

PJM 2026/2027 Capacity Auction Overview

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	Advisor	Deals
1	Houlihan Lokey	415
2	Rothschild & Co	406
3	Goldman Sachs & Co	371
4	JP Morgan	342
5	Morgan Stanley	309

Source: LSEG (formerly Refinitiv). Excludes accounting firms and brokers.

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FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING

2024 Global Distressed Debt & Bankruptcy Restructuring Rankings

	Advisor	Deals
1	Houlihan Lokey	88
2	PJT Partners Inc	59
3	Rothschild & Co	48
4	Lazard	44
5	Perella Weinberg Partners LP	40

Source: LSEG (formerly Refinitiv).

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2000–2024 Global M&A Fairness Advisory Rankings

	Advisor	Deals
1	Houlihan Lokey	1,243
2	Duff & Phelps, A Kroll Business	1,045
3	JP Morgan	1,020
4	UBS	792
5	Morgan Stanley	698

Source: LSEG (formerly Refinitiv).
Announced or completed transactions.

S50+ Companies sold to financial sponsors over the past five years



34

LOCATIONS
WORLDWIDE

2,600+

TOTAL FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS

347

MANAGING DIRECTORS⁽¹⁾ 2,000+

CLIENTS SERVED ANNUALLY

\$12.56B

MARKET CAPITALIZATION(1)

\$2.5B

REVENUE⁽²⁾

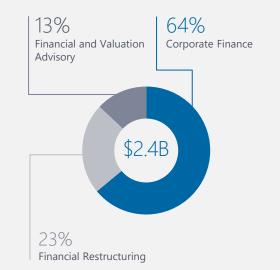


⁽²⁾ LTM ended June 30, 2025.

FY 2024 Advisory Revenue⁽³⁾ (\$B)



Segment Mix⁽⁴⁾





⁽³⁾ Sources: Company filings and earnings results.

⁽⁴⁾ Based on revenues for the LTM ended June 30, 2025.



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No. 1 Global M&A Fairness Opinion Advisor Over the Past 25 Years (2)

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Source: LSEG (formerly Refinitiv.)

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Featured Transaction Experience

FRONTERA ENERGY CENTER

debt facilities



Potomac Energy Center, a 774 MW natural gas-fired combined cycle power plant in Loudoun County, Virginia, has agreed to be acquired by Blackstone

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ATLAS HOLDINGS



Atlas Holdings, LLC has completed the sale of 100% interest in the 598 MW Bastrop Energy Partners facility and 257 MW Paris Generation facility, bo of which are natural gas-fired CCGT power plants located in Texas, to Hu Street Energy, LLC

ATLAS HOLDINGS



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maxeon Maxeon Solar Technologies, Ltd.

7.5% Senior Secured Onvertible Notes due 2027 \$207,000,000

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Salem Harbor Power

velopment LP has confirmed

a Chapter 11 Plan of

Company Advisor







Cube District Energy, a portfolio company of I Squared Capital, has been cquired by Fiera Infrastructure

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THE CARLYLE GROUP

EIG

EIG Global Energy Partners, LLC has completed the sale of its 50% indirect interest in a 1,740 MW portfolio of two combined ycle natural gas-fired power plants to The Carlyle Group

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Project Odyssey

THE CARLYLE GROUP





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acquired by Atlantica

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Coso Geothermal Power

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Tombstones included herein represent transactions closed from 2021 forward.



Comprehensive Coverage of Power, Utilities, and Renewables

Houlihan Lokey's Power, Utilities, and Renewables team offers a broad range of services to every facet of the power industry.

The power sector has evolved from traditional vertically integrated utilities into a diversified sector of independent power producers (IPPs), retailers, transmission companies, and distributed generation.

This energy transition has further disrupted existing business models and brought new investors into the space.

Houlihan Lokey has completed transactions across the sector in both thermal and renewable energy throughout every region of the U.S.

