

# **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:

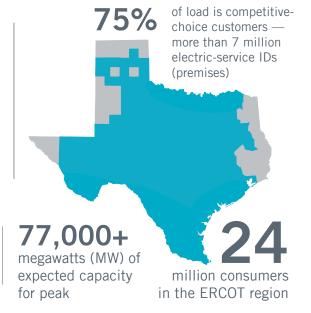
- System reliability planning and operations
- Wholesale market settlement for electricity production and delivery
- Retail switching process for customer choice
- Open access to transmission

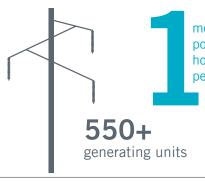


# 71,110 MW

Record peak demand (Aug. 11, 2016)

67.000 MW Weekend demand record (August 7, 2016)





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

46,500+

circuit miles of highvoltage transmission

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.



>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)



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

Solar capacity in queue:

2016: 287 MW 2017: 1,049 MW

Natural Gas 48.3%

Coal 28.1%

Wind 40,786,278 MWh 39,384,317 MWh 11.7%

11.3%

## 2015 Energy Use

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

Other\* 1,786,611 MWh 0.6%

Natural Gas Coal Wind 53% 22% 18% 6%

## 2015 Generation Capacity

\*Includes solar, hydro and biomass

Other\* 1%

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



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

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 bulkpower 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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