Cost Comparison of Retail Electricity Rates for the City of Naperville Municipal Utility

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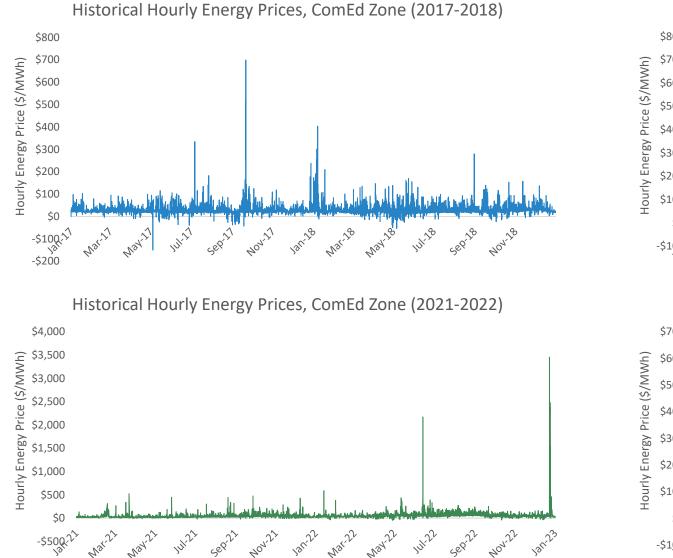
## OVERVIEW

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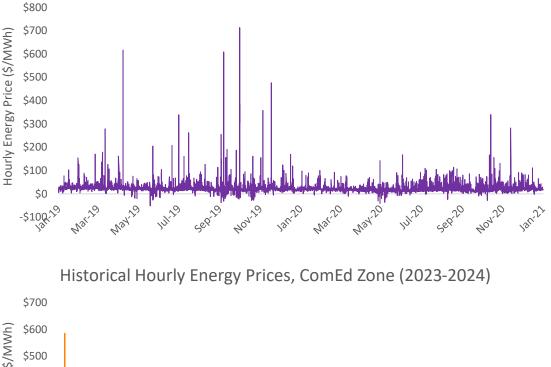
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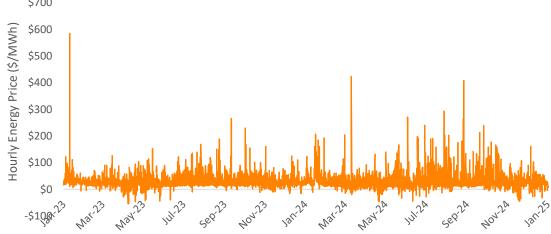
| Power Bureau   | <ul> <li>Advisor on energy policy, planning, and procurement</li> <li>Retail and Wholesale energy transaction support</li> </ul>   |
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| CJT Energy Law | <ul> <li>Legal analysis and advocacy supporting transactions<br/>as well as regulatory and legislative issues</li> <li>Representing entities other than the local utilities</li> </ul> |
| Assignment     | <ul> <li>Benchmark Naperville Municipal Utility costs</li> <li>Wholesale electricity rates (IMEA v. PJM)</li> <li>Retail electricity rates (Naperville v. ComEd)</li> </ul>            |

#### Key Issue: What is the Correct Price to Compare?



Historical Hourly Energy Prices, ComEd Zone (2019-2020)