Power, Utilities, and Renewables Subsectors



Independent Power Production

- · Gas and Coal IPPs
- Utility Sponsored
- Vertically Integrated



Waste to Energy

- Landfill Gas
- Biomass
- Waste Coal



Renewable Generation

- Wind Energy
- Solar Energy
- Geothermal Energy



Utility-Scale, Wind, Solar, and Geothermal

- Natural Gas Power Development
- Renewable Energy Developer
- Energy Project Finance



Distributed Generation

- C&I Solar
- Residential Solar
- Microgrids



Battery and Other **Energy Storage**

- Behind the Meter



• Utility-Scale Storage

- Long Duration



Wholesale and Retail Power

- Energy Trading/Marketing
- Retail Energy Providers
- Transmission



Regulated Utilities

- Investor Owned
- G&T Co-Operatives
- Municipal Utilities



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- Portable Generation
- Demand Side Management

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Transaction **Advisory Services**



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Dispute Resolution Services



Financial Restructuring



Opinions





Featured Power, Utilities, and Renewables M&A and Financing Experience

Houlihan Lokey has extensive experience advising on transactions in the power, utilities, and renewables space.



Potomac Energy Center, a 774 MW natural gas-fired combined cycle power plant in Loudoun County, Virginia, has agreed to be acquired by Blackstone

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Frontera Energy Center, a 540 MW natural-gas-fired combined-cycle power plant in Mission, Texas, has successfully raised a new First Lien Term Loan to refinance its existing debt facilities

Exclusive Placement Agent



Lumio Holdings, Inc. has sold substantially all its assets, pursuant to Section 363 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, to

Company Advisor



Olympus Power, LLC has completed the sale of 100% interest in Lanyard Power, a 1.9 GW portfolio of gas-fired peaking assets in PJM, to a private equity investor

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Atlas Holdings, LLC has completed the sale of 100% interest in the 598 MW Bastrop Energy Partners facility and 257 MW Paris Generation facility, both of which are natural gas-fired CCGT power plants located in Texas, to Hull Street Energy, LLC

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Salem Harbor Power Development LP has confirmed a Chapter 11 Plan of Convertible Notes due 2027 Reorganization

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Maxeon Solar Technologies, Ltd. 7.5% Senior Secured

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Exclusive Placement Agent



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MACQUARIE

Macquarie Principal Finance has completed the sale of an undivided interest in Antelope Valley Station 2 to a leading alternative asset manager

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Intermountain Wind LLC has completed the sale of the 320 MW development stage Boswell Springs Wind Farm to Alterra Power

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Panasonic



Panasonic North America has completed a strategic review of their investment in Coronal Energy

Financial Advisor



Viridian has been acquired by I Squared Capital

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Southaven Power, LLC a subsidiary of Cogentrix Energy, LLC has been acquired by Tennessee Valley Authority

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Global Infrastructure **Partners**

A subsidiary of Reliant Energy, Inc. has been acquired by Fortistar and Global Infrastructure Partners

Sellside Advisor



Brookfield Renewable Energy Partners

NextEra Energy, Inc. has completed the sale of its equity interest in White Pine Hydro Investments, LLC to Brookfield Renewable Energy Partners

Buyside Advisor



Camden County Energy Recovery Associates L.P., a subsidiary of Foster Wheeler AG has been acquired by Covanta Energy Corporation

Sellside Advisor



ScottishPower MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company has acquired PacifiCorp from ScottishPower

Buyside Advisor & Fairness Opinion



An affiliate of Fundamental Advisors has acquired MMA Capital Holdings

Buyside Advisor





SunEdison

Mongolia, China with an aggregate capacity of c. 150 MW to SunEdison

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Tombstones included herein represent transactions closed from 2006 forward



Transaction Case Study:

Potomac Energy Center

Houlihan Lokey acted as exclusive financial advisor to Potomac Energy Center (Potomac), a 774 MW naturalgas-fired combined cycle (CCGT) power plant located in Loudoun County, Virginia, on its sale to Blackstone.



