator outages due to lack of fuel availability were common.
- Nuclear units have the highest availability and are a key to energy supply.



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Source: PJM Cold Weather Summary (1/9/18)

## Nuclear Generation - Pennsylvania's Carbon-Free Leader

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8 operating reactors in Pennsylvania, 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of all U.S. states

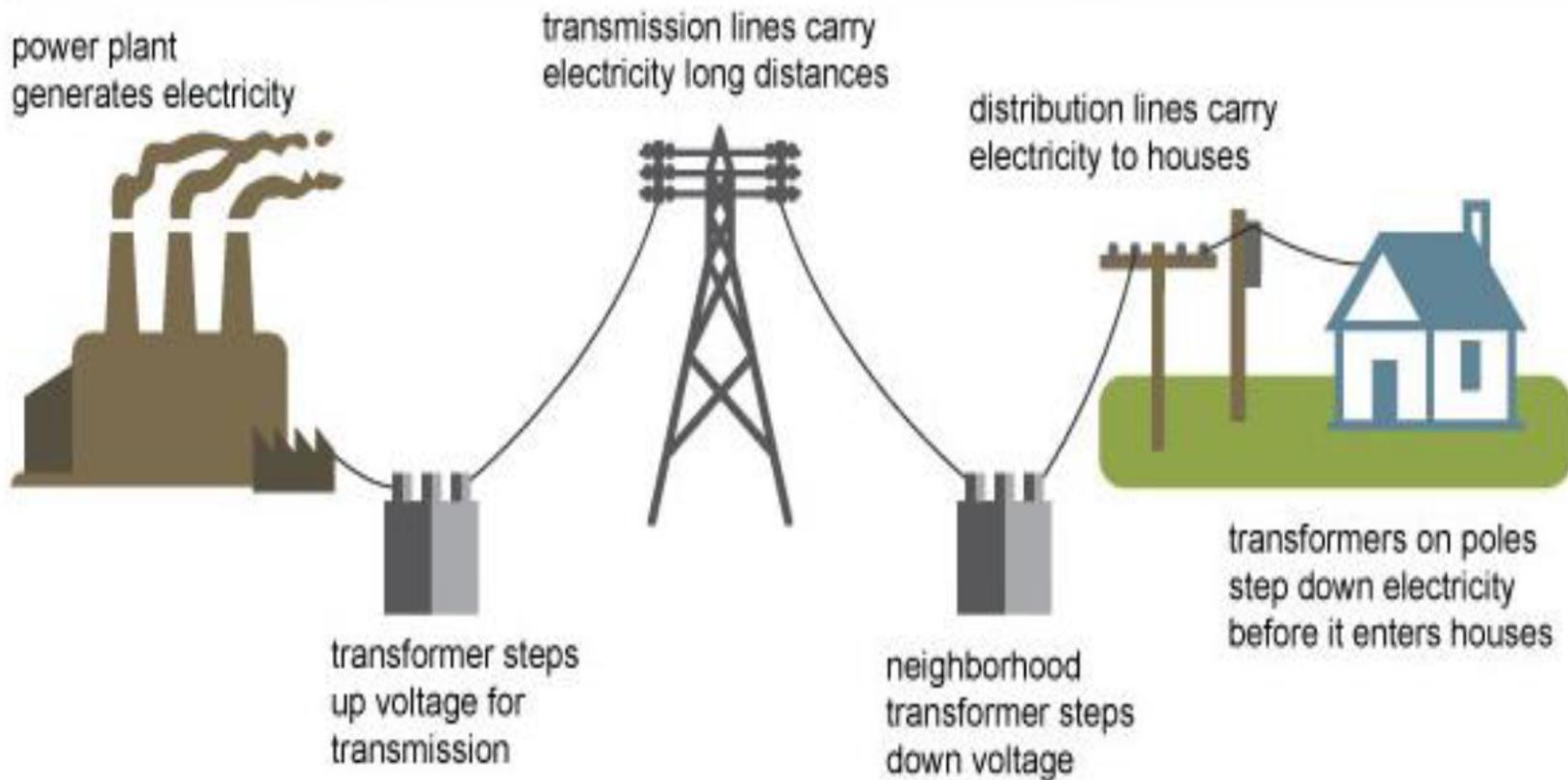
In Pennsylvania, nuclear energy generates 1/3 of in-state electricity and 90% of carbon-free electricity