### WHOLESALE PRICES

Key Issue

**Benchmarking Proxy** 

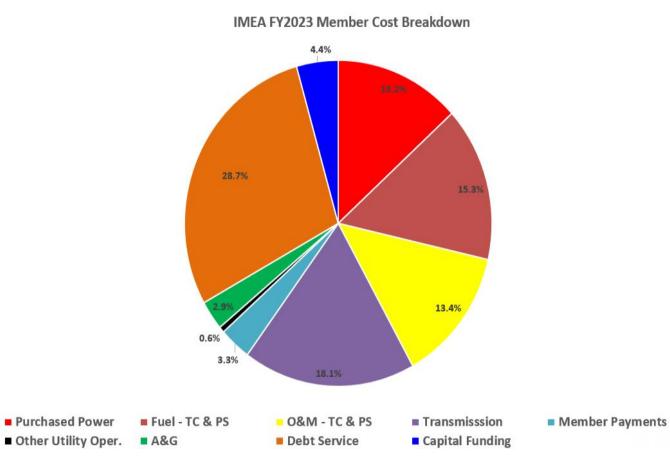
Wholesale Price Comparison

Market Price Variability. ٠ - Wholesale market prices for energy change every hour (Day-Ahead) and every 5 minutes (Real Time) - Differences in daily load (peak vs. off-peak) and seasonal differences mean that the "average" wholesale price for Challenges energy will not represent the costs that the utility would have experienced Unknown Hedging model • - Would the City have hedged? - When, what volume, what duration? ComEd Default portfolio (secured by the IPA) ٠ Large (21 million MWh) ٠ Shaped for daily and seasonal use patterns Candidate ٠ Proxy Wholesale transactions (no broker fees) ٠ Layered hedging for energy (1-, 2-, and 3-year tranches) ٠

PJM Benchmarking Proxy: ComEd Price to Compare

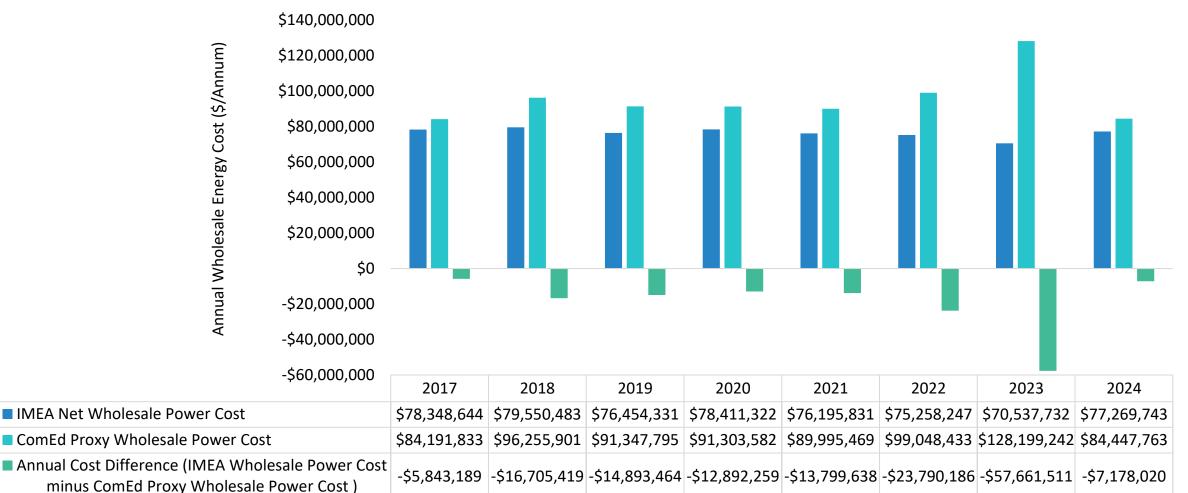
• Passes through energy and transmission

## IMEA Benchmarking Proxy: Portions of IMEA's Costs are not Supply-Related



| IMEA COST ALLOCATION     |       | NOTES |  |  |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|--|--|
| CATEGORY                 | GROSS | NET   | NOTES  |  |
| Purchased Power          | 13.2% | 13.2% | Direct cost of supply; Included                            |  |
| Fuel - TC & PS           | 15.3% | 15.3% | Operating cost related to generation;<br>Included          |  |
| O&M - TC & PS            | 13.4% | 13.4% | Operating cost related to generation;<br>Included          |  |
| Transmission             | 18.1% | 18.1% | Wholesale cost related to supply;<br>Included              |  |
| Member Payments          | 3.3%  | 3.3%  | Wholesale cost of capacity; Included                       |  |
| Other Utility Operations | 0.6%  | 0.6%  | Indirect cost of supply<br>management/generation; Included |  |
| A & G                    | 2.9%  | 2.9%  | Indirect cost of supply<br>management/generation; Included |  |
| Debt Service             | 28.7% | 0.0%  | Investment with expected return;<br>Excluded               |  |
| Capital Funding          | 4.4%  | 4.4%  | Indirect cost of generation; Included                      |  |
| TOTAL                    | 100%  | 71.2% | Net % of IMEA costs related to<br>generation/supply        |  |