Blackstone

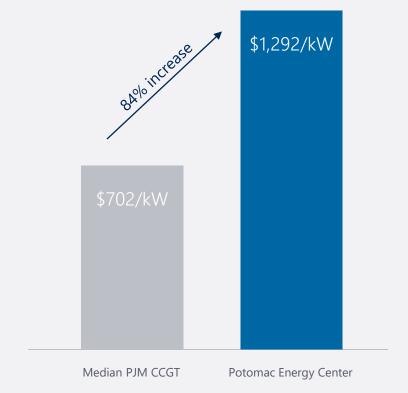
Overview of Potomac

Potomac Energy Center is a 774 MW combined cycle power generation facility located in Loudoun County, Virginia, within the Dominion Zone of PJM.

Overview of Blackstone

Blackstone and affiliate private equity funds have operated more than 130 generating facilities totaling over 60 GW of generating capacity.

Illustrative PJM CCGT Purchase Price Comparison⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (\$/kW)



Transaction Summary

- Virginia withdrew from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) in December 2023.
- PJM's 2025/2026 Base Residual Auction (BRA) cleared a landmark \$444.26/MW-day capacity price in the Dominion Zone.
- M&A process and outreach began in late August 2024.
- The Virginia Court of Appeals ruled the RGGI exit was unlawful and mandated return immediately.
- Blackstone purchased 100% ownership of Potomac.

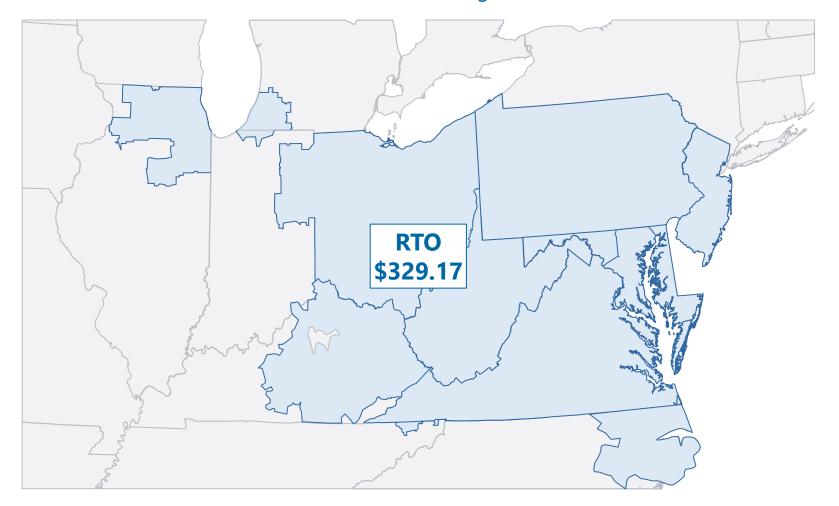
Sources: SparkSpread, industry publications. (1) Median of PJM CCGTs include purchases of 940 MW Lordstown, 810 MW Hunterstown, 705 MW Newark Energy Center, 1,176 MW New Covert, and 1,124 MW Panda Hummel.

⁽²⁾ Implied Potomac Energy Center \$/kW multiple calculated based on ~\$1 billion purchase price referenced in Reuters article dated January 24, 2025.



PJM: 2026/2027 Capacity Auction Results (1/4)

The 2026/2027 PJM BRA cleared at an all-time high due to a confluence of factors.



Sources: PJM, industry publications.

