



# Quarterly Report on the New York ISO Electricity Markets First Quarter 2014

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## Highlights and Market Summary: Energy Market

- This report summarizes market outcomes in the first quarter of 2014.
- The energy markets performed competitively and variations in wholesale prices were driven primarily by changes in fuel prices, demand, and supply availability.
- High and volatile natural gas prices and congestion on the gas pipeline system were the primary drivers of variations in NYISO market outcomes.
  - ✓ RT energy prices averaged \$121/MWh statewide, an increase of 86 percent from the first quarter of 2013 primarily because natural gas index prices rose 31 to 185 percent across the system. Other important drivers were:
    - Load levels rose by 560 MW on average because of colder weather;
    - Net imports from Ontario and Quebec fell especially during periods of high electricity demand and high gas prices. Net imports fell by 570 MW on average and by 1,015 MW on the 27 days when natural gas prices exceeded \$20/MMbtu.
    - However, these factors were partly offset by increased imports from PJM across the Neptune Line, the HTP Line, and the Ramapo Line (collectively 470 MW).
  - ✓ Production from oil-fired units rose 469 percent from a year ago because high natural gas prices led oil-fired generation to be economic on nearly 30 days.
    - Consequently, oil-fired units were on the margin in 23 percent of intervals, up from 7 percent in the first quarter of 2013.