#### Wholesale Price Comparison: PJM (ComEd Price to Compare proxy) v. IMEA Net Power Charges



Comparative Historical Wholesale Energy Costs

Assumptions

Data Sources

Rate Comparisons

| General Appro | ach  |
|---------------|--|
| Rates         | <ul> <li>Residential</li> <li>Small Commercial (GS-1)</li> <li>Large Commercial (GS-2)</li> <li>Outdoor Metered Lights</li> <li>Primary Customers (served at 15kV)</li> <li>Transmission Customers (served at 34.5kV)</li> </ul> |
| Volumes       | <ul> <li>Monthly Consumption (per Rate Class)</li> <li>Monthly Demand (per Rate Class)</li> <li>Monthly Number of Customers (per Rate Class)</li> </ul>  |
| Retail Cost   | • Rate * Volume = Cost   |

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## Data Gathering

| Rates   | <ul> <li>Naperville Municipal Utility</li> <li>Commonwealth Edison Company</li> <li>Illinois Commerce Commission</li> <li>Illinois Power Agency</li> <li>PJM Independent Market Monitor (Monitoring Analytics)</li> <li>Illinois Municipal Electric Agency</li> </ul> |
|---------|---|
| Volumes | <ul> <li>Naperville Municipal Utility</li> <li>Some capacity (demand) values are averaged</li> <li>Some consumption values are % allocated</li> </ul>   |
| Other   | <ul> <li>Additional details can be built into the models</li> </ul>   |

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Mirror the City's Rates to ComEd's Rates

| Retail Rate Equivalencies                   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| City of Naperville ComEd                    |   |  |  |
| Residential                                 | Residential, Single Family/<br>No Electric Space Heat |  |  |
| Small Commercial (GS-1)                     | Watt-Hour   |  |  |
| Large Commercial (GS-2)                     | Medium Load   |  |  |
| Outdoor Metered Lights                      | Dusk to Dawn Lighting                                 |  |  |
| Primary Customer<br>served at 15 kV         | Very Large Load                                       |  |  |
| Transmission Customers<br>served at 34.5 kV | High Voltage  |  |  |

# Calculate Each Billing Variable per Rate Class

# Naperville

| RESIDENTIAL RATE CLASS (12/2024) |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Customer Charges                 | \$946,849   |
| Energy Charges                   | \$4,084,820 |
| Demand Charges                   | \$0         |
| TOTAL Charges (\$/Month)         | \$5,031,669 |
| AVERAGE Rate (\$/kWh)            | \$0.132566  |

