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#### Weather continues to dominate current prices

Frigid Arctic air will grip the Eastern U.S. and Canadian cities (Toronto-Montreal) through Wednesday which will then be followed an equally dramatic warm up for most late in the week and weekend. Wind chills of -40 to -60°F over the Plains and Midwest move east and weaken on Tuesday and Wednesday. Freezing temperatures will invade Florida on Tuesday and Wednesday possibly pushing far south into the state. A milder West much of the week reverses to cool toward normal mid to late week with weak disturbances off the West Coast bringing in cooler Pacific air.

Heaviest snowfall associated with the current winter storm moves through the Great Lakes into Canada today and then north through Quebec on Tuesday. Heavy Great Lakes regional lake effect snowfall (east of all the major lakes) follows the arctic cold air Monday to Wednesday and then begins to diminish. Rain develops along the Gulf Coast later this week as warm moist air from the Gulf of Mexico pushes north. As the arctic air leaves mid week, warm air from the west replaces it and may bring patches of freezing drizzle or rain east. Out across the Pacific Northwest conditions will be wetter this week than of late with lots of snow in the higher elevations. Southern California remains dry.

By the weekend, much of the country will be very mild compared to recent trends. Sunday will be the warmer day featuring 50s and 60s °F moving into the Central Plains. This will be in strong contrast to the -10°F that occurred this morning over Kansas City. Conditions will be cloudy and wet for a dreary weekend in the East. Overall, look for milder weather with little or no snow south of the Great Lakes. The Southeast will be mild and wet with heavier showers and rain along the Gulf Coast. The Southwest will be mostly dry. Slightly cooler and wetter weather will favor the Pacific Northwest with Pacific disturbances moving through for a change. California will remain very dry with little drought relief in sight.

**GREAT LAKES / OHIO VALLEY — Highs:** North: Mid negative teens warming to near zero Tuesday and upper teens Thursday. Low 30s by the weekend. South: Low single digits warming to near 15 Wednesday and low to mid 30s weekend. Ohio Valley: Negative teens Monday warming to single digits Tuesday and mid to upper 30s late week and weekend. **Lows:** North: - 25 Monday mitigating to -5 to -10 by Wednesday and low 20s by Friday. South: Low negative single digits Monday warming to low teens Wednesday and low 30s this weekend. Ohio Valley: Negative single digits warming to near 15 Wednesday and low 30s Friday.

#### Electricity Pricing – Jan 7, 2014 Com Ed Average LMP Electric Price

Time Period	Average per Kwh
Jan, 2013	\$ .03111
Feb, 2013	\$ .03219
Mar, 2013	\$ .03665
Apr. 2013	\$ .03821
May, 2013	\$ .03501
Jun, 2013	\$ .03215
Jul, 2013	\$ .04067
Aug, 2013	\$ .03112
Sep, 2013	\$ .03274
Oct, 2013	\$ .03183
Nov, 2013	\$ .03087
Dec, 2013	\$ .03432
Jan 1 – Jan 6	\$ .04436

#### Extended Temperature Forecast: Chicago Area

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
High	5	17	29	37	35
Low	-10	11	28	33	26

