

## Environmental and Renewable Energy Regulations

Environmental requirements and renewable energy mandates have a significant impact on PJM markets. The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards Rule (MATS) and the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) will require significant investments for some fossil-fired power plants in the PJM footprint in order to reduce heavy metal and SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. These investments may result in higher offers in the capacity market, and if units do not clear, in the retirement of some units. Renewable energy mandates and associated incentives by state and federal governments have resulted in the construction of substantial amounts of renewable capacity in the PJM footprint, especially wind and solar-powered resources. Renewable energy credit (REC) markets created by state programs and federal tax credits have had a significant impact on PJM wholesale markets.

### Highlights

- On March 27, 2012, the EPA proposed a Carbon Pollution Standard for new fossil-fired electric utility generating units. The proposed standard would limit emissions from new electric generating units to 1,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per MWh.
- The EPA proposed to exempt certain small reciprocating engines participating in DR programs as behind-the-meter generation from otherwise applicable run time restrictions. On May 22, 2012, the EPA proposed to increase the existing 15-hour exemption to 100 hours. EPA justified this exemption based on concerns about the impact on reliability and efficient operation of the wholesale energy markets.<sup>1</sup> The Market Monitor testified on this issue explaining that such concerns are unwarranted, and that, by providing a special exemption to units participating in demand response programs, the exemption would harm efficiency and reliability.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines; New Source Performance Standards for Stationary Internal Combustion Engines, Proposed Rule*, EPA Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0708, 77 Fed. Reg. 33812 (June 7, 2012).

<sup>2</sup> Comments of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, filed in EPA Docket No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2011-1030 (February 16, 2012).

- Emission prices declined in January through June 2012 compared to 2011. NO<sub>x</sub> prices declined 74.2 percent in 2012 compared to 2011, and SO<sub>2</sub> prices declined 48.9 percent in 2012 compared to 2011. Spot average RGGI CO<sub>2</sub> prices increased by 3.2 percent in 2012 compared to 2011, partially as a result of the increase in the price floor for RGGI CO<sub>2</sub> allowances.
- The auction price of RGGI CO<sub>2</sub> allowances remained at the floor price of \$1.93 during January through June 2012, and as of January 1, 2012, the state of New Jersey no longer participates in the RGGI program.
- Generation from wind units increased from 6,370.2 GWh in January through June 2011 to 7,729.1 GWh in January through June 2012, an increase of 21.3 percent. Generation from solar units increased from 21.6 GWh in January through June 2011 to 119.7 GWh in January through June 2012, an increase of 453.8 percent.

### Conclusion

Initiatives at both the Federal and state levels have an impact on the cost of energy and capacity in PJM markets. PJM markets provide a flexible mechanism for incorporating the costs of environmental controls and meeting environmental requirements in a cost effective manner. PJM markets also provide a flexible mechanism that could be used to incorporate renewable resource requirements to ensure that renewable resources have access to a broad market and are priced competitively so as to reflect their market value. PJM markets provide efficient price signals that permit valuation of resources with very different characteristics when they provide the same product.

## Environmental Regulation

### Federal Environmental Regulation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

On April 2, 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court overruled the EPA's determination that it was not authorized to regulate greenhouse gas emissions under the CAA and remanded the matter to EPA to determine whether greenhouse gases endanger public health and welfare.<sup>3</sup> On December 7, 2009, the EPA

<sup>3</sup> *Massachusetts v. EPA*, 549 U.S. 497.

determined that greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride, endanger public health and welfare.<sup>4</sup>

The EPA determined that in order to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, it would need to develop a different standard for determining major sources that require permits to emit greenhouse gases as opposed to other pollutants. Application of the prevailing 100 or 250 tons per year (tpy) annual emissions rates would overwhelm the capabilities of state permitting authorities and impede the ability to construct or modify regulated facilities.<sup>5</sup>

On May 13, 2010, the EPA issued a rule addressing greenhouse gases (GHG) from the largest stationary sources, including power plants.<sup>6</sup> The Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Title V programs under the CAA impose certain permitting requirements on sources of pollutants. The EPA began phased implementation of this rule on January 2, 2011, referring to each phase as a step. Affected facilities will be required to include GHGs in their permit if they increase net GHG emissions by at least 75,000 tpy CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent and also significantly increase emissions of at least one non-GHG pollutant.<sup>7</sup>

On December 23, 2010, the EPA entered a settlement agreement to resolve the requests by States and other litigants for performance standards and emission guidelines for GHG emissions for new and significantly modified sources, as provided under Sections 111(b) and (d) of the CAA. A proposed rule is expected to amend the standards of performance for electric utility steam generating units codified in EPA regulations to address regulation of GHG.<sup>8</sup>

On July 1, 2011, the rule was expanded under step 2 to cover all new facilities with GHG emissions of at least 100,000 tpy and modifications at existing facilities that would increase GHG emissions by at least 75,000 tpy.<sup>9</sup> These

<sup>4</sup> See *Endangerment and Cause or Contribute Findings for Greenhouse Gases Under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act*, 74 Fed. Reg. 66496, 66497 (December 15, 2009).

<sup>5</sup> EPA, *Proposed Rule, Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Title V Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule Step 3, GHG Plantwide Applicability Limitations and GHG Synthetic Minor Limitations*, Docket No. EPA-HQ-2009-0517 (February 24, 2012) at 6–7 (Step 3 Tailoring Rule).

<sup>6</sup> EPA, *Final Rule, Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Title V Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule*, Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0517, 75 Fed. Reg. 31514.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 31516.