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# Nuclear Dispatch

# Bulk Electric Power System

## Electricity generation, transmission, and distribution

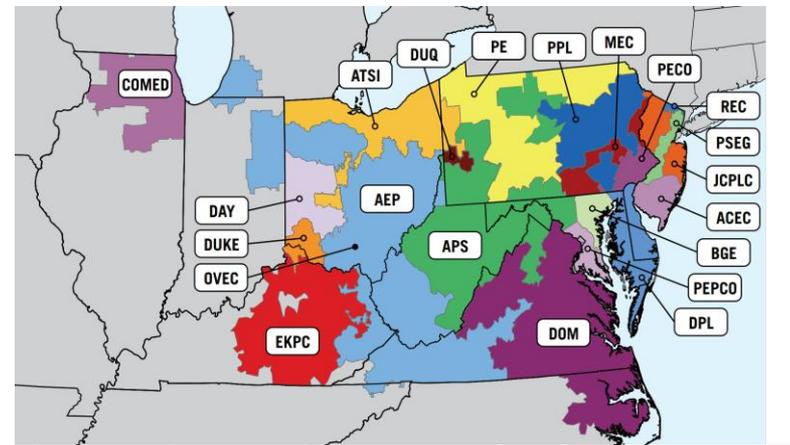


Source: Adapted from National Energy Education Development Project (public domain)

# PJM - Overview

PJM Interconnection is a regional transmission organization (RTO) that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in all or parts of Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, **Pennsylvania**, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

- A neutral, independent party.
- PJM operates a competitive wholesale electricity market and manages the high-voltage electricity grid to ensure reliability for more than 65 million people.
- PJM's long-term regional planning process provides a broad, interstate perspective that identifies the most effective and cost-efficient improvements to the grid to ensure reliability and economic benefits on a system-wide basis.
- An independent Board oversees PJM's activities.



## Legend

### ZONE

■ Allegheny Power Systems (APS)	■ East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC)
■ American Electric Power Co., Inc. (AEP)	■ Jersey Central Power and Light Co. (JCPLC)
■ American Transmission Systems, Inc. (ATSI)	■ Metropolitan Edison Company (MEC)
■ Atlantic City Electric Company (ACEC)	● Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC)
■ Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE)	■ PPL Electric Utilities (PPL)
■ ComEd (COMED)	■ PECO Energy (PECO)
■ Dayton Power and Light Company (DAY)	■ Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO)
■ Delmarva Power and Light Company (DPL)	■ Public Service Electric and Gas Co. (PSEG)
■ Dominion (DOM)	■ Rockland Electric Company (REC)
■ Duke Energy Ohio and Kentucky (DUKE)	
■ Duquesne Light (DUQ)	

# PJM - Differences Between Energy and Capacity Markets

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## PJM Energy Market Function:

- Secures electricity to meet consumer demand in real time and near-term
  - Includes: Real-Time and Day-Ahead markets
  - Portion of wholesale electricity cost: 63 percent (2018)

## PJM Capacity Market Function:

- Ensures the future availability of power supplies three years in advance
  - Portion of wholesale electricity cost: 20 percent (2018)

