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Weather continues to dominate current prices

Another arctic outbreak centered on the Plains and Midwest will result in temperatures averaging 20 to 30 degrees F below normal this week. The Southeast will be the only region above normal. The West will be 3 to 6 degrees F below normal. Three storms packing winter precipitation will extend from the Southern Plains across the lower Midwest and up through New England. Look for a mix of moderate to heavy snow, freezing rain in those areas.

Mild temps will be confined to the Southeast U.S. this week while modified arctic air pushes across the Northeast and Mid- Atlantic Mon and Tues. Frigid arctic cold will extend from eastern Montana to Oklahoma. Temps will average 20 to 30 degrees F below normal from the eastern Rockies to the Midwest and western Deep South. Temps across the far western states will be 3 to 6 degrees below normal through the end of the week. The chance for a hard freeze occurs in California for Friday and Saturday, but near freezing is likely earlier in the week for the Valleys.

The primary storm track will extend from the Southern and Central Plains across the Midwest and across New England. There will be three different storms traversing this track with each laying down a swath of moderate to heavy snow in the 5 to 8 inch range. By the end of the week there should be a large swath of a foot plus of snow. Moderate snow will also fall across the central and southern portions of the Rockies. To the south of the low pressure track there will be heavy rainfall of 3 to 5 inches for the Tennessee Valley and Southeast. Eastern Tennessee and Alabama will see the heaviest rainfall. In the far western states, Northern California, Oregon, and Washington will see 1 to 2 inches of rain and a foot or more of snow for the mountains.

GREAT LAKES / OHIO VALLEY — Highs: North: Mid teens Mon-Tue, low single digits Wed-Thu, low to mid teens Fri to Sun. South: Low 20s through Wed, mid teens Thu to Fri, low to mid 20s weekend. Ohio Valley: Mid to upper 20s Mon-Wed, mid to upper teens Thu-Fri, warming to upper 20s weekend. **Lows:** North: Negative single digits Mon, single digits Tue, dropping to negative teens Wed, climbing to near zero Fri to Sun. South: Single digits Mon-Tue and Thu to Fri, teens weekend and Wed. Ohio Valley: Mid teens Mon-Tue, low 20s Wed dropping sharply to low single digits Thu and Fri but rebounding to the mid teens by the weekend.

NORTHEAST U.S. AND MIDDLE ATLANTIC — Highs: North: Mid to upper 30s Mon to Wed, low to mid 30s Thu to Sun. South: Mid to upper 30s Mon-Wed, low to mid 30s Fri – Sun. **Lows:** North: Low 30s Mon, low to mid 20s Tue-Wed, upper teens Thu-Sun. South: Low 30s Mon, mid 20s Tue, mid 30s Wed, mid teens Thu warming to mid 20s Friday and the weekend.

Electricity Pricing – Feb 4, 2014 Com Ed Historical 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 31	\$.07837

Extended Temperature Forecast:

Chicago Area

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
High	26	24	11	17	24
Low	21	-5	-6	-2	9