# Commonwealth Edison Company

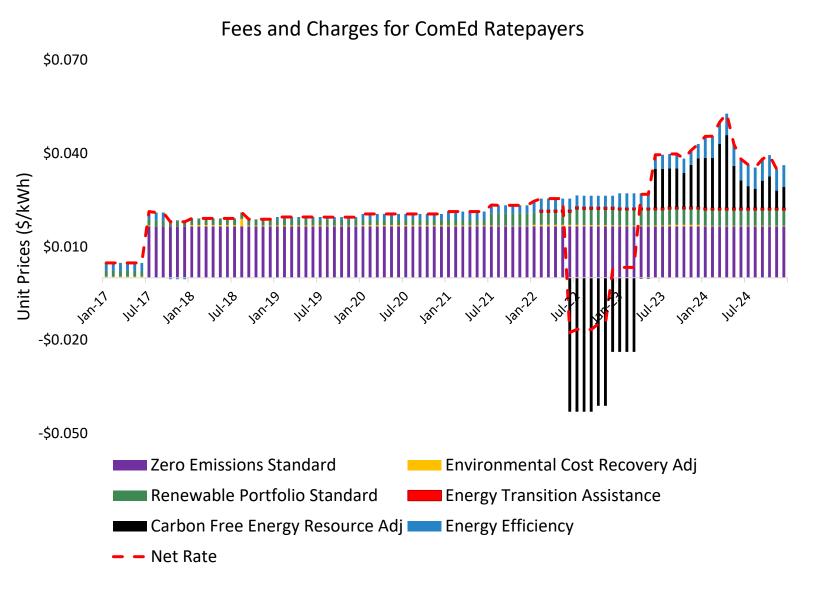
| RESIDENTIAL RATE CLASS (12/2024)  |             |  |
|---|-------------|--|
| Supply  |             |  |
| Electricity Supply Charge   | \$2,455,750 |  |
| Purchased Electricity Adjustment  | -\$307,443  |  |
| Delivery  |             |  |
| Customer Charge   | \$863,860   |  |
| Standard Metering Charge  | \$223,345   |  |
| Distribution Facilities Charge  | \$2,292,919 |  |
| IL Electricity Distribution Charge  | \$47,445    |  |
| Taxes and Fees  |             |  |
| Environmental Cost Recovery Adj   | \$8,350     |  |
| Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology<br>Development Assistance Charge | \$2,785     |  |
| Energy Assistance Charge  | \$0         |  |
| Residential Real Time Pricing Program Cost Recovery                             | \$2,228     |  |
| Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Adjustment                                | \$138,919   |  |
| Renewable Portfolio Standard  | \$190,721   |  |
| Zero Emissions Standard   | \$626,273   |  |
| Carbon Free Energy Resource Adj   | \$258,101   |  |
| Energy Transition Assistance  | \$27,328    |  |
| TOTAL Charges (\$/Month)  | \$6,830,582 |  |
| AVERAGE Rate (\$/kWh)   | \$0.179961  |  |

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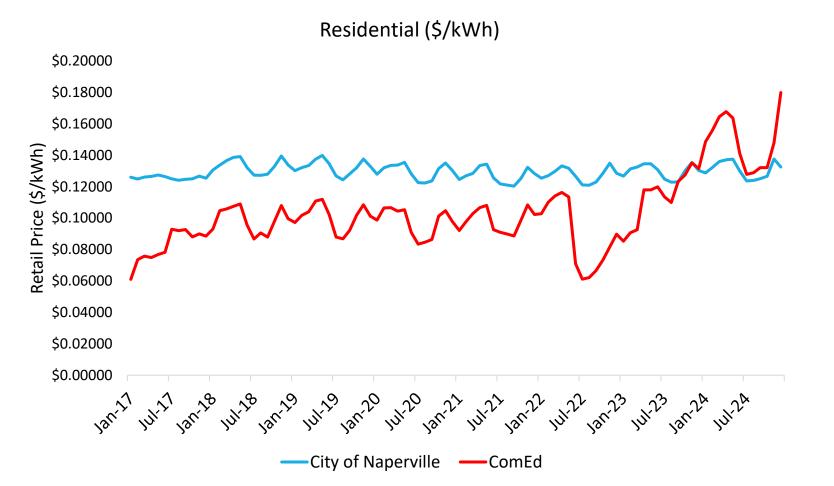
#### Timing and Scale of Fees and Charges Included in Retail Rate Comparison



Residential Small Commercial (GS-1) Large Commercial (GS-2) Outdoor Metered Lights Primary Service