2026/2027 PJM Capacity Auction Results

- The 2026/2027 BRA produced a price of \$329.17/MW-day for PJM's entire footprint, clearing at the maximum FERC approved price cap.
- PJM notes the auction would have cleared at \$388.57/MW-day without the price cap in effect, reflecting tight supply-demand.
- Capacity cost for the 2026/2027 delivery year totaled \$16.1 billion, significantly higher than the \$14.7 billion and \$2.2 billion costs for the each of the past two capacity auctions, respectively.
- PJM cleared 134.3 GW of UCAP and 11.9 GW UCAP of fixed resource requirement capacity, resulting in 146.2 GW UCAP.
- The 2026/2027 auction cleared a reserve margin of 18.9%, or 0.2% lower than the target reserve margin of 19.1%.

PJM: 2026/2027 Capacity Auction Results (2/4)

The \$329.17/MW-day 2026/2027 capacity price is significantly higher than the 10-year average capacity prices.

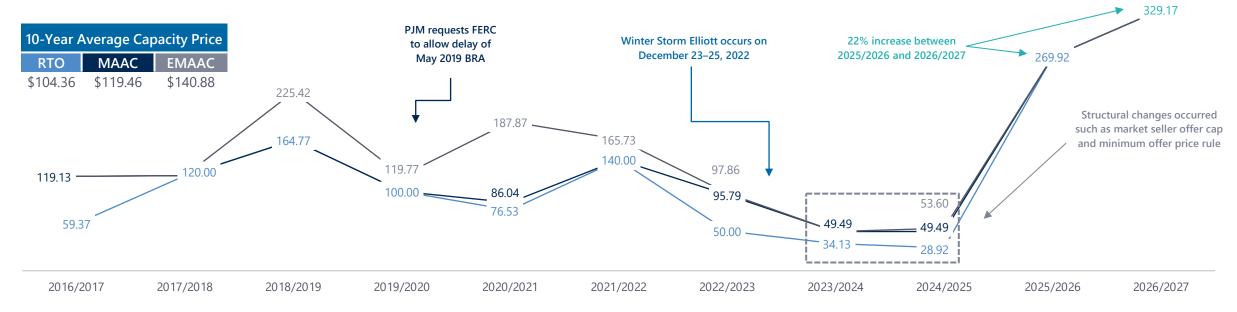
PJM Capacity Prices by Delivery Year⁽¹⁾

(\$/MW-day UCAP)

RTO

---- MAAC

----- EMAAC



Sources: PJM, industry publications.

⁽¹⁾ Reflects converged capacity prices where applicable.

PJM: 2026/2027 Capacity Auction Results (3/4)

Numerous factors contributed to the \$329.17/MW-day clear, including higher forecasted peak load and tightening reserve margins.

Cleared and Targeted Reserve Margin

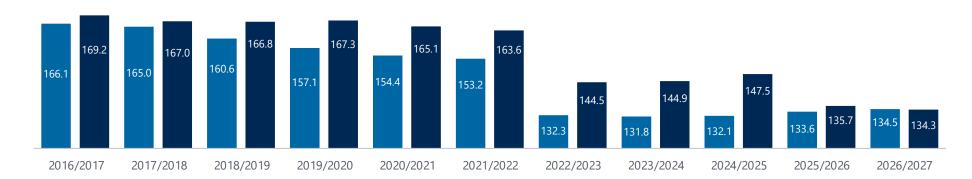
Targeted reserve margins have jumped recently as peak load increases and supply retires. PJM is considering an increased **20.0%** reserve margin for the 2027/2028 delivery year.



Reliability Requirement vs. Cleared Capacity Auction Supply⁽¹⁾ (GW)

Reliability Requirement (GW)

Cleared Supply (GW)



Sources: PJM, Planning Parameters, industry publications.