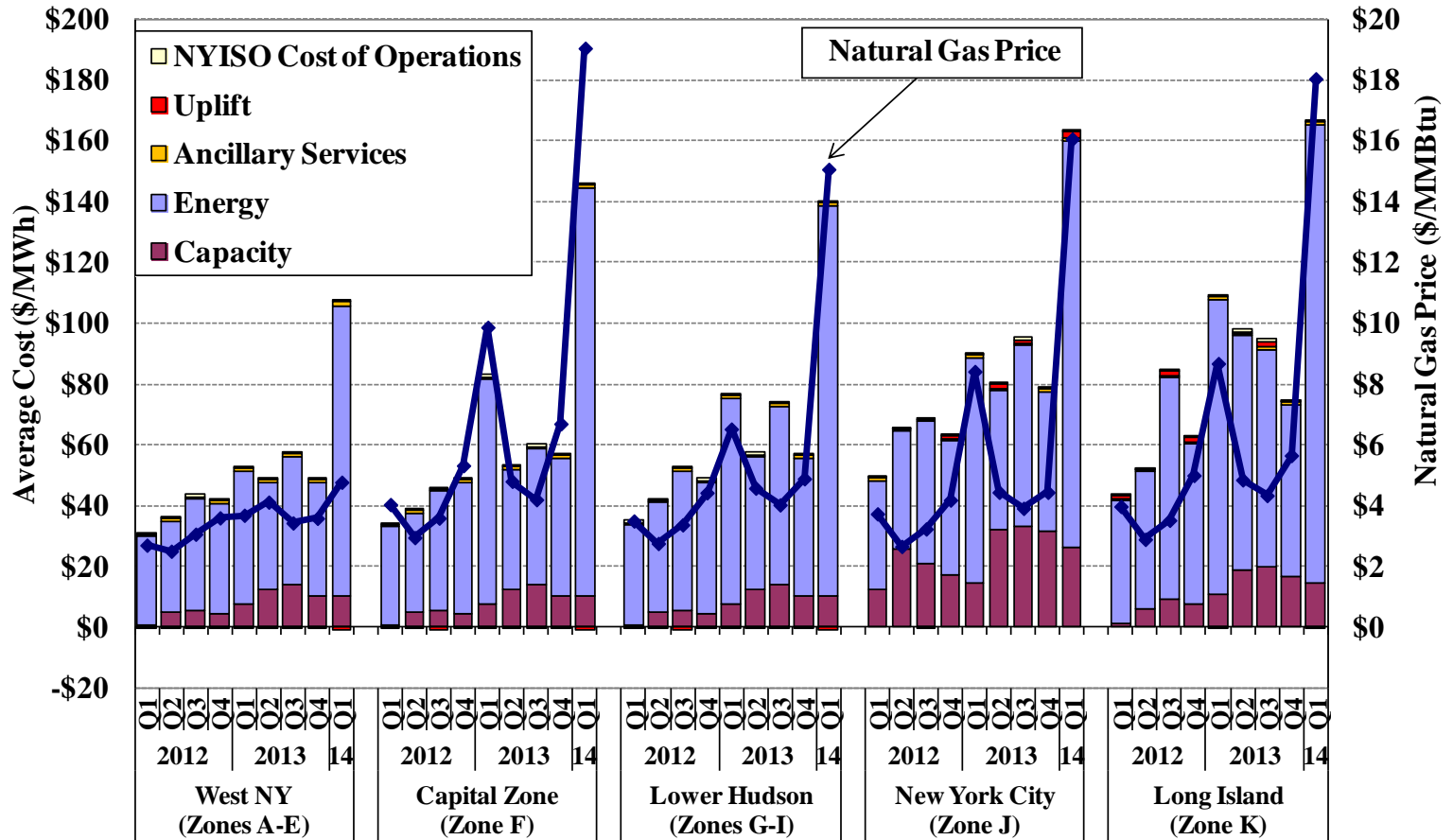


## Highlights and Market Summary: Congestion Patterns and DA-RT Price Convergence

- Day-ahead congestion revenue increased to \$427 million from \$320 million in the first quarter of 2013 as a result of larger natural gas price spreads between East NY and West NY.
  - ✓ The Central-East Interface accounted for 64 percent of day-ahead congestion.
  - ✓ However, congestion was less frequent than in the first quarter of 2013 because there were many periods when energy prices in West NY rose to the levels of prices in East NY as a result of:
    - The reduced imports to West NY from Ontario and Quebec; and
    - The increased imports to East NY from PJM across Neptune, HTP, and Ramapo.
  - ✓ Consequently, average real-time energy prices in West NY rose more (118 percent) than in East NY (55 to 88 percent).
- Convergence between day-ahead and real-time energy prices worsened in most areas, particularly during periods of volatile gas prices, extreme weather, and gas pipeline OFOs.
  - ✓ Average day-ahead prices were 1 percent higher than real-time prices in the West Zone and were 4 to 9 percent higher than real-time prices in other areas.
  - ✓ January 22 to 29 (which exhibited the most gas price volatility) accounted for most of the day-ahead premiums.