<sup>8</sup> See 40 CFR Part 60.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

permits must demonstrate the use of best available control technology (BACT) to minimize GHG emission increases when facilities are constructed or significantly modified.<sup>10</sup>

On February 3, 2012, the EPA proposed step 3.<sup>11</sup> The proposed rule would leave the step 2 thresholds unchanged. Step 2 allows permitting on a plant wide basis so that changes at a facility that do not violate the plant wide limits do not require additional permitting.<sup>12</sup> Step 2 also allows for sources to obtain status as “synthetic minor sources,” and avoid status as a regulated major source, on the basis of its voluntary acceptance of enforceable emissions limits.<sup>13</sup> For example, a generating unit that would be a major source if it operated every hour of the year could become a synthetic minor source by accepting enforceable emissions limits based on its practical physical and operational limitations.<sup>14</sup>

On March 27, 2012, the EPA proposed an emissions standard for CO<sub>2</sub> from new fossil-fired electric utility generating units.<sup>15</sup> The proposed standard limits emissions from new units to 1,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per MWh. The rule excludes units currently in service or that have acquired full preconstruction permits prior to issuance of the proposal and that commence construction during the next 12 months. New units covered by the rule include only certain types of units that meet certain sales thresholds. Covered unit types include fossil fuel fired steam and combined cycle (CC) units, but exclude stationary simple cycle combustion turbine units. Covered units include only units that supply to the grid “more than one-third of [the unit’s] potential annual electric output and more than 25 MW net-electrical output (MWe).”<sup>16</sup> EPA states that new natural gas CC units should be able to meet the proposed standard without add on controls, based in part on data showing that nearly 95 percent of the natural gas CC units built between 2006 and 2010 would meet the standard. EPA states that new coal or petroleum coke units that incorporate technology to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, such as carbon capture and storage (CCS), could

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 31520.

<sup>11</sup> Step 3 Tailoring Rule.

<sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 8.

<sup>13</sup> *Id.*

<sup>14</sup> See *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> Standards for Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions for New Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units, EPA Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0660, 77 Fed. Reg. 22392 (April 13, 2012).

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* at

meet the standard.<sup>17</sup> New units that use CCS would have the option under the proposed rule to show twelve-month compliance with reference to a level calculated to consider an estimated 30 year average of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the year in which CCS would be installed, and the “best demonstrated performance of a coal-fired facility without CCS.”<sup>18</sup>

## Federal Environmental Regulation of Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE)

The EPA has promulgated national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE) under section 112 of the CAA.<sup>19</sup> The existing regulation allows a 15-hour run time exemption for emergency RICE participating in demand response programs, such as those administered by PJM.<sup>20</sup> In an amendment filed May 22, 2012, the EPA proposes to raise this exemption to 100 hours.<sup>21</sup> The EPA explained that it accepted arguments that an exemption is needed to allow RICE generators to contribute to reliability and efficient operations through DR programs, and specifically in order to accommodate RTO/ISO rules, such as PJM’s 60-hour run time required for Limited DR.<sup>22</sup>

The Market Monitor filed comments in an earlier related proceeding taking the position that there is no legitimate market-based rationale to exempt RICE participating in DR programs.<sup>23</sup> From the perspective of PJM markets, there is no reason that the same environmental regulations should not apply to RICE without regard to whether it is participating in DR programs. RICE participating in PJM DR programs offers no special benefits to markets. The exemption would exacerbate existing problems associated with the role of Limited DR in the capacity market. Limited DR inappropriately suppresses prices in the capacity market, and PJM has identified a reliability risk in

<sup>17</sup> *Id.* at 22392. EPA observes that PJM State Illinois, currently requires CCS for new coal generation.

<sup>18</sup> *Id.* at 22406.

<sup>19</sup> See, e.g., 40 CFR Part 63.

<sup>20</sup> 40 CFR § 63.6640(f)(1)(iii).

<sup>21</sup> *National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines; New Source Performance Standards for Stationary Internal Combustion Engines*, Proposed Rule, EPA Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0708, 77 Fed. Reg. 33812 (June 7, 2012).

<sup>22</sup> *Id.* at 33813 (“The 100 hours per year allowance would ensure that a sufficient number of hours are permitted for engines to meet independent system operator (ISO) and regional transmission organization (RTO) tariffs and other requirements for participating in various emergency demand response programs and would assist in stabilizing the grid, preventing electrical blackouts and supporting local electric system reliability.”).

<sup>23</sup> Comments of the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, filed in EPA Docket No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2011-1030 (February 16, 2012).

its increasing reliance on Limited DR.<sup>24</sup> The Market Monitor raised the same issues in testimony to the EPA on the rule at a hearing convened July 10, 2012.

## State Regulation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a cooperative effort established by Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont to cap CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from power generation facilities.<sup>25</sup> As of January 1, 2012, the State of New Jersey no longer participates in the RGGI program.

Since September 25, 2008, a total of 14 auctions have been held for 2009–2011 compliance period allowances, and 2 auctions have been held for 2012–2014 compliance period allowances.

Table 7-1 shows the RGGI CO<sub>2</sub> auction clearing prices and quantities for the 14 2009–2011 compliance period auctions held as of the end of calendar year 2011, and additional two auctions for the 2012–2014 compliance period held as of June 30, 2012. Auction prices within January through June 2012 for the 2012–2014 compliance period were \$1.93 throughout the year. This price, \$1.93 per allowance, is the current price floor for RGGI auctions. The average January through June 2012 spot price for a 2012–2014 compliance period allowance was \$1.97 per ton. Monthly average spot prices for the 2012–2014