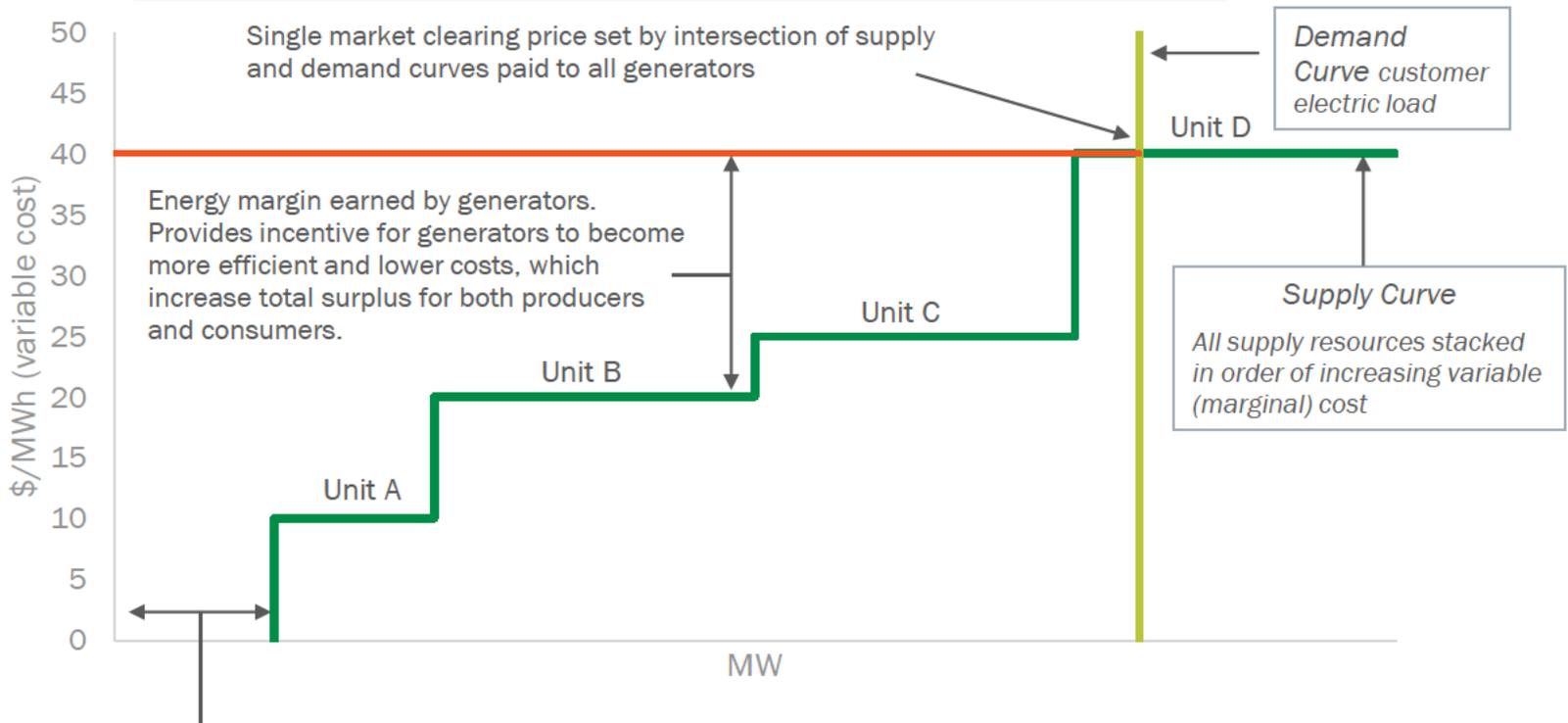
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## PJM Ancillary Services Markets Function:

- Helps balance the system as it moves electricity from generating resources to consumers
  - Includes: Regulation, Reserve Markets