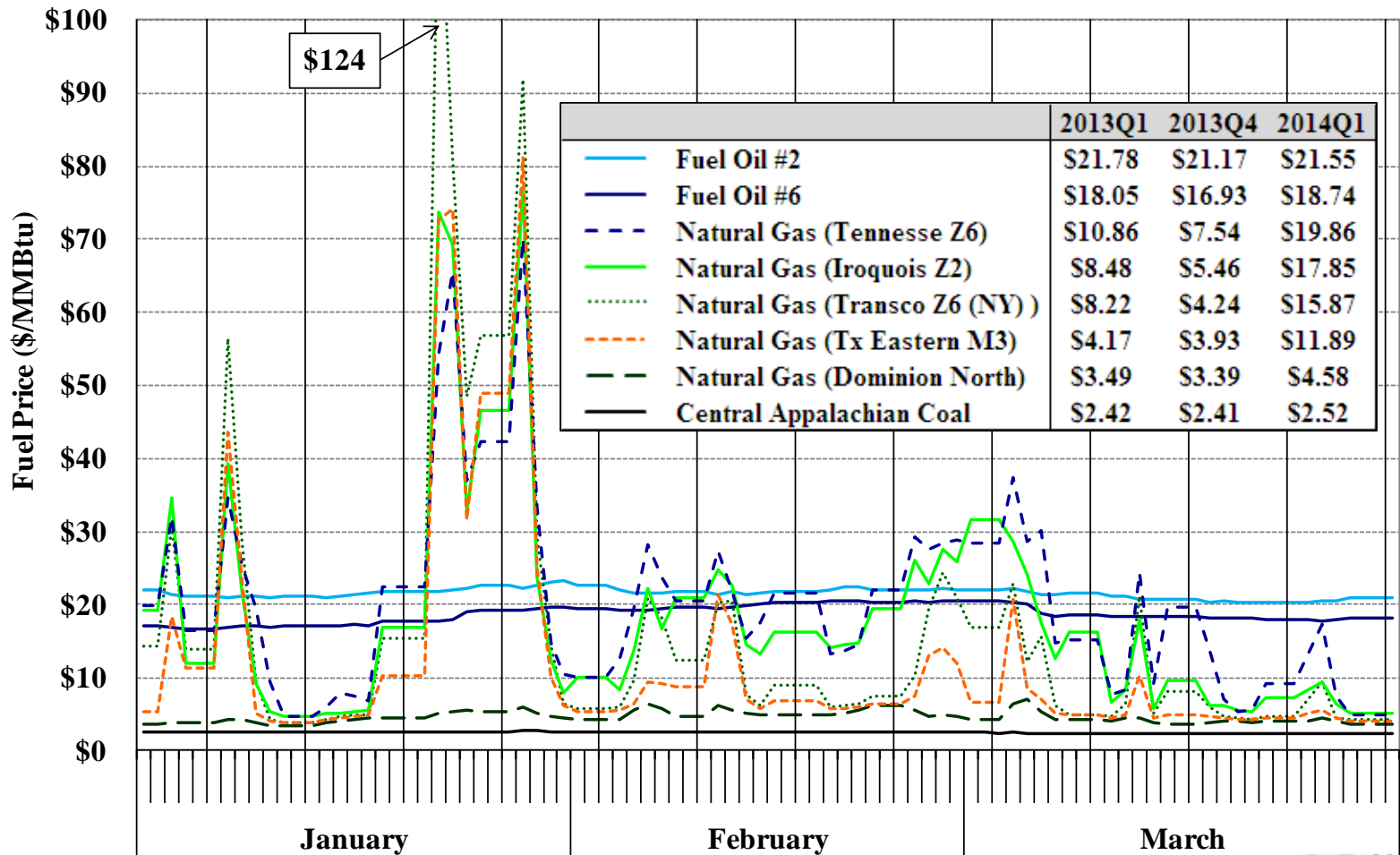
# All-In Energy Price by Region



Note: Natural Gas Price is based on the following gas indices (plus a transportation charge of \$0.20/MMBtu): the Dominion North index for West NY, the average of Tennessee Zone 6 and Iroquois Zone 2 for the Capital Zone, the average of Texas Eastern M3 and Iroquois Zone 2 for Lower Hudson, the Transco Zone 6 (NY) index for New York City, and the Iroquois Zone 2 index for Long Island. - 9 -