<sup>24</sup> See PJM Resource Adequacy Planning Department, Demand Resource Saturation Analysis at 15 (May 2010) (“Given the current interruption requirements applicable to DR, these study results indicate that the reliability value of DR saturates at an 8.5% penetration level for the RTO.”), which can be accessed at: <<http://www.pjm.com/~media/committees-groups/committees/pc/20100811/20100811-item-10-demand-response-saturation-report.aspx>>; see also, *PJM Interconnection, LLC*, 134 FERC ¶61,066 at PP 2–4 (2011) (“Under the Reliability Pricing Model (RPM) rules, PJM conducts forward auctions to secure capacity for a future delivery year, thereby allowing both existing and proposed generation, demand response and energy efficiency resources to compete to meet the region’s installed capacity needs. PJM provides for demand resources to be offered into the auction in competition with generation and energy efficiency resources.[footnote omitted] These demand resources must reduce load subsequent to a request for load reduction from PJM following the declaration of a Maximum Emergency Generation action, unless the resource has already reduced load pursuant to PJM’s economic load response program.[footnote omitted] The level of demand resources committed to PJM has grown with the implementation of RPM.[footnote omitted] Under the current RPM rules, demand resources can qualify for the RPM provided they: [ ] can be interrupted during the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time) on non-Holiday weekdays during the months of June through September; [ ] can be called upon for interruptions up to ten times during that period each year; and [ ] can remain interrupted for up to six hours when called upon. PJM contends that as more megawatts of resources that are only available during narrowly defined peak periods are committed, fewer megawatts of more broadly available resources are committed. As a result, PJM raises a concern that commitment of fewer resources that are more broadly available increases the risk that PJM may have to call on a resource at a time, or in a manner, in which the resource is not required to respond.”).

<sup>25</sup> A similar regional initiative was organized under the Western Climate Initiative, Inc. (WCI). The California Air Resources Board (ARB) has organized a cap and trade program that it will implement in 2012. That program will be coordinated with other U.S. states and Canadian provinces participating in WCI. One such participant, Quebec, adopted cap and trade rules on December 15, 2011. British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario are also expected to coordinate cap and trade policies through WCI.

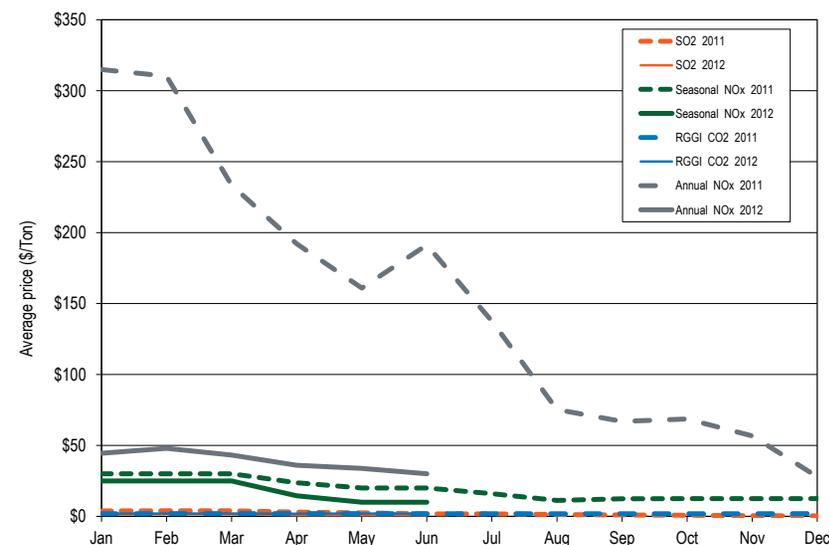
compliance period varied during the year, peaking in February at \$2.00 per ton and declining to \$1.96 per ton during June.

**Table 7-1 RGGI CO<sub>2</sub> allowance auction prices and quantities: 2009-2011 and 2012-2014 Compliance Period<sup>26</sup> (See 2011 SOM, Table 7-3)**

Auction Date	Clearing Price	Quantity Offered	Quantity Sold
September 25, 2008	\$3.07	12,565,387	12,565,387
December 17, 2008	\$3.38	31,505,898	31,505,898
March 18, 2009	\$3.51	31,513,765	31,513,765
June 17, 2009	\$3.23	30,887,620	30,887,620
September 9, 2009	\$2.19	28,408,945	28,408,945
December 2, 2009	\$2.05	28,591,698	28,591,698
March 10, 2010	\$2.07	40,612,408	40,612,408
June 9, 2010	\$1.88	40,685,585	40,685,585
September 10, 2010	\$1.86	45,595,968	34,407,000
December 1, 2010	\$1.86	43,173,648	24,755,000
March 9, 2011	\$1.89	41,995,813	41,995,813
June 8, 2011	\$1.89	42,034,184	12,537,000
September 7, 2011	\$1.89	42,189,685	7,847,000
December 7, 2011	\$1.89	42,983,482	27,293,000
March 14, 2012	\$1.93	34,843,858	21,559,000
June 6, 2012	\$1.93	36,426,008	20,941,000

Figure 7-1 shows average, daily settled prices for NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions within PJM. In January through June 2012, NO<sub>x</sub> prices were 74.2 percent lower than in 2011. SO<sub>2</sub> prices were 48.9 percent lower in January through June 2012 than in 2011. Figure 7-1 also shows the average, daily settled price for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO<sub>2</sub> allowances. RGGI allowances are required by generation in participating RGGI states. This includes PJM generation located in Delaware and Maryland.

**Figure 7-1 Spot monthly average emission price comparison: 2011 and January through June 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Figure 7-1)**



## Renewable Portfolio Standards

Many PJM jurisdictions have enacted legislation to require that a defined percentage of utility load be served by renewable resources, for which there are many standards and definitions. These are typically known as Renewable Portfolio Standards, or RPS. As of 2012, Delaware, Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C. had renewable portfolio standards, ranging from 1.50 percent of all load served in Ohio, to 9.21 percent of all load served in New Jersey. Virginia has enacted a voluntary renewable portfolio standard. Kentucky and Tennessee have enacted no renewable portfolio standards. Indiana and West Virginia have enacted renewable portfolio standards that have yet to take effect by 2012.