Transmission Service

#### **Residential Rates: Price Advantage has Flipped**

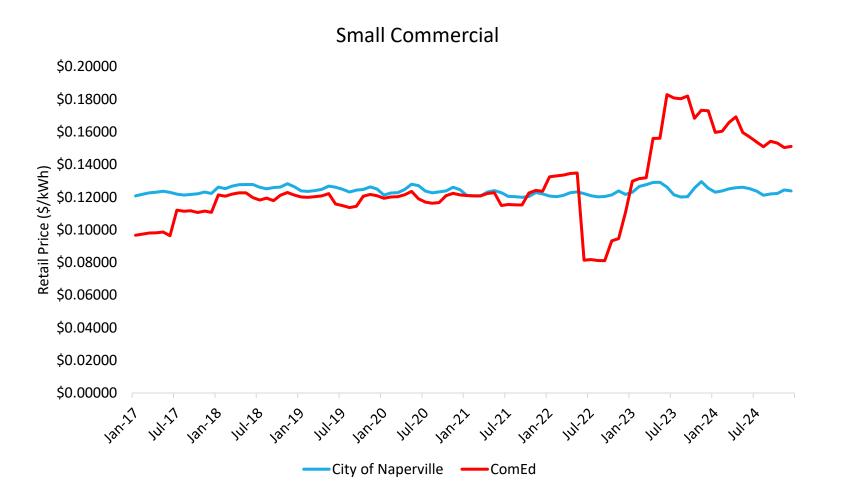


| Utility             | Volatility Index | Inflation Index |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| City of Naperville  | 0.495            | 4.2%            |
| Commonwealth Edison | 2.321            | 81.2%           |

Residential **Small Commercial (GS-1)** Large Commercial (GS-2) Outdoor Metered Lights Primary Service

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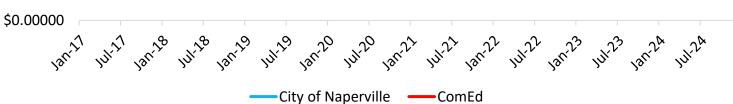
#### Small Commercial Rates: Historical Price Parity has Shifted



| Utility             | Volatility Index | Inflation Index |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| City of Naperville  | .240             | 1.3%            |
| Commonwealth Edison | 2.325            | 50.4%           |

Residential Small Commercial (GS-1) **Large Commercial (GS-2)** Outdoor Metered Lights Primary Service Transmission Service

\$0.02000



| Utility             | Volatility Index | Inflation Index |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| City of Naperville  | 0.868            | 1.8%            |
| Commonwealth Edison | 2.337            | 64.8%           |

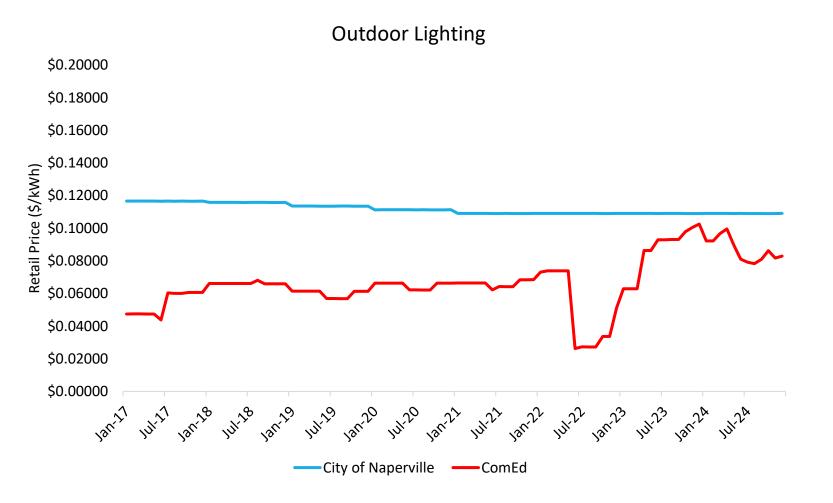
#### Large Commercial Rates: Historical Price Parity has Shifted

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Residential Small Commercial (GS-1) Large Commercial (GS-2) **Outdoor Metered Lights** Primary Service

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#### Outdoor Lighting Rates: Historical Price Ga is Shrinking