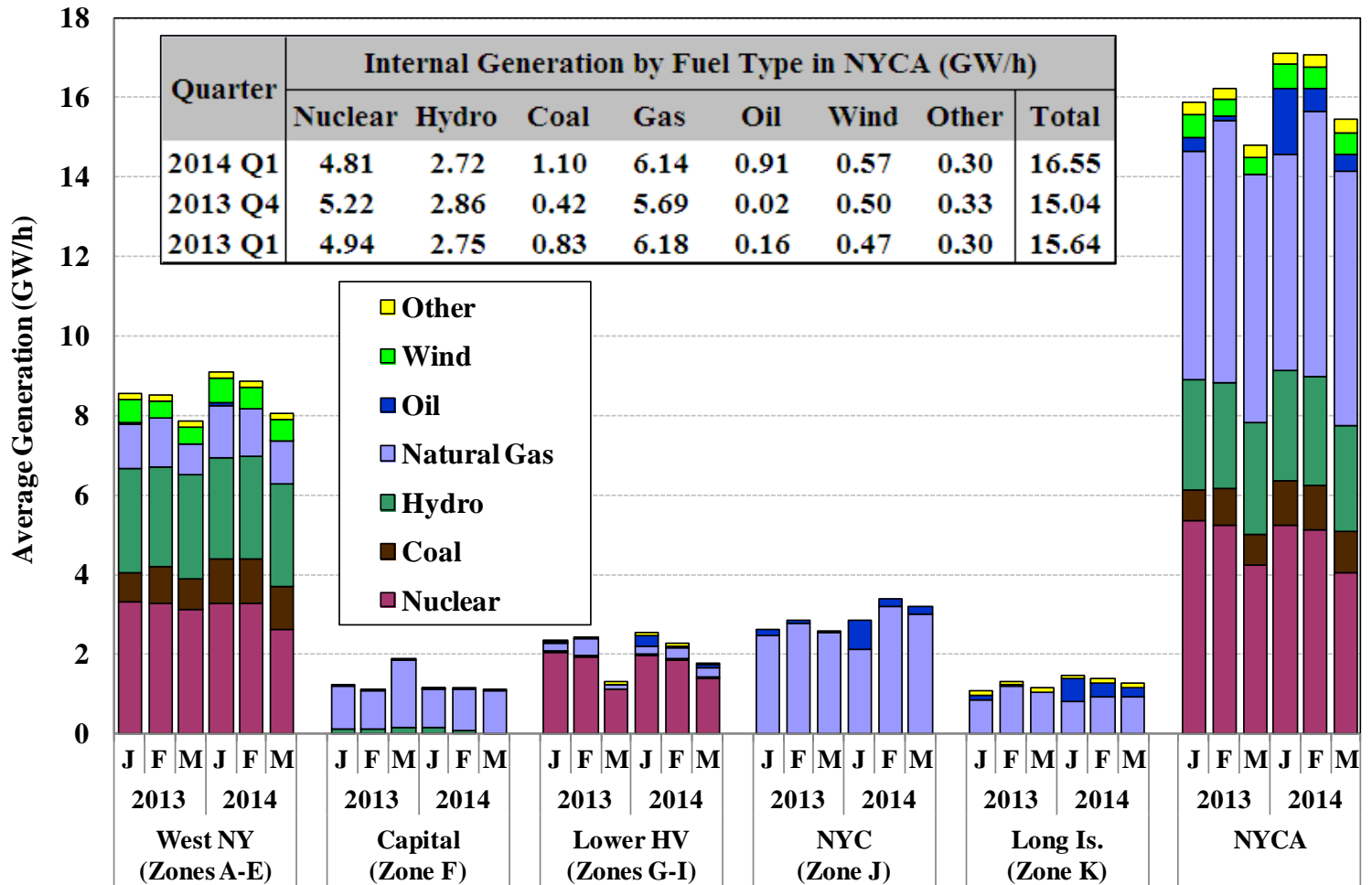


# Coal, Natural Gas, and Fuel Oil Prices





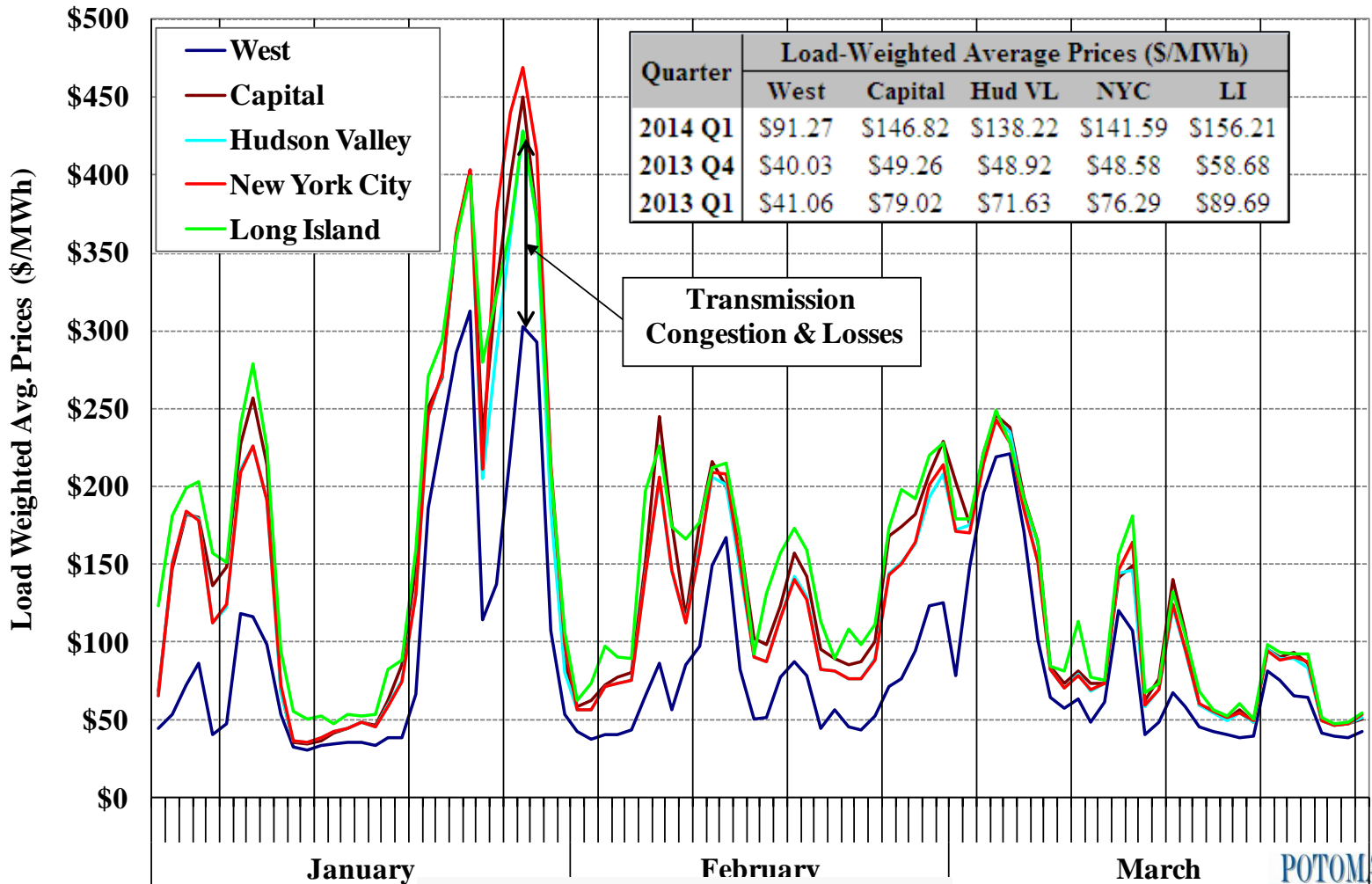
# Real-Time Generation Output by Fuel Type



Notes: Pumped-storage resources in pumping mode are treated as negative generation. "Other" includes Methane, Refuse, Solar & Wood.