<sup>26</sup> See "Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative: Auction Results" <[http://www.rggi.org/market/co2\\_auctions/results](http://www.rggi.org/market/co2_auctions/results)> (Accessed July 16, 2012).

Under the proposed standards, a substantial amount of load in PJM is required to be served by renewable resources by 2022. As shown in Table 7-2, New Jersey will require 22.5 percent of load to be served by renewable resources, the most stringent standard of all PJM jurisdictions. Typically, renewable generation earns renewable energy credits (also known as alternative energy credits), or RECs, when they generate. These RECs are bought by utilities and load serving entities to fulfill the requirements for renewable generation. Standards for renewable portfolios differ from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, for example, Illinois requires only utilities to purchase renewable energy credits, while Pennsylvania requires all load serving entities to purchase renewable energy credits (known as alternative energy credits in Pennsylvania).

**Table 7-2 Renewable standards of PJM jurisdictions to 2022<sup>27,28</sup> (See 2011 SOM, Table 7-4)**

Jurisdiction	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Delaware	8.50%	10.00%	11.50%	13.00%	14.50%	16.00%	17.50%	19.00%	20.00%	21.00%	22.00%
Illinois	7.00%	8.00%	9.00%	10.00%	11.50%	13.00%	14.50%	16.00%	17.50%	19.00%	20.50%
Indiana		4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%
Kentucky	No Standard										
Maryland	9.00%	10.70%	12.80%	13.00%	15.20%	15.60%	18.30%	17.70%	18.00%	18.70%	20.00%
Michigan	<10.00%	<10.00%	<10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%
New Jersey	9.21%	10.14%	11.10%	12.07%	13.08%	14.10%	16.16%	18.25%	20.37%	22.50%	22.50%
North Carolina	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	12.50%	12.50%
Ohio	1.50%	2.00%	2.50%	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%	6.50%	7.50%	8.50%	9.50%	10.50%
Pennsylvania	9.70%	10.20%	10.70%	11.20%	13.70%	14.20%	14.70%	15.20%	15.70%	18.00%	18.00%
Tennessee	No Standard										
Virginia	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	12.00%
Washington, D.C.	7.50%	9.00%	10.50%	12.00%	13.50%	15.00%	16.50%	18.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%
West Virginia				10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%

Renewable energy credit markets are markets related to the production and purchase of wholesale power, but are not subject to FERC regulation or other market regulation or oversight. RECs markets are, as an economic fact, integrated with PJM markets including energy and capacity markets, but are not recognized as part of PJM markets. Revenues from RECs markets are in addition to revenues earned from the sale of the same MWh in PJM

<sup>27</sup> This analysis shows the total standard of renewable resources in all PJM jurisdictions, including Tier I and Tier II resources.

<sup>28</sup> Michigan in 2012-2014 must make up the gap between 10 percent renewable energy and the renewable energy baseline in Michigan.

In 2012, this means baseline plus 20 percent of the gap between baseline and 10 percent renewable resources, in 2013, baseline plus 33 percent and in 2014, baseline plus 50 percent.

markets. Many jurisdictions allow various types of renewable resources to earn multiple RECs per MWh, though typically one REC is equal to one MWh. For example, West Virginia allows one credit each per MWh from generation from “alternative energy resources” such as waste coal or pumped-storage hydroelectric, but allows two credits each per MWh of electricity generated by “renewable energy resources”, which includes resources such as wind, solar, and run-of-river hydroelectric. PJM Environmental Information Services (EIS), an unregulated subsidiary of PJM, operates the Generation Attribute Tracking System (GATS), which is used by many jurisdictions to track these renewable energy credits. The MMU recommends that renewable energy credit markets be brought into PJM markets as RECs are an increasingly critical component of wholesale energy markets.

Many PJM jurisdictions have also added requirements for the purchase of specific renewable resource technologies, specifically solar resources. These solar requirements are included in the standards shown in Table 7-2 but must be met by solar RECs only. Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C., all have a

requirement for the proportion of load served by solar units by 2022.<sup>29</sup> Indiana, Michigan, Virginia, and West Virginia have no specific solar standard. In 2012, the most stringent standard in PJM was Washington D.C.’s, requiring 0.5 percent of load to be served by solar resources. As Table 7-3 shows, by 2022, the most stringent standard will be New Jersey’s which requires at least 4.13 percent of load to be served by solar.

<sup>29</sup> Pennsylvania and Delaware allow only solar photovoltaic resources to fulfill the jurisdiction’s solar requirement.

Table 7-3 Solar renewable standards of PJM jurisdictions to 2022 (See 2011 SOM Table 7-5)

Jurisdiction	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Delaware	0.40%	0.60%	0.80%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%	2.75%
Illinois	0.00%	0.12%	0.27%	0.60%	0.69%	0.78%	0.87%	0.96%	1.05%	1.14%	1.23%
Indiana	No Solar Standard										
Kentucky	No Standard										
Maryland	0.10%	0.20%	0.30%	0.40%	0.50%	0.55%	0.90%	1.20%	1.50%	1.85%	2.00%
Michigan	No Solar Standard										
New Jersey	0.39%	0.75%	1.99%	2.24%	2.54%	2.87%	3.25%	3.67%	3.90%	4.03%	4.13%
North Carolina	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%
Ohio	0.06%	0.09%	0.12%	0.15%	0.18%	0.22%	0.26%	0.30%	0.34%	0.38%	0.42%
Pennsylvania	0.03%	0.05%	0.08%	0.14%	0.25%	0.29%	0.34%	0.39%	0.44%	0.50%	0.50%
Tennessee	No Standard										
Virginia	No Solar Standard										
Washington, D.C.	0.50%	0.50%	0.60%	0.70%	0.83%	0.98%	1.15%	1.35%	1.58%	1.85%	2.18%
West Virginia	No Solar Standard										

Some PJM jurisdictions have also added specific requirements to their renewable portfolio standards for other technologies.