  - Portion of wholesale electricity price: Less than 1 percent (2018)

# Energy Price Formation In Competitive Markets

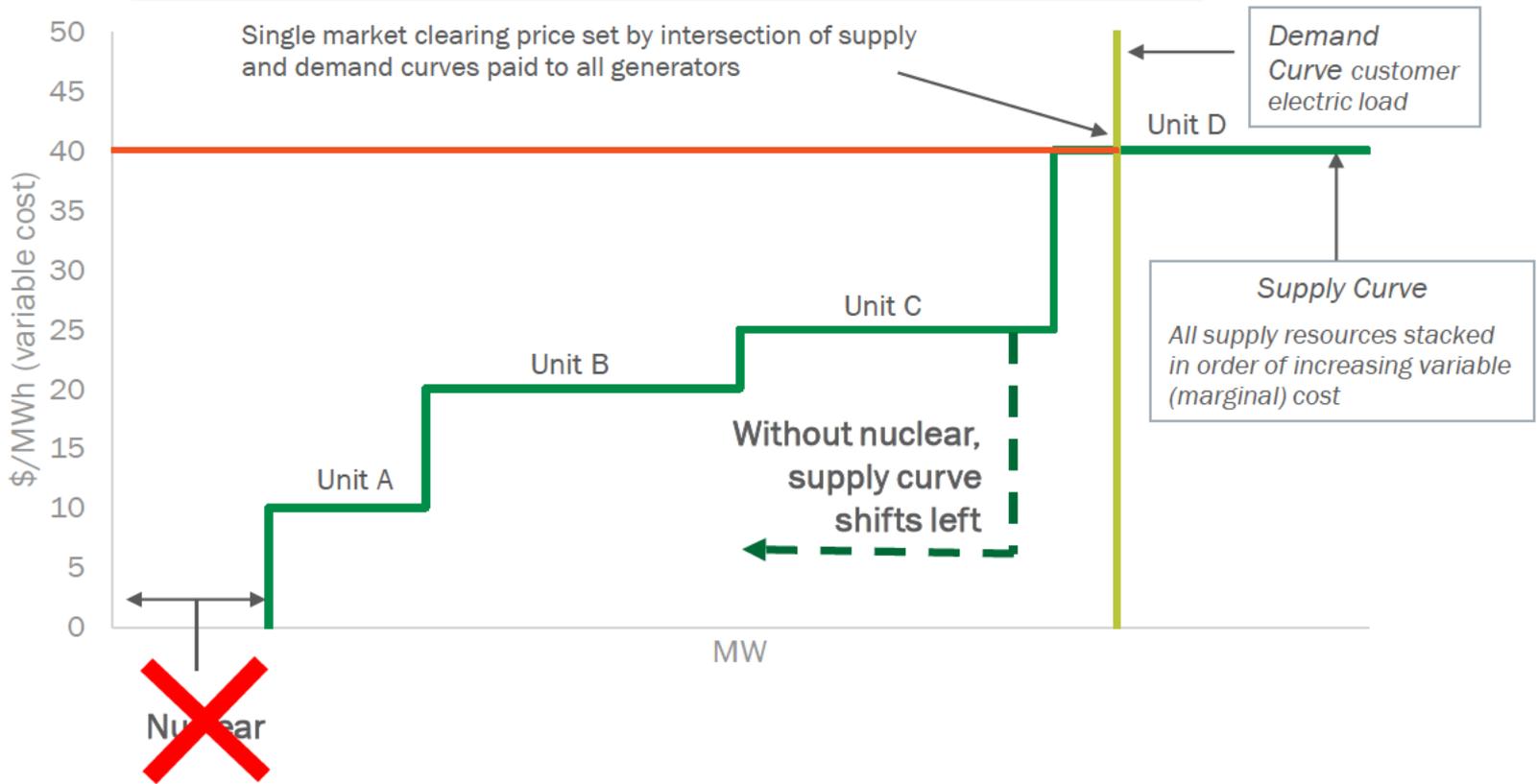
## How generators are compensated in energy markets (A simplified illustration)