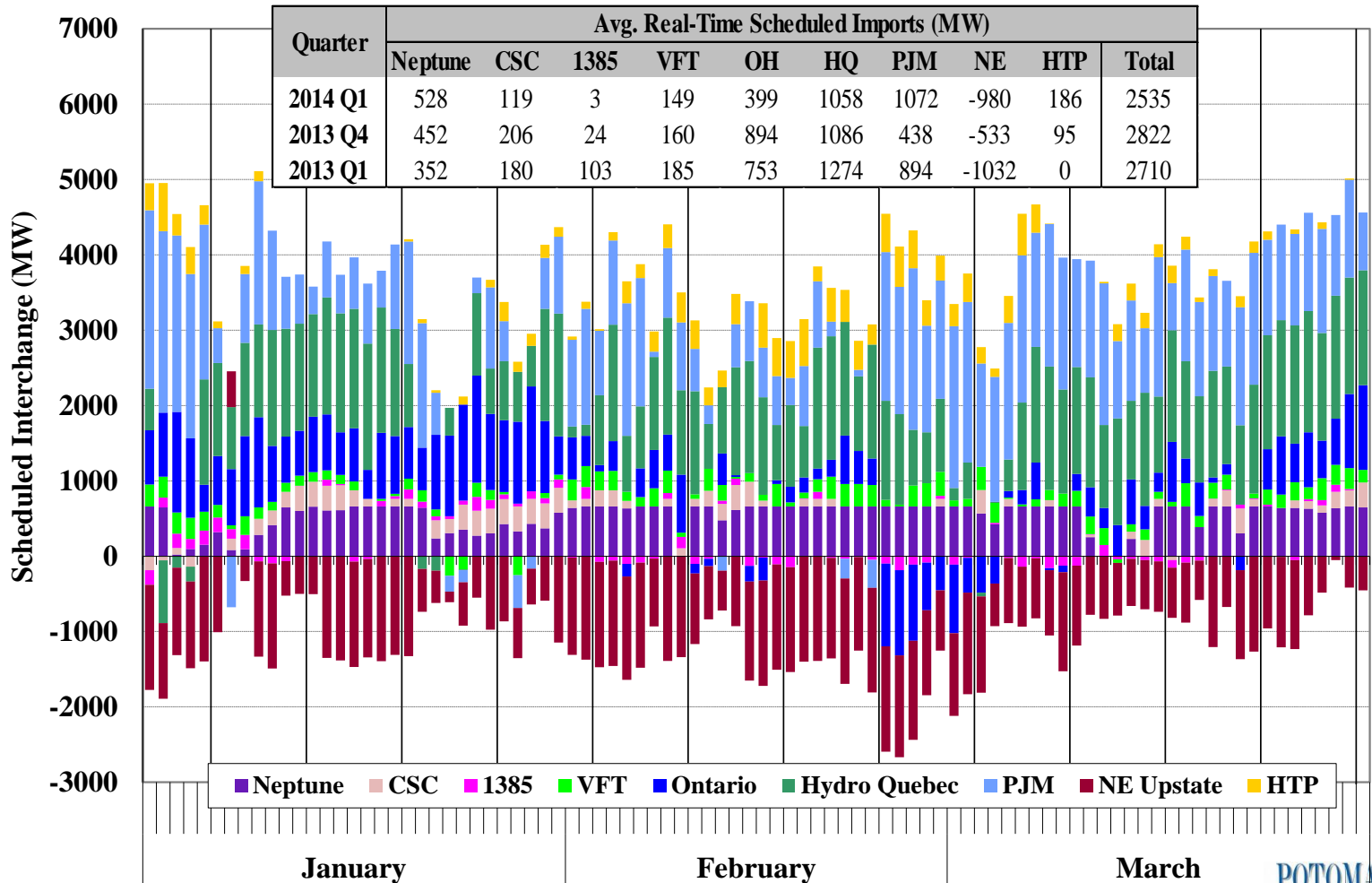
# Day-Ahead Electricity Prices by Zone





# Net Imports Scheduled Across External Interfaces