⁽¹⁾ Both Reliability Requirement and Cleared Supply are adjusted for fixed resource requirements per variable resource requirement (VRR) curve in the applicable delivery year

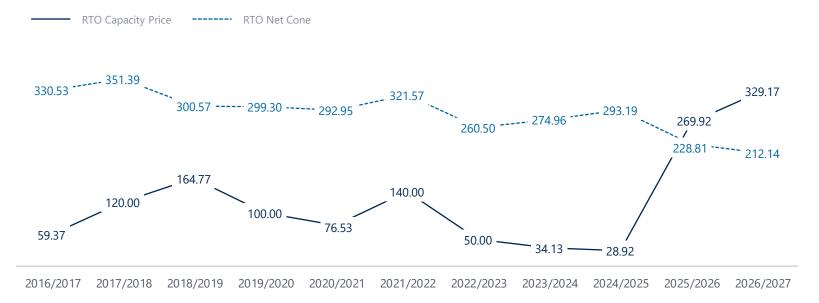
PJM: 2026/2027 Capacity Auction Results (4/4)

Tight supply-demand conditions continue to affect clearing prices, and even minute factors can shift the final clearing point.

PJM RTO Cleared Capacity Prices vs. Administrative Net Cost of New Entry

(\$/MW-day UCAP)

Capacity prices above the net cost of new entry (CONE), as was done in the 2025/2026 BRA, should be expected as the market predicts and reacts to supply, demand, and broader market dynamics.



Sources: PJM, Planning Parameters, industry publications.

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Detailed PJM Supply and Capacity Change Ledger for BRAs

Existing PJM Capacity Supply (UCAP)

Plus: Capacity Additions

Less: Retirements/Deactivations

Plus/Less: ELCCs, Demand Response

Available PJM Capacity Supply (UCAP)

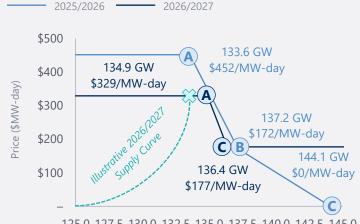
Less: PJM BRA Reliability Requirement

Market Surplus / (Shortfall)

The ~1.5 GW supply gap between the \$329.17/MW-day price cap and \$177.24/MW-day price floor made the VRR curve extremely tight.

PJM RTO 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 VRR Curve

(\$/MW-day UCAP)



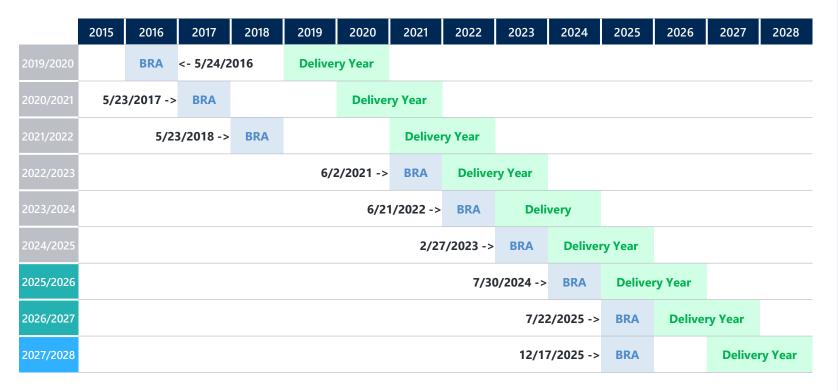
125.0 127.5 130.0 132.5 135.0 137.5 140.0 142.5 145.0

Quantity (GW UCAP)

PJM: ELCC Effects and Capacity Auction Timeline

The 2027/2028 Base Residual Auction is set to take place in early December with results posted on December 17, 2025. Based on current ELCC Class Ratings, it would have a price cap and price floor of \$333.44 and \$179.55/MW-day, respectively.

PJM's Capacity Auction (Three-Year Forward Auction) Has Faced Multiple Year Delays



Sources: PJM, PJM Inside Lines, PJM Preliminary ELCC Class Ratings, industry publications.

Note: Current reference resource, the selected generator that determines cost of new entry to determine capacity price clearing, is a dual-fuel CT in PJM. (1) Preliminary 2027/2028 ELCC Class Ratings as of July 17, 2025, per PJM Markets and Reliability Committee.