PJM does not allow operationally-constrained baseload units like nuclear to set price even when they are operating and serving load

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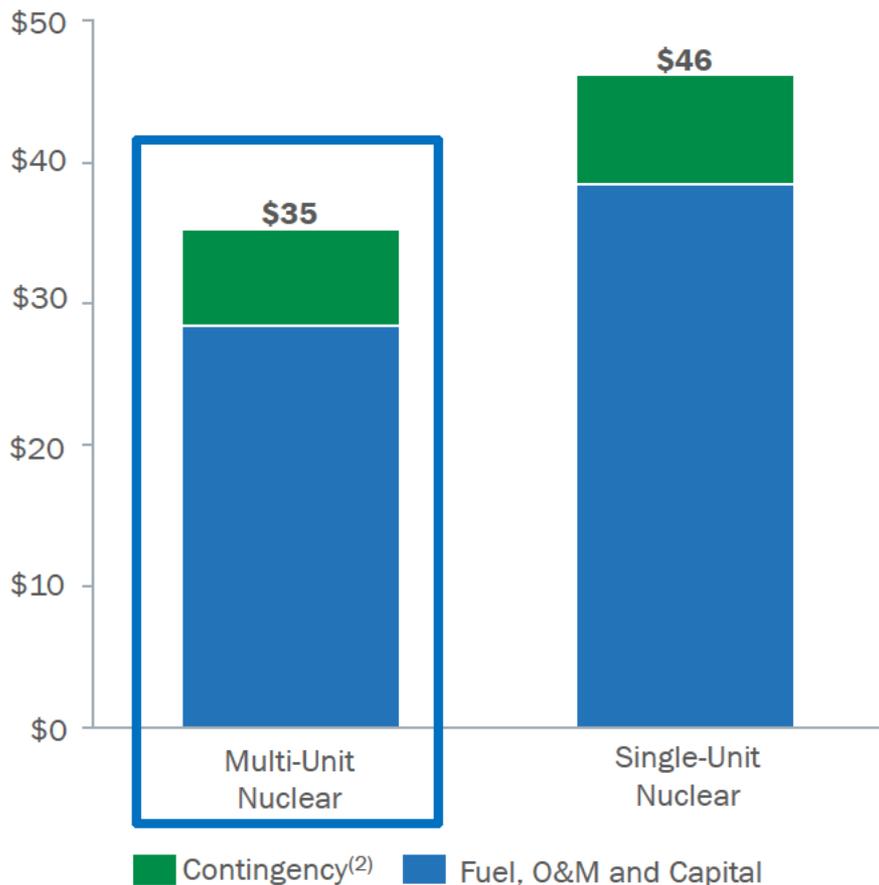
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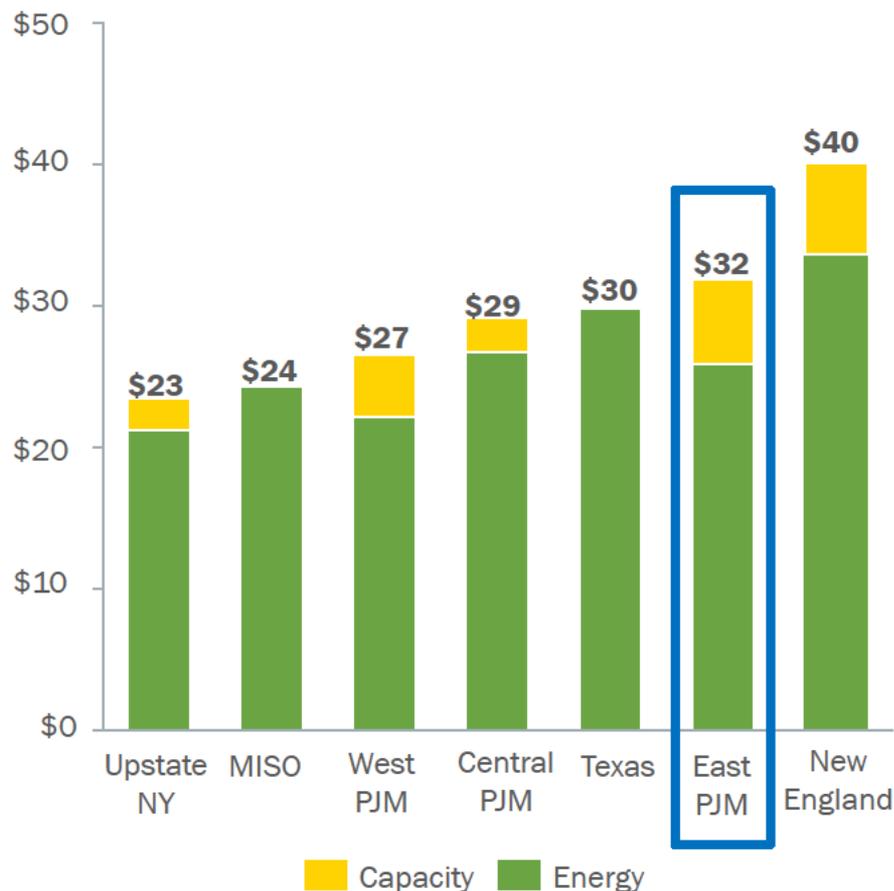
Higher variable cost units always set the price, but without nuclear the last unit to clear is even higher variable cost resulting in higher energy prices

# Merchant nuclear plants in all regions of the country face a shortfall of market revenues relative to costs

Average 2019 Nuclear Costs (\$/MWh)<sup>(1)</sup>



2021 Energy Year Forward All-In Nuclear Market Prices (\$/MWh)<sup>(3)</sup>



(1) Source: Nuclear Energy Institute, "Nuclear by the Numbers," April 2020 – costs in \$2019

(2) Contingency (or risk) is calculated as 10% of total costs plus \$4/MWh

(3) Based on 4/23/20 ICE forward energy prices from 6/2021 through 5/2022 for relevant hub less 2017-2019 average basis differential to nuclear plants. Capacity price component weighted by % cleared nuclear MW in region where appropriate.

