Quick Facts

The Texas Legislature restructured the Texas electric market in 1999 by unbundling the investor-owned utilities and creating retail customer choice in those areas, and assigned ERCOT four primary responsibilities:

- System reliability – planning and operations
- Wholesale market settlement for electricity production and delivery
- Retail switching process for customer choice
- Open access to transmission

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ERCOT Region

- 75% of load is competitive-choice customers — nearly 8 million electric-service IDs (premises)
- 650+ generating units, excluding PUNs
- More than 25 million consumers in the ERCOT region
- 46,500+ circuit miles of high-voltage transmission
- 1 MW of electricity can power about 200 Texas homes during periods of peak demand.

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Annual Energy Information

2019 Generation Capacity

- 52.4% Natural Gas
- 23.4% Wind
- 15.9% Coal
- 5.4% Nuclear
- 2.1% Solar
- 0.9% Other*

2018 Energy Use

- 44.4% Natural Gas
- 24.8% Coal
- 18.6% Wind
- 10.9% Nuclear
- 1.3% Other*

376 billion kilowatt-hours of energy used in 2018, a 5 percent increase compared to 2017.

*Includes solar, hydro, petroleum coke, biomass, landfill gas, distillate fuel oil, net DC-tie and Block Load Transfer imports(exports) and an adjustment for wholesale storage load.
The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) manages the flow of electric power to more than 25 million Texas customers — representing about 90 percent of the state's electric load. As the independent system operator for the region, ERCOT schedules power on an electric grid that connects more than 46,500 miles of transmission lines and 600+ generation units. It also performs financial settlement for the competitive wholesale bulk-power market and administers retail switching for nearly eight million premises in competitive choice areas. ERCOT is a membership-based 501(c)(4) nonprofit corporation, governed by a board of directors and subject to oversight by the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Texas Legislature. Its members include consumers, cooperatives, generators, power marketers, retail electric providers, investor-owned electric utilities, transmission and distribution providers and municipally owned electric utilities.