Quick Facts

What we do

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

90 percent of Texas Load

71,110 MW

Record peak demand
(Aug. 11, 2016)

77,000+
megawatts (MW) of expected capacity for peak

24
million consumers in the ERCOT region

75%
of load is competitive-choice customers — more than 7 million electric-service IDs (premises)

November 2016

ERCOT, Inc.

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67,000 MW
Weekend demand record (August 7, 2016)

1 megawatt of electricity can power about 200 Texas homes during periods of peak demand.

550+
generating units

46,500+
circuit miles of high-voltage transmission

>17,000 MW
of installed wind capacity, the most of any state in the nation.

Wind Generation record:
14,122 MW (Nov. 17, 2016)

Wind Penetration record:
48.28 percent (March 23, 2016)

In 2015, $1.1 billion in transmission development added to the ERCOT region.

1,514 circuit miles of transmission planned with $5.6 billion under development over the next five years.

1,093 circuit miles of transmission improvements completed by market participants.

398 MW
of utility-scale installed solar capacity as of October 2016

Solar capacity in queue:
2016: 287 MW
2017: 1,049 MW

347 billion kilowatt-hours of energy used in 2015. 2.2 percent more than 2014.

*Includes solar, hydro, petroleum coke, biomass, landfill gas and DC Ties

Natural Gas
167,911,033 MWh
48.3%

Coal
97,654,710 MWh
28.1%

Wind
40,786,278 MWh
11.7%

Nuclear
39,384,317 MWh
11.3%

Other*
1,786,611 MWh
0.6%

2015 Energy Use

2015 Generation Capacity

*Includes solar, hydro and biomass

Natural Gas
53%

Coal
22%

Wind
18%

Nuclear
6%

Other*
1%
The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) manages the flow of electric power to 24 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 550 generation units. ERCOT also performs financial settlement for the competitive wholesale bulk-power market and administers retail switching for 7 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. ERCOT’s members include consumers, cooperatives, generators, power marketers, retail electric providers, investor-owned electric utilities (transmission and distribution providers,) and municipally owned electric utilities.

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1,400+ active market participants that generate, move, buy, sell or use wholesale electricity.

7.1 million advanced meters

98% of ERCOT load in competitive areas settled with 15-minute interval data

Demand response resources include:
- Load resources
- Emergency response service (commercial and industrial)
- Utility load management programs

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