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Weather impact on Energy

The forthcoming 8 to 14-day period should see above-average temperatures engulf the country's eastern half, parts of the Northwest and much of California. Below-average temperatures could hold over the Intermountain West, while average temperatures could settle over half of the West-North-Central U.S., most of the Gulf Coast and the remainder of the West.

Returning heat in forecasts is expected to bolster cooling load and limit the amount of natural gas moved to underground storage facilities, reversing the accelerated pace of gas storage inventory rebuilding seen recently.

Many analysts and traders expect that the largest natural gas storage injection of the season has already occurred with the 119-Bcf addition to inventories reported for the week to May 30. As such, a slowdown in the rate of storage-building is anticipated moving forward. This will cause gas prices to continue to be supported and keep power prices strong through the summer.

Warmer air will build northward across the Plains early in the week pushing highs into the 80s and low 90s. Look for below normal temperatures (highs 65-78 degrees) to prevail early in the week from central Canada into northern North Dakota and Minnesota into the Plains and western Midwest, but warm back to normal (75-85 degree) late in the week before falling off again over the weekend. Immediate coastal areas of California, Oregon, and Washington will have highs in the 60s to low 70s most days this week. Interior valleys of California heat into the low to upper 90s while the Pacific Northwest interior sees highs climb from the 70s early in the week to the 80s and low 90s late week. Meanwhile, look for seasonal heat and humidity to continue across the Deep South. Highs in the upper 80s to mid-90s will prevail from eastern Texas to the Carolinas. Hot spots will be the southwest deserts and southwest Texas with low 100s. Heat Indices across the Deep South will be in the 95 to 105 degree range most days.

A short lived hot and humid trend is expected for the Northeast and Middle Atlantic with highs reaching 90 degrees for Philadelphia and New York for the first time this year. Temperatures will slip back to normal or below late in the week as highs are in the 70s from New England to the upper 80s in Maryland and Virginia. Western and central Canada to trend cooler than normal. Eastern Canada warms to above normal for the middle of the week then slips back to near or cooler than normal.

Electricity Pricing – June 17, 2014 Com Ed Historical Average LMP Electric Price

Time Period	Average per Kwh
Jun,2013	\$0.03215
Jul,2013	\$0.04067
Aug,2013	\$0.03112
Sep,2013	\$0.03274
Oct,2013	\$0.03183
Nov,2013	\$0.03087
Dec,2013	\$0.03432
Jan,2014	\$0.07837
Feb,2014	\$0.06204
Mar,2014	\$0.05165
Apr,2014	\$0.03870
May,2014	\$0.04098
Jun 1 – Jun 16	\$0.03353

Extended Temperature Forecast:

Chicago Area

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
High	90	87	84	86	84
Low	68	67	67	66	62