PJM jurisdictions include various methods to comply with required renewable portfolio standards. If an LSE is unable to comply with the renewable portfolio standards required by the LSE's jurisdiction, LSEs may make alternative compliance payments, with varying standards.

Table 7-4 shows generation by jurisdiction and renewable resource type in January through June 2012. This includes only units that would qualify for REC credits by primary fuel type, including waste coal, battery, and pumped-storage hydroelectric, which can qualify for Pennsylvania Tier II credits if they are located in the PJM footprint. Wind units account for 7,729.1 GWh of 12,891.6 Tier I GWh, or 60.0 percent, in the PJM footprint. As shown in Table 7-4, 23,416.7 GWh were generated by resources that were primarily renewable, including both Tier II and Tier I renewable credits, of which, Tier I type resources accounted for 55.1 percent.

Table 7-5 shows the capacity of renewable resources in PJM by jurisdiction, as defined by primary or alternative fuel types being renewable.<sup>30</sup> This analysis includes various coal and natural gas units that have a renewable fuel as a secondary fuel, and thus are able to earn renewable energy credits. Pennsylvania has the largest amount of renewable capacity in PJM, 7,386.7 MW, or 26.8 percent of the total renewable capacity. New Jersey has the highest amount of solar capacity in PJM, 158.7 MW, or 95.9 percent of the total solar capacity. Wind resources are located primarily in western PJM, in Illinois and Indiana, which include 3,307.6 MW, or 58.0 percent of the total wind capacity.

<sup>30</sup> Defined by fuel type, or a generator being registered in PJM GATS. Includes only units that are interconnected to the PJM system.

Table 7-4 Renewable generation by jurisdiction and renewable resource type (GWh): January through June 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Table 7-8)

Jurisdiction	Landfill Gas	Pumped-Storage Hydro	Run-of-River Hydro	Solar	Solid Waste	Waste Coal	Wind	Tier I Credit Only	Total Credit GWh
Delaware	31.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.7	63.4
Illinois	65.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,457.3	3,522.4	3,522.4
Indiana	0.0	0.0	22.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,594.8	1,617.3	1,617.3
Kentucky	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maryland	42.5	0.0	1,100.7	0.0	285.7	0.0	173.6	1,316.8	1,602.5
Michigan	15.4	0.0	35.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.7	50.7
New Jersey	190.6	155.4	7.9	111.3	675.4	0.0	5.2	315.0	1,145.8
North Carolina	0.0	0.0	235.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	235.0	235.0
Ohio	94.6	0.0	183.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	538.7	818.0	818.0
Pennsylvania	482.9	706.0	1,265.7	2.2	885.7	4,457.4	1,150.6	2,901.4	8,950.5
Tennessee	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	174.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	174.8
Virginia	220.9	2,060.8	433.5	5.3	569.0	0.0	0.0	659.7	3,289.5
Washington, D.C.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
West Virginia	5.6	0.0	609.3	0.0	0.0	554.9	808.9	1,423.8	1,978.7
Total	1,149.1	2,922.1	3,893.8	119.7	2,590.6	5,012.3	7,729.1	12,891.6	23,416.7

Table 7-5 PJM renewable capacity by jurisdiction (MW), on June 30, 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Table 7-9)

Jurisdiction	Coal	Landfill Gas	Natural Gas	Oil	Pumped-Storage Hydro	Run-of-River Hydro	Solar	Solid Waste	Waste Coal	Wind	Total
Delaware	0.0	8.1	1,835.3	13.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,857.2
Illinois	0.0	64.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	2,254.4	2,339.3
Indiana	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,053.2	1,061.4
Iowa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	185.0	185.0
Maryland	60.0	27.7	129.0	31.9	0.0	581.0	0.0	109.0	0.0	120.0	1,058.6
Michigan	0.0	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.6
New Jersey	0.0	85.5	0.0	0.0	400.0	5.0	158.7	191.1	0.0	7.5	847.8
North Carolina	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	315.0	0.0	95.0	0.0	0.0	410.0
Ohio	5,241.7	45.0	125.5	209.0	0.0	178.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	500.0	6,300.3
Pennsylvania	35.0	210.6	2,366.7	0.0	1,505.0	682.3	3.0	247.0	1,422.2	915.0	7,386.7
Tennessee	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
Virginia	0.0	121.6	80.0	9.9	3,588.0	457.1	2.7	215.0	0.0	0.0	4,474.3
West Virginia	500.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	243.1	0.0	0.0	130.0	663.5	1,538.6
PJM Total	5,836.7	570.2	4,536.5	264.6	5,493.0	2,481.5	165.5	927.1	1,552.2	5,698.6	27,525.9

Table 7-6 shows renewable capacity registered in the PJM Generation Attribute Tracking System (GATS), a system operated by PJM EIS, that are not PJM units. This includes solar capacity of 948.9 MW of which 623.8 MW is in New Jersey. These resources can also earn renewable energy credits, and can be used to fulfill the renewable portfolio standards in PJM jurisdictions. All capacity shown in Table 7-6 is registered in PJM GATS, and may sell renewable energy credits through PJM EIS. Some of this capacity is located in jurisdictions outside PJM, but that may qualify for specific renewable energy credits in some jurisdictions. This includes both behind the meter generation located inside PJM, and generation connected to other RTOs outside PJM.