Preliminary Administrative Price Cap and Floor Sensitivity

	Сар	Floor	Δ
Fixed Clearing Price (\$/MW-day ICAP)	\$256.75	\$138.25	(\$118.50)
2025/2026A Dual-Fuel CT ELCC %	79%	79%	-
Fixed Clearing Price (\$/MW-day UCAP)	\$325.00	\$175.00	(\$150.00)
2026/2027A Dual-Fuel CT ELCC %	78%	78%	_
Fixed Clearing Price (\$/MW-day UCAP)	\$329.17	\$177.24	(\$151.92)

Sensitivity Analysis: Dual-Fuel CT ELCC vs. Price Cap and Price Floor					
	76%	77%	78%	79%	80%
Price Cap (UCAP)	\$337.83	\$333.44	\$329.17	\$325.00	\$320.94
Price Floor (UCAP)	\$181.91	\$179.55	\$177.24	\$175.00	\$172.81

Change in ELCC From 2025/2026 to 2027/2028 Delivery Years⁽¹⁾

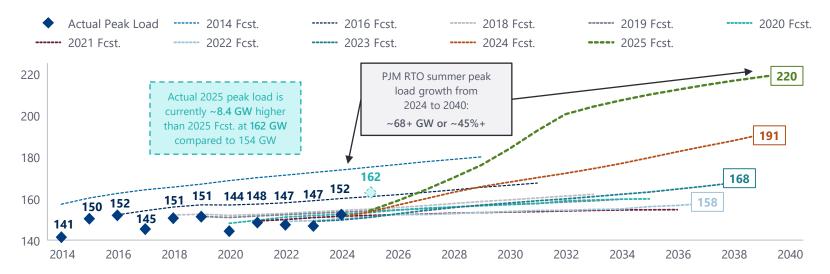
	A	В	C	B – A	C – B
	25/26A	26/27A	27/28E	Δ1	Δ2
Onshore Wind	35%	41%	41%	6%	_
Offshore Wind	60%	69%	67%	9%	(2%)
Tracking Solar	14%	11%	8%	(3%)	(3%)
Four-Hour Storage	59%	50%	58%	(9%)	8%
Nuclear	95%	95%	95%	_	_
Coal	84%	83%	83%	(1%)	_
Gas CCGT	79%	74%	74%	(5%)	_
Gas CT	62%	60%	61%	(2%)	1%
Dual-Fuel CT	79%	78%	77%	(1%)	(1%)

PJM: Increasing Peak Load Growth Forecasts

Over the past decade, peak load forecasts in PJM have reached unprecedented levels driven by data centers, the resurgence of manufacturing, electrification initiatives, and population growth.

- PJM faces unprecedented power demand driven by data centers and electrification in transportation, heating, and industrials.
- Total operational capacity decreased 3.6 GW since last summer, and load is projected to be 1.9 GW higher year over year.
- Under higher load estimates, PJM's annual assessment notes that available generation might fall short of required reserve margins.
- Tightening supply-demand balance continues as the interconnection queue backlog of intermittent renewables cannot replace PJM's accelerating retiring thermal generation fleet.
- The supply shortfall combined with roughly 30 GW of added load forecasted between 2025 and 2030 is expected to strain the grid.

PJM RTO Historical and Projected Summer Peak Load (GW)



Sources: PJM, Load Forecasts, industry publications.

Factors Driving PJM Power Surge



The explosion of AI workloads, cloud storage, and high-performance computing is sprouting massive data center demand.



Electric vehicle (EV) adoption, EV charging networks, and heat pump transitioning in homes are adding to domestic electricity demand.



Industrialization and **manufacturing** resurgence is increasing baseload demand as these processes **electrify**.