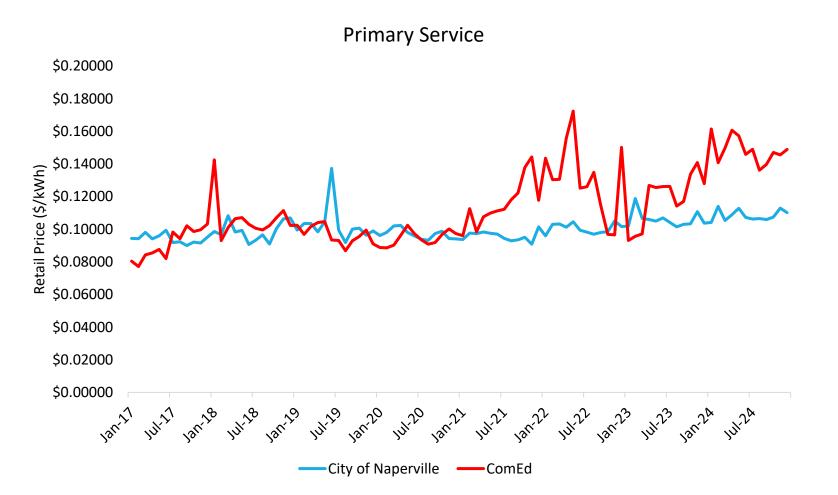


| Utility             | Volatility Index | Inflation Index |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| City of Naperville  | 0.303            | -6.5%           |
| Commonwealth Edison | 1.613            | 61.7%           |

Residential Small Commercial (GS-1) Large Commercial (GS-2) Outdoor Metered Lights **Primary Service** 

Transmission Service

#### Primary Service Rates: Historical Price Parity has Shifted



| Utility             | Volatility Index | Inflation Index |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| City of Naperville  | 0.702            | 15.3%           |
| Commonwealth Edison | 2.237            | 63.0%           |

Residential

Small Commercial (GS-1)

Large Commercial (GS-2)

Outdoor Metered Lights

Primary Service

**Transmission Service** 

**Transmission Service Rates: Not Presented** 

- Only one (1) Transmission Serve Customer is served by the Naperville Municipal Utility
- Revealing analysis of this single user would effectively share that customer's account information
- State law prohibits the sharing of identifying account information
- As such, we will not present the analysis for the Transmission Service rate customer

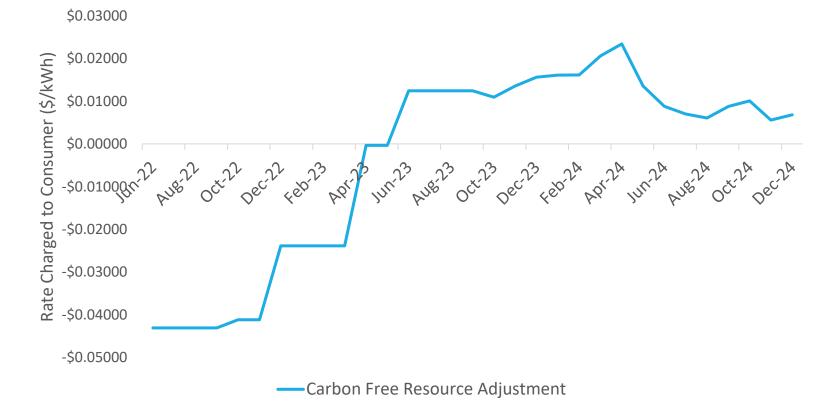
## RETAIL PRICES: DRIVERS

Volatility

Escalators

#### Volatility Driver: Carbon Free Resource Adjustment

Significant Price Volatility Resulting from Nuclear Subsidy



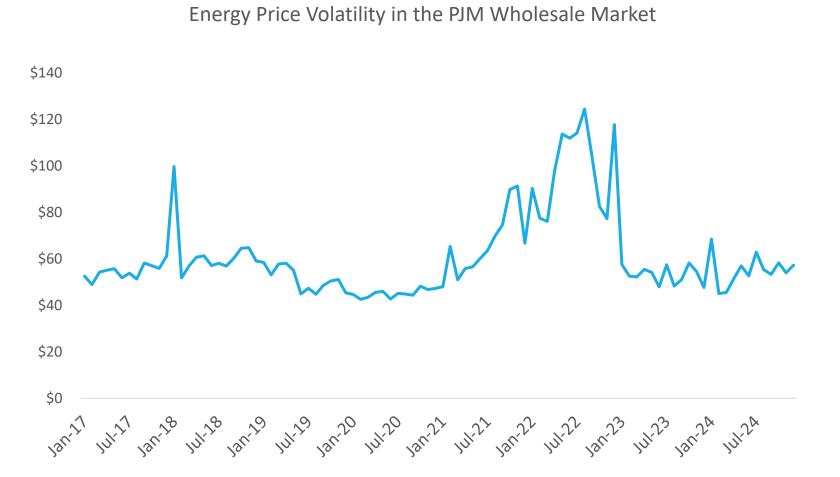
Originally considered to be "hedge" against rising energy and capacity prices until ComEd miscalculated credits by \$1.1 billion in year 1 and has been recovering those overages (with interest) for the past 2 years

