

## COVID-19 Update on Recent Load Impacts

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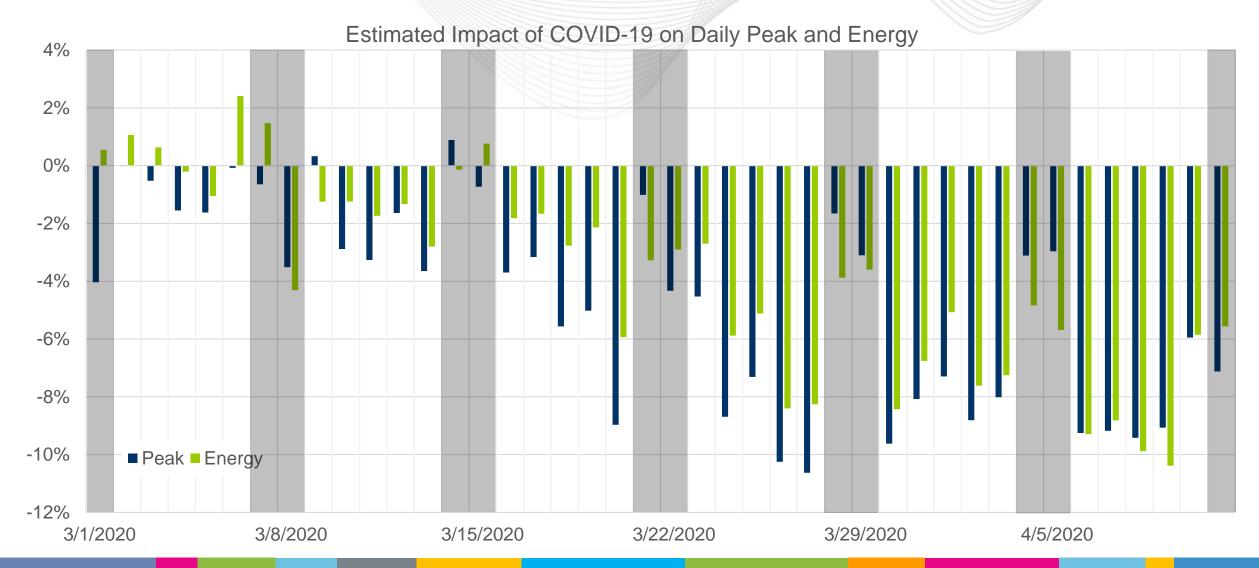
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- For days with which there is complete data available (through 4/8), solve the long-term load forecast model with actual weather conditions
  - Assume average behind the meter solar production based on time of year
- For remaining days, impute a forecast value based on looking at daily forecast distributions and daily weather.
- See Appendix for more information on these methods.



### Results

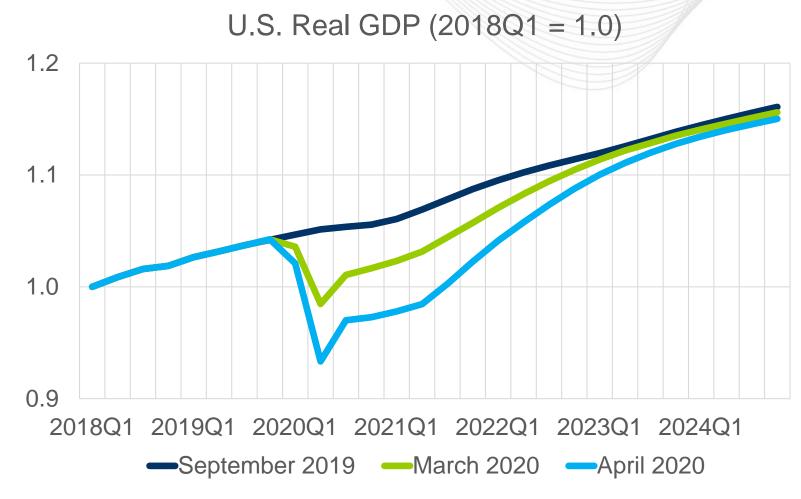




- Impact of COVID on load
  - On weekdays last week, peak came in on average 8-9% lower (~7,500 MW) than what we would have anticipated.
    - The largest impacts thus far were around 10-11% on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> (~9,500 MW).
  - Energy has tended to be less affected, with the average weekday reduction since mid March being 7% (~140 GWH per day) compared with 8% on peak.
  - Weekends seem to have been impacted by less (~2-4%).



### Moody's Analytics Forecast



<sup>\*</sup>Forecasts were released 9/9/2019, 3/27/2020, and 4/10/2020

- Economic forecast has been revised downward since the vintage used in the 2020 Load Forecast
- Still evolving situation. March was first to significantly reflect COVID19 impacts and April was revised down even further.
- Economic rebound/recovery will be dependent on progression of COVID cases as well as medical advancements such as a vaccine.
- Potential full recovery by mid 2023



- Load Analysis Subcommittee Meeting on May 5
  - Likely Topics
    - Continued update on evolving load impact
    - Load forecast using updated economics
    - Stakeholder presentations on their experience with COVID19
- Continued updates to Planning Committee



## Appendix

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# Approach to Isolate Impact of COVID-19 when there is complete data

- Solve the long-term load forecast model for each day using actual weather conditions.\* This provides an estimate of what the load would have been for each day without any COVID-19 related actions.
- 2. Compute the MW difference between the actual load on each day and the estimated load under actual weather conditions computed in Step 1.
- 3. Divide the result from Step 2 by the result from Step 1 to compute the estimated impact of COVID-19 on load.
  - \* Actual behind the meter solar production data is not yet available so the model assumes average behind the meter solar production based on time of year.



### Example Calculation for April 2, 2020

- 1. Estimated load for April 2 from forecast model assuming actual weather conditions = 90,873 MW
- 2. Average behind the meter solar adjustment for April 2 = 1,049 MW
- 3. Actual load on April 2 = 82,867 MW
- 4. Estimated MW impact of COVID-19 measures = -8,006MW
- 5. Estimated percent impact of COVID-19 measures = -8.006/90,873 = -8.8%

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# Approach to Isolate Impact of COVID-19 For remaining days

- Long-term forecast model produces a daily load distribution for each calendar day based on a range of historical weather patterns.
- For each calendar day, we computed a "best fit" curve that relates PJM load to an RTO-wide average daily temperature.
- The actual weather for each day was fitted to the curve to produce the expected load given knowledge of actual weather.
- The difference between the actual load and the estimated load given the actual weather provides an estimated percent impact of COVID-19 measures.