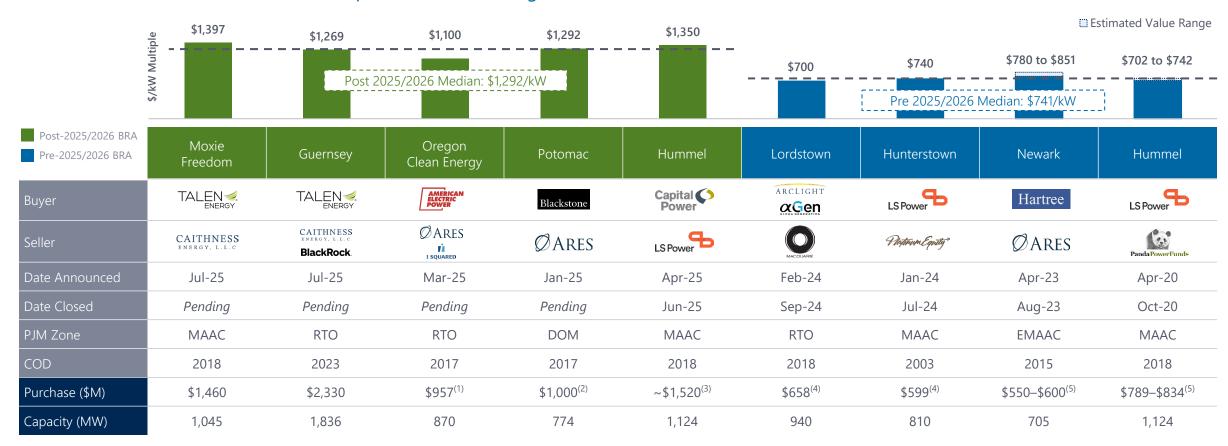


Population and GDP growth is raising residential and commercial power demand across PJM states.



PJM: Featured CCGT M&A Transactions

2025 has seen valuations for PJM CCGTs pushed to all-time highs.



Sources: SNL Energy, SparkSpread, news articles.

Note: Capacities and transaction value estimates are based on public information at close and may differ from more recent data; only 100% stake acquisitions are included.

^{(1) \$957} million figure per industry article dated March 12, 2025.

^{(2) \$1,000} million figure per Reuters article dated January 24, 2025.

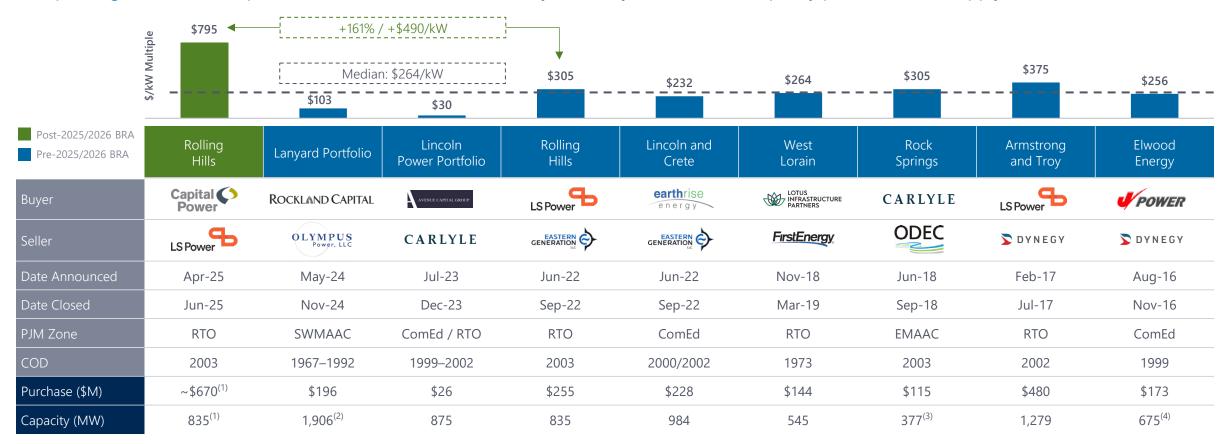
^{(3) ~\$1,520} million figure per industry articles suggesting ~70% of \$2.2 billion purchase price of Hummel and Rolling Hills is allocated to Hummel, implying ~\$1,350/kW purchase price.

