

# Item 11: 2019 State of the Market Report by the Independent Market Monitor (IMM)

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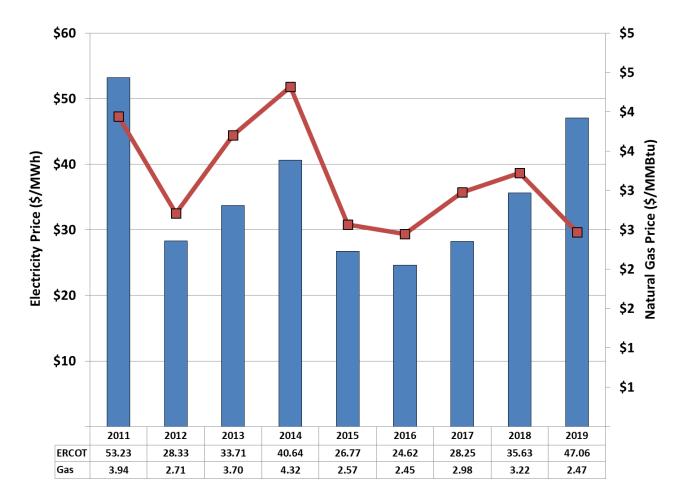
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## **2019 Energy Prices**

Real-time energy prices +32% in 2019, despite -23% natural gas prices

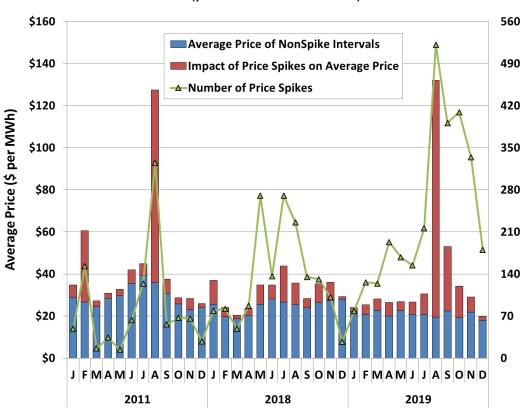
 attributable to shortage pricing in Aug and Sept





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Average Real-Time Energy Price Spikes (price > 18 heat rate)



**Total Number of Price Spikes** 

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7.0% Deratings 6.0% Planned Outages Forced Outages 5.0% Percentage of Capacity 4.0% 3.0% 2.0% 1.0% 0.0% 2016 2017 2018 2019





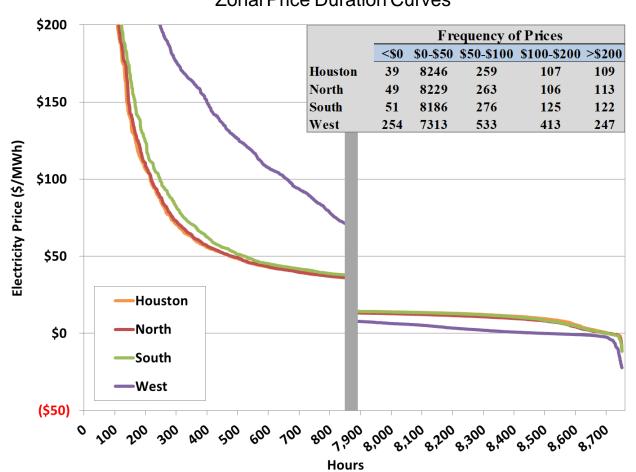
#### **2019 Prices at the Load Zones**

The WestLoad zone had highest average annual real-time prices, at \$50.77

 Multiple local transmission constraints

The South zone was second, at \$47.44

 Planned bus outages in central Texas



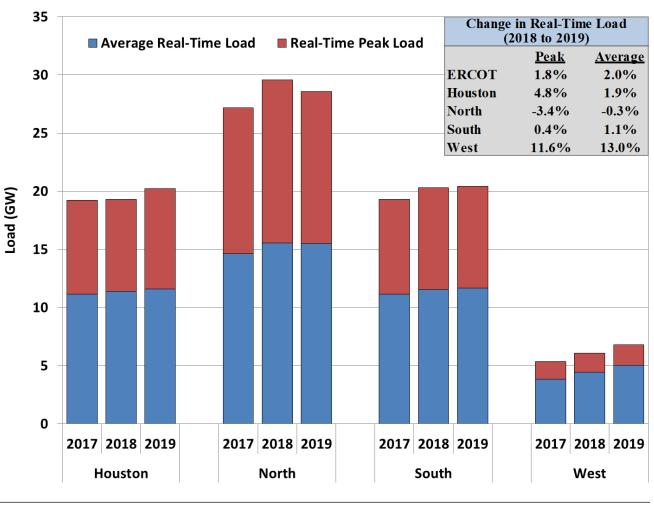




#### Load trends

Total ERCOT load in 2019 increased 2% from 2018

- Approximately +880 MW per hour on average
- Most of the increase was in the West



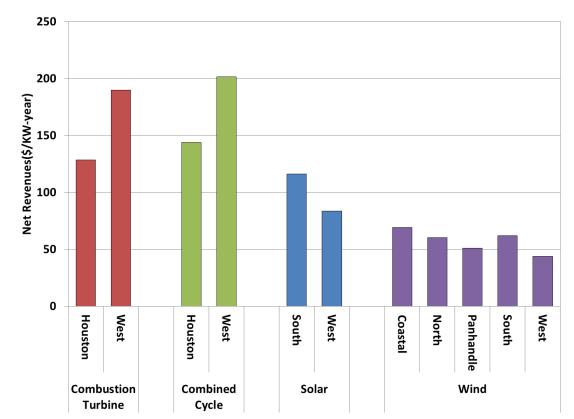
Annual Load Statistics by Zone

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### Net revenue analysis

All resource types were likely profitable in 2019

For natural gas-fired units in the west, there was access to much lower fuel costs (Waha hub)



#### Certain Net Revenues by Type and Location



Full 2019 State of the Market Report can be found here

