

Energy: U.S. Energy Information Administration Projects Natural Gas to be Largest Source of U.S. Electricity Generation this Summer



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The United States Energy Information Administration (“EIA”) notes that its April 2017 publication *Short-Term Energy Outlook* (“*Outlook*”) projects that electricity generation fueled by natural gas will be the largest source of U.S. electricity generation this summer.

The publication *Outlook* does state that electricity generation fueled by natural gas will be lower than last summer (i.e., expected to average 34% of United States share, which is a decrease from 37% last summer).

The publication states that:

Generation fueled by natural gas typically peaks in the summer when power plant operators use natural gas-fired combustion turbines during the hottest part of the day to meet electricity demand for air conditioning.

It is further noted that the use of natural gas in the power sector is sensitive to natural gas prices stating:

As natural gas prices have risen, the natural gas share of the electricity generation mix has fallen slightly.

Output from hydroelectric and other renewable generators are expected to increase.

The article can be found here and contains a link to the publication *Outlook*.

<https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=30832>