**Table 7-6 Renewable capacity by jurisdiction, non-PJM units registered in GATS<sup>31,32</sup> (MW), on June 30, 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Table 7-10)**

Jurisdiction	Hydroelectric	Landfill Gas	Natural Gas	Other Gas	Other Source	Solar	Solid Waste	Wind	Total
Delaware	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.5	0.0	0.1	28.6
Illinois	4.6	108.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.8	0.0	302.5	446.7
Indiana	0.0	43.6	0.0	679.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	723.6
Kentucky	2.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	88.0	0.0	106.5
Maryland	0.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	53.2	0.0	0.3	60.5
Michigan	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.9
Minnesota	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missouri	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	146.0	146.0
New Jersey	0.0	39.9	0.0	0.0	23.3	623.8	0.0	0.4	687.4
New York	103.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	104.1
North Carolina	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Ohio	1.0	26.4	52.6	67.0	1.0	48.2	109.3	15.9	321.5
Pennsylvania	5.5	10.0	4.8	85.5	0.3	148.5	0.0	3.2	257.8
Virginia	12.5	14.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	318.1	0.0	350.8
West Virginia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1
Wisconsin	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	44.6	0.0	54.0
District of Columbia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
Total	138.3	268.2	57.4	831.6	24.6	948.9	560.0	468.4	3,297.5

31 There is a 0.00216 MW solar facility registered in GATS from Minnesota that can sell solar RECs in the PJM jurisdictions of Pennsylvania and Illinois.

32 See "Renewable Generators Registered in GATS" <<https://gats.pjm-eis.com/myModule/rpt/myrpt.asp?r=228>> (Accessed July 02, 2012).

## Emissions Controlled Capacity and Renewables in PJM Markets

### Emission Controlled Capacity in the PJM Region

Due to environmental regulations and agreements to limit emissions, many PJM units burning fossil fuels have installed emission control technology. Environmental regulations may affect decisions about emission control investments in existing units, investment in new units and decisions to retire units lacking emission controls.

Coal and heavy oil have the highest SO<sub>2</sub> emission rates, while natural gas and light oil have low to negligible SO<sub>2</sub> emission rates. Many coal steam units in PJM have installed FGD (flue-gas desulfurization) technology to reduce SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from coal steam units. Of the current 83,150.0 MW of coal steam capacity in PJM, 53,860.5 MW of capacity, 64.8 percent, has some form of FGD technology. Table 7-7 shows emission controls by unit type, of fossil fuel units in PJM.

**Table 7-7 SO<sub>2</sub> emission controls (FGD) by unit type (MW), as of June 30, 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Table 7-11)**

	SO <sub>2</sub> Controlled	No SO <sub>2</sub> Controls	Total	Percent Controlled
Coal Steam	53,860.5	29,289.5	83,150.0	64.8%
Combined Cycle	0.0	27,032.1	27,032.1	0.0%
Combustion Turbine	0.0	31,446.8	31,446.8	0.0%
Diesel	0.0	365.8	365.8	0.0%
Non-Coal Steam	0.0	9,425.6	9,425.6	0.0%
Total	53,860.5	97,559.8	151,420.3	35.6%

NO<sub>x</sub> emission controlling technology is used by nearly all fossil fuel unit types. Coal steam, combined cycle, combustion turbine, and non-coal steam units in PJM have NO<sub>x</sub> controls. Of current fossil fuel units in PJM, 136,619.9 MW, or 90.2 percent, of 151,420.3 MW of capacity in PJM, have emission controls for NO<sub>x</sub>. Table 7-8 shows NO<sub>x</sub> emission controls by unit type of fossil fuel units in PJM. While most units in PJM have NO<sub>x</sub> emission controls, many of these controls will need to be upgraded in order to meet forthcoming emission compliance standards. Future NO<sub>x</sub> compliance standards will require SCRs or SCNRs for coal steam units, as well as SCRs or water injection technology for HEDD combustion turbine units.

**Table 7-8 NO<sub>x</sub> emission controls by unit type (MW), as of June 30, 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Table 7-12)**

	NO <sub>x</sub> Controlled	No NO <sub>x</sub> Controls	Total	Percent Controlled
Coal Steam	80,127.6	3,022.4	83,150.0	96.4%
Combined Cycle	26,286.1	746.0	27,032.1	97.2%
Combustion Turbine	25,835.4	5,611.4	31,446.8	82.2%
Diesel	0.0	365.8	365.8	0.0%
Non-Coal Steam	4,370.8	5,054.8	9,425.6	46.4%
Total	136,619.9	14,800.4	151,420.3	90.2%

Coal steam units in PJM generally have particulate controls. Typically, technologies such as electrostatic precipitators (ESP) or baghouses are used to reduce particulate matter in coal steam units. In PJM, 81,122.2 MW, 97.6 percent, of all coal steam unit MW, have some type of particulate emissions control technology. Table 7-9 shows particulate emission controls by unit type of fossil fuel units in PJM. Most coal steam units in PJM have particulate

emission controls in the form of ESPs, but many of these controls will need to be upgraded in order to meet forthcoming emission compliance standards. Future particulate compliance standards will require baghouse technology or a combination of an FGD and SCR to meet EPA regulations, which many coal steam units have not installed.