⁽⁴⁾ Estimated transaction values based on discussions with market participants. Lordstown purchase price assumes \$250 million purchase price plus outstanding debt of \$408 million at time of transaction.

⁽⁵⁾ Dashed range represents estimated transaction value based on publicly available sources. Low end reflects estimate of debt outstanding at the time of the transaction. High end is based on transaction value as reported by industry publications.

PJM: Featured GT M&A Transactions

PJM peaking facilities are expected to see an asset revaluation cycle after years of muted capacity prices and oversupply.



Sources: SNL Energy, SparkSpread, news articles.

Note: Capacities and transaction value estimates are based on public information at close and may differ from more recent data.

⁽⁴⁾ Represents a 50% interest of 1,350 MW operating capacity.



^{(1) ~\$670} million figure per industry articles suggesting ~30% of \$2.2 billion purchase price of Hummel and Rolling Hills is allocated to Rolling Hills, implying ~\$795/kW purchase price on 835 MW of summer capacity compared to 1,023 MW of winter capacity.

²⁾ Portfolio includes 1.612 MW Chalk Point plant and 294 MW Dickerson plant.

Represents 50% of 754 MW operating capacity per 50% stake acquisition.



PJM: Glossary and Key Formulas

Key Terms

PJM and LDAs	 Pennsylvania-Jersey-Maryland Interconnection LLC. Locational deliverability area or region in PJM.
BRA and RPM	 Base Residual Auction conducted to secure capacity. Reliability pricing model, or PJM's capacity market.
Delivery Year	Planning year in PJM that starts June 1 and ends May 30. For example, June 1, 2026 – May 30, 2027 is 2026/2027.
MSOC	Market seller offer cap, or the maximum offer price applicable to specific sellers under certain conditions.
MOPR	Minimum offer price rule, or the minimum offer price applicable to certain sellers under certain conditions.
ELCC	Effective load carrying capability, or metric used to determine how reliable resources can be during peak demand.
ICAP and UCAP	 Installed capacity, or the maximum amount of MWs. Unforced capacity, or a measure of reliable capacity.
Net CONE	Cost of new entry, or the estimated cost of building and operating a new power plant net of expected energy and ancillary revenues.
Peak Load	Also known as peak demand, but the highest level of electricity consumption at a specific point of time.
Demand Response	Program that allows electricity consumers to reduce energy consumption during periods of high demand.
Energy Efficiency	Using less electricity to perform the same task or achieve the same outcome; minimizing energy waste or maximizing usage.
Reserve Margin	Measures the available generating capacity (supply) exceeding the expected peak load (demand).
VRR Curve	Variable resource requirement curve, or the downward-sloping capacity supply-demand curve with three points (A, B, C).

Key Formulas

UCAP	UCAP = ICAP * ELCC * Resource Performance Adjustment
Capacity Revenue	Monthly Revenue = MWs * \$/MW-day * # of Days in Month For example, 100 MW * \$200/MW-day * 30 Days = \$600K
Reserve Margin	(Supply / Demand) – 1
Point A (Price)	Maximum of Gross CONE or 1.75x Net CONE
Point B (Price)	0.75x Net CONE
Point C (Price)	\$0
Point A (Quantity)	~99% of Reliability Requirement
Point B (Quantity)	~101.5% of Reliability Requirement
Point C (Quantity)	~104.5% of Reliability Requirement
IRM	Installed Reserve Margin = [(Available PJM ICAP / Solved Peak Load for 1-in-10 LOLE) – 1] – Capacity Benefit of Ties
Pool-Wide AUCAP	AUCAP Factor = Accredited UCAP / Available PJM ICAP
FPR	Forecast Pool Req. = (1 + IRM) * AUCAP Factor
Reliability Req.	RR = Modeled Peak Load * FPR

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