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# Escalators

#### Volatility Driver: PJM Wholesale Markets



Wide variances in Energy over the past few years driven by underlying volatility in natural gas prices and tightening balances between supply and demand levels throughout PJM

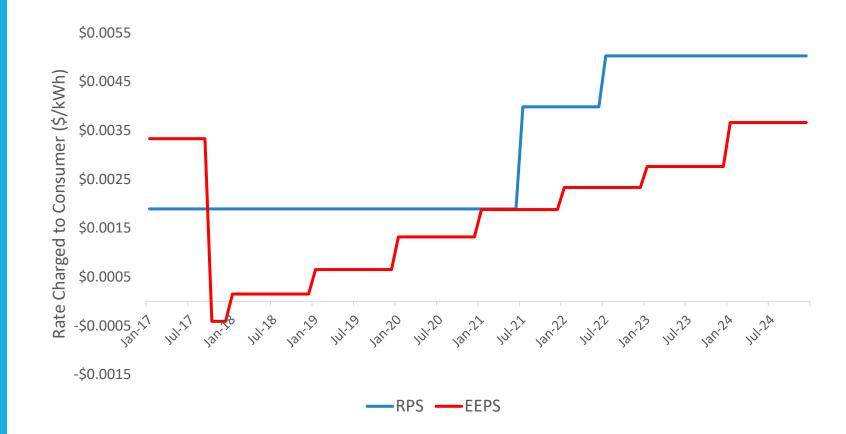
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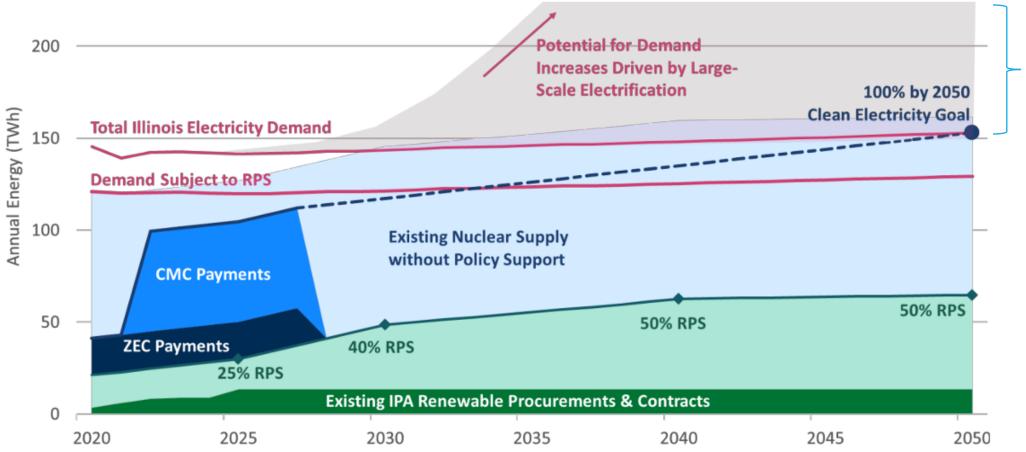
#### Escalation Drivers: Renewable Portfolio Standard and Energy Efficiency