**Table 7-9 Particulate emission controls by unit type (MW), as of June 30, 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Table 7-13)**

	Particulate Controlled	No Particulate Controls	Total	Percent Controlled
Coal Steam	81,122.2	2,027.8	83,150.0	97.6%
Combined Cycle	0.0	27,032.1	27,032.1	0.0%
Combustion Turbine	0.0	31,446.8	31,446.8	0.0%
Diesel	0.0	365.8	365.8	0.0%
Non-Coal Steam	3,047.0	6,378.6	9,425.6	32.3%
Total	84,169.2	67,251.1	151,420.3	55.6%

## Wind Units

Table 7-10 shows the capacity factor of wind units in PJM. In January through June 2012, the capacity factor of wind units in PJM was 33.1 percent. Wind units that were capacity resources had a capacity factor of 33.4 percent and an installed capacity of 4,738 MW. Wind units that were classified as energy only had a capacity factor of 31.0 percent and an installed capacity of 960 MW. Much of this wind capacity does not appear in the Capacity Market, as wind capacity in RPM is derated to 13 percent of nameplate capacity, and energy only resources are not included.

**Table 7-10 Capacity<sup>33</sup> factor<sup>34</sup> of wind units in PJM, January through June 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Table 7-14)**

Type of Resource	Capacity Factor	Capacity Factor by cleared MW	Installed Capacity (MW)
Energy-Only Resource	31.0%	NA	960
Capacity Resource	33.4%	257.3%	4,738
All Units	33.1%	257.3%	5,699

<sup>33</sup> Capacity factor does not include external resources which only offer in the DA market. Capacity factor is calculated based on online date of the resource.

<sup>34</sup> Capacity factor by cleared MW is calculated during peak periods (peak hours during January, February, June, July and August) and includes only MW cleared in RPM.

Beginning June 1, 2009, PJM rules allowed units to submit negative price offers. Table 7-11 presents data on negative offers by wind units. Wind and solar units were the only unit types to make negative offers. On average, 904.5 MW of wind were offered daily at a negative price. Wind units with negative offers were marginal in 4,425 separate five minute intervals, or 8.4 percent of all intervals. On average, 2,771.8 MW of wind were offered daily. Overall, wind units were marginal in 10,252 separate five minute intervals, or 19.6 percent of all intervals. Renewable energy credits give wind and solar resources the incentive to make negative price offers, as they offer a payment to renewable resources in addition to the wholesale price of energy. The out of market payments in the form of RECs and federal production tax credits mean these units have an incentive to generate MWh until the negative LMP is equal to the credit received for each MWh adjusted for any marginal costs. These subsidies affect the offer behavior of these resources in PJM markets.

**Table 7-11 Wind resources in real time offering at a negative price in PJM, January through June 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Table 7-15)**

	Average MW Offered	Intervals Marginal	Percent of Intervals
At Negative Price	905.4	4,425	8.4%
All Wind	2,771.8	10,252	19.6%

Wind output differs from month to month, based on weather conditions. Figure 7-2 shows the average hourly real time generation of wind units in PJM, by month. On average, wind generation was highest in January, and lowest in May. The highest average hour, 2,544.3 MW, occurred in January, and the lowest average hour, 996.4 MW, occurred in May. Wind output in PJM is generally higher in off-peak hours and lower in on-peak hours.

**Figure 7-2 Average hourly real-time generation of wind units in PJM: January through June 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Figure 7-2)**

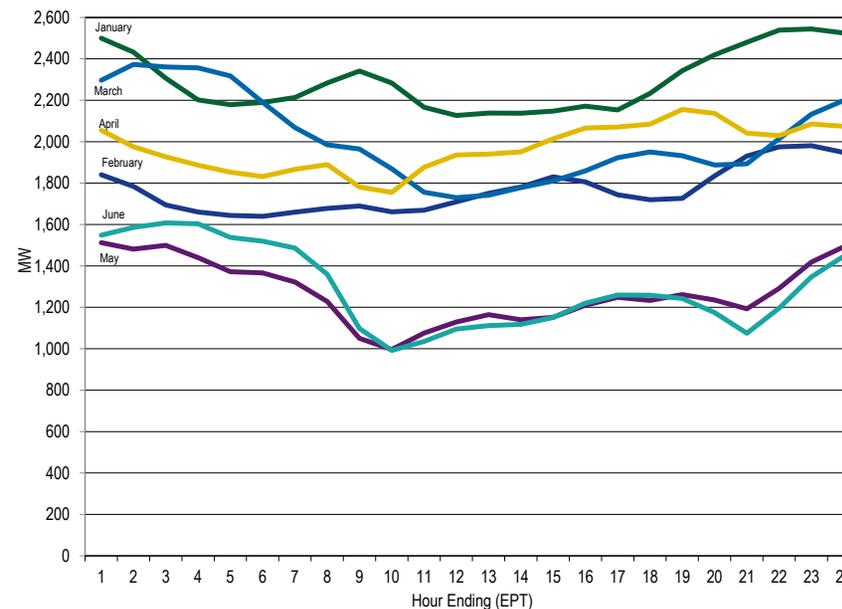


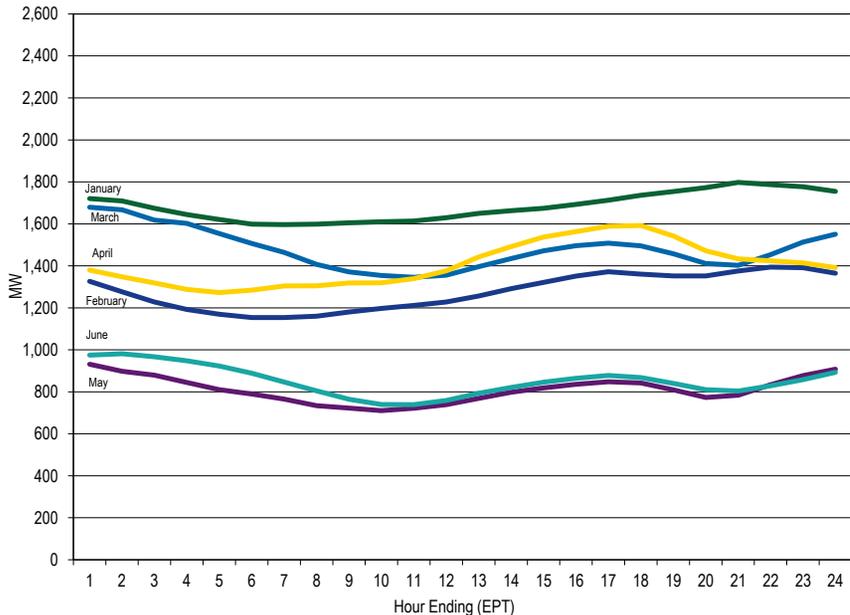
Table 7-12 shows the generation and capacity factor of wind units in each month of 2011 and January through June 2012. Capacity factors of wind units vary substantially by month. The highest capacity factor of wind units was 44.6 percent in January, and the lowest capacity factor was 23.1 percent in May. Overall, the capacity factor in winter months was higher than that of summer months. New wind farms came on line throughout 2012, and are included in this analysis as they were added.