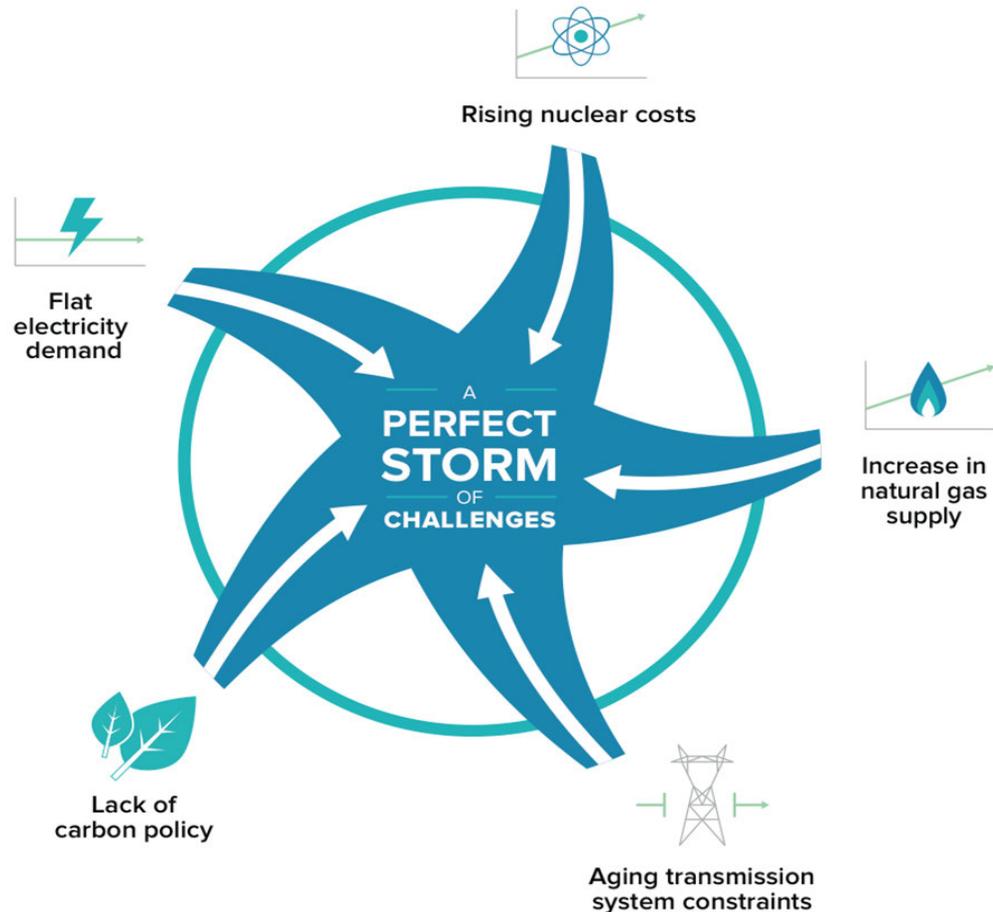
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# Nuclear Challenge

# Nuclear Plant Challenges – A Perfect Storm

## CHALLENGES

- Historically low power prices
  - ✓ Abundant natural gas
  - ✓ Subsidies for some zero emission resources
  - ✓ Low load growth
- Market doesn't value the 24/7 reliability, on-site fuel resilience & environmental attributes
- No national or regional cost of carbon



**Recent nuclear retirement announcements are further proof that the industry has reached an inflection point in the debate over market reforms to recognize the value of the nation's largest and most resilient source of emissions-free energy**

## Prematurely Retired Nuclear Plants & Announced Retirements

PLANT/SITE	STATE	SUMMER CAPACITY	CLOSURE YEAR	FINAL YEAR ELECTRICITY	FINAL YEAR CARBON
PLANT/SITE	STATE	SUMMER CAPACITY (MWe)	PLANNED CLOSURE YEAR	ELECTRICITY GENERATED IN 2019 (billion kilowatt-hours/year)	CARBON EMISSIONS AVOIDED IN 2019 (million metric tons/year)
Indian Point 3	NY	1,038	2021	8.3	3.9
Byron 1 & 2	IL	2,300	2021	20.1	12.8
Dresden 2 & 3	IL	1,797	2021	15.1	9.6
Palisades	MI	772	2022	6.9	5.4
Diablo Canyon 1 & 2	CA	2,240	2024	16.2	6.7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,147</b>		<b>66.6</b>	<b>38.5</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,343</b>		<b>69.0</b>	<b>42.7</b>

Source: Emissions avoided are calculated using regional and national fossil fuel emissions rates from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and latest plant generation and average household electricity usage data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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# Pennsylvania's Nuclear Fleet – What's at Stake



## ECONOMIC IMPACT

Contribute \$2.01B to state GDP

\$69 million annually in net state tax revenues

PA consumers electricity costs increase ~\$788M without PA nuclear fleet



## JOB

16,000 direct and indirect jobs within Pennsylvania

Provided 7 million labor hours to building and construction trades (2014-2016)



## ENVIRONMENTAL

Avoid over 37 million tons of CO2 annually

Equivalent to adding 8M cars to the Pennsylvania roads

Announced retirements in PJM reverses 25 years of progress with renewables



## RELIABILITY/SECURITY

Most reliable electricity production in PA (93% Capacity Factor)

Represents 42% of Pennsylvania's generation production portfolio

\*Market policies do not compensate nuclear units for unique attributes (clean energy, fuel security, fuel diversity)

# QUESTIONS?