Gradually Increasing RPS and EE Fees Resulting from FEJA/CEJA



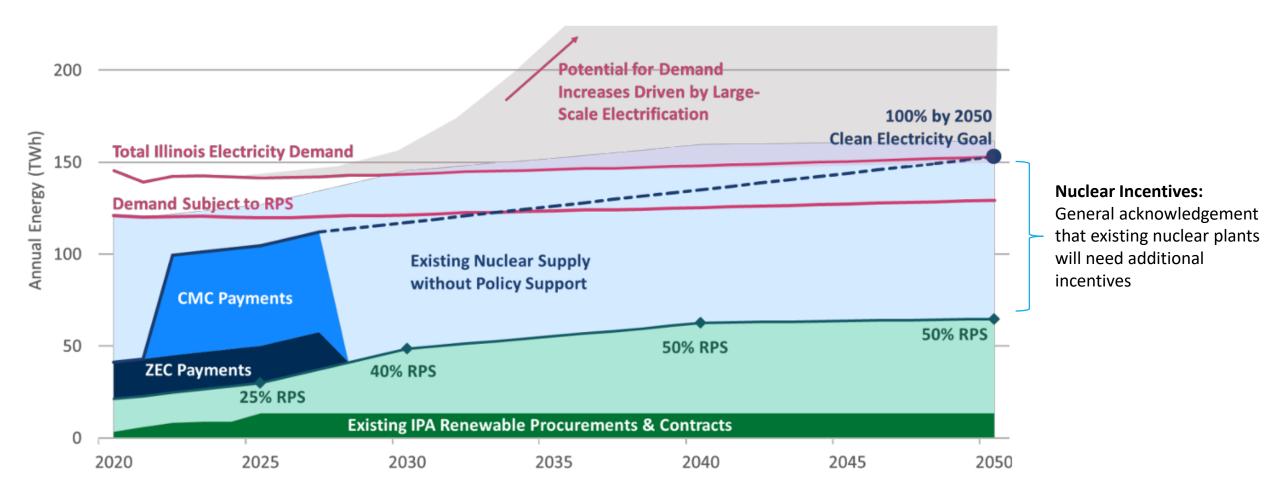
Energy Efficiency program costs increase due to ComEd's receiving a return on program expenditures. Renewable Portfolio Standard funding will run into deficit starting in 2028-2029 and increases are expected

#### FINAL POINT: Policy makes have already identified that prices will continue to rise

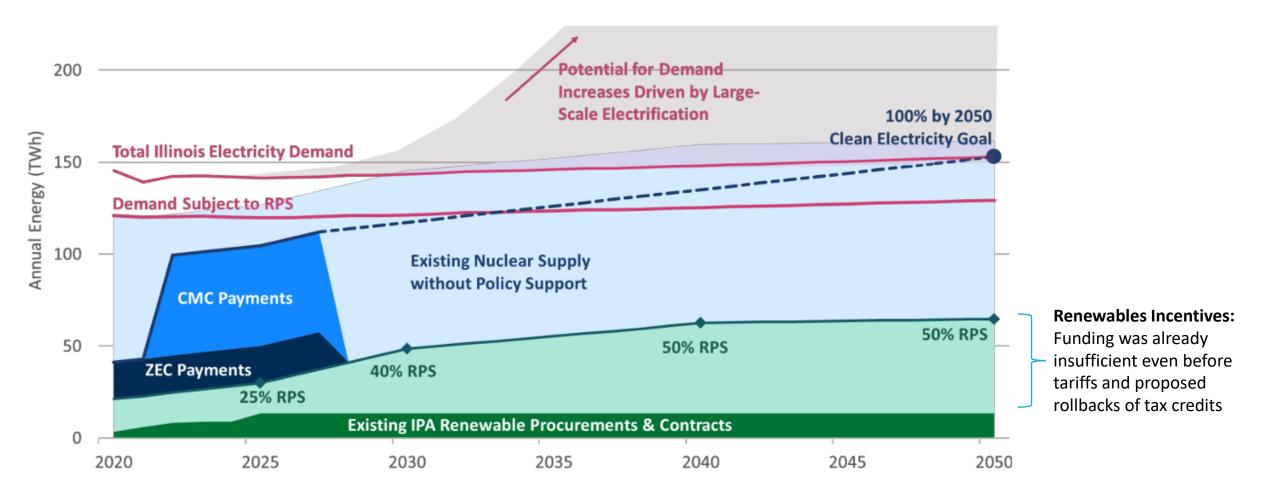


Load growth: Incentives for data centers, EV's, electrification will increase demand (and prices)

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