Table 7-12 Capacity factor of wind units in PJM by month, 2011 and 2012<sup>35</sup>  
(See 2011 SOM, Table 7-16)

Month	2011		2012	
	Generation (MWh)	Capacity Factor	Generation (MWh)	Capacity Factor
January	950,441.9	29.7%	1,706,656.0	44.5%
February	1,237,813.0	42.4%	1,228,338.1	34.2%
March	1,175,567.0	36.4%	1,497,666.5	37.6%
April	1,399,217.0	44.7%	1,418,488.2	36.6%
May	893,485.1	27.6%	945,898.4	23.1%
June	713,713.8	22.0%	932,046.3	23.5%
July	416,695.8	12.2%		
August	447,575.2	13.1%		
September	689,962.6	20.9%		
October	946,406.3	26.3%		
November	1,507,766.4	41.8%		
December	1,182,421.6	31.5%		
Annual	11,561,065.8	28.9%	7,729,093.5	33.1%

Wind units that are capacity resources are required, like all capacity resources, to offer the energy associated with their cleared capacity in the Day-Ahead Energy Market. In addition, the owners of wind resources have the flexibility to offer the non-capacity related wind energy at their discretion. Figure 7-3 shows the average hourly day-ahead time generation of wind units in PJM for January through June, 2012.

Figure 7-3 Average hourly day-ahead generation of wind units in PJM: January through June 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Figure 7-3)

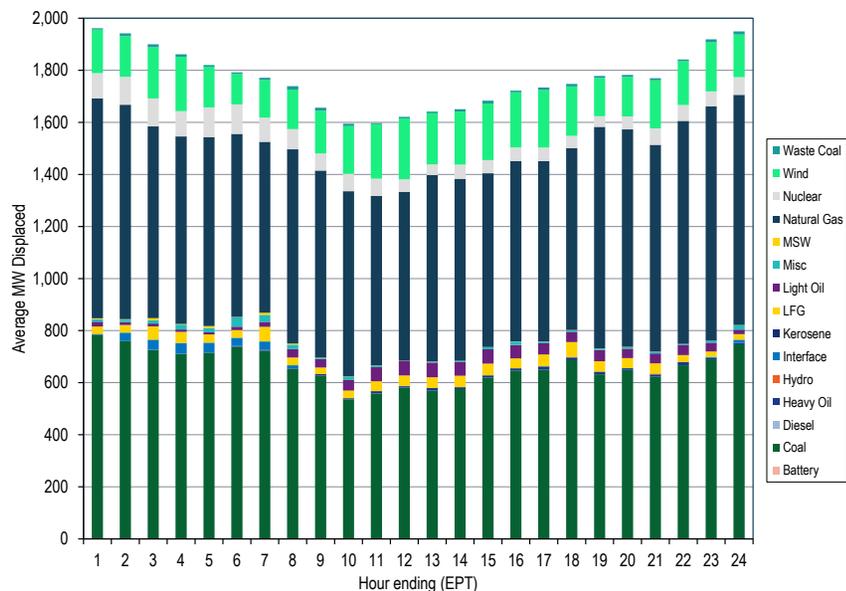


Output from wind turbines displaces output from other generation types. This displacement affects the output of marginal units in PJM. The magnitude and type of effect on marginal unit output will depend on the level of the wind turbine output, its location, the time of the output and its duration. One measure of this displacement is based on the mix of marginal units when wind is producing output. Figure 7-4 shows the hourly average proportion of marginal units by fuel type mapped to the hourly average MW of real time wind generation during January through June 2012. This provides, on an hourly average basis, potentially displaced marginal unit MW by fuel type in 2012. Wind output varies daily, and on average is about 328 MW lower from peak average output (2300 EPT) to lowest average output (900 EPT). This is not an exact measure because it is not based on a redispatch of the system without wind resources. One result is that wind appears as the displaced fuel at times when wind resources were on the margin. This means that wind was

<sup>35</sup> Capacity factor shown in Table 7-12 is based on all hours in January through June, 2012.

already on the margin and that there was no displacement of other fuel types for those hours.

**Figure 7-4 Marginal fuel at time of wind generation in PJM: January through June 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Figure 7-4)**



## Solar Units

Solar output differs from month to month, based on seasonal variation and daylight hours during the month. Figure 7-5 shows the average hourly real time generation of solar units in PJM, by month. On average, solar generation was highest in June, the month with the most daylight hours. The highest average hour, 103.6 MW, occurred in April. In general, solar generation in PJM is highest during the hours of 11:00 through 13:00 EPT.

**Figure 7-5 Average hourly real-time generation of solar units in PJM: January through June 2012 (See 2011 SOM, Figure 7-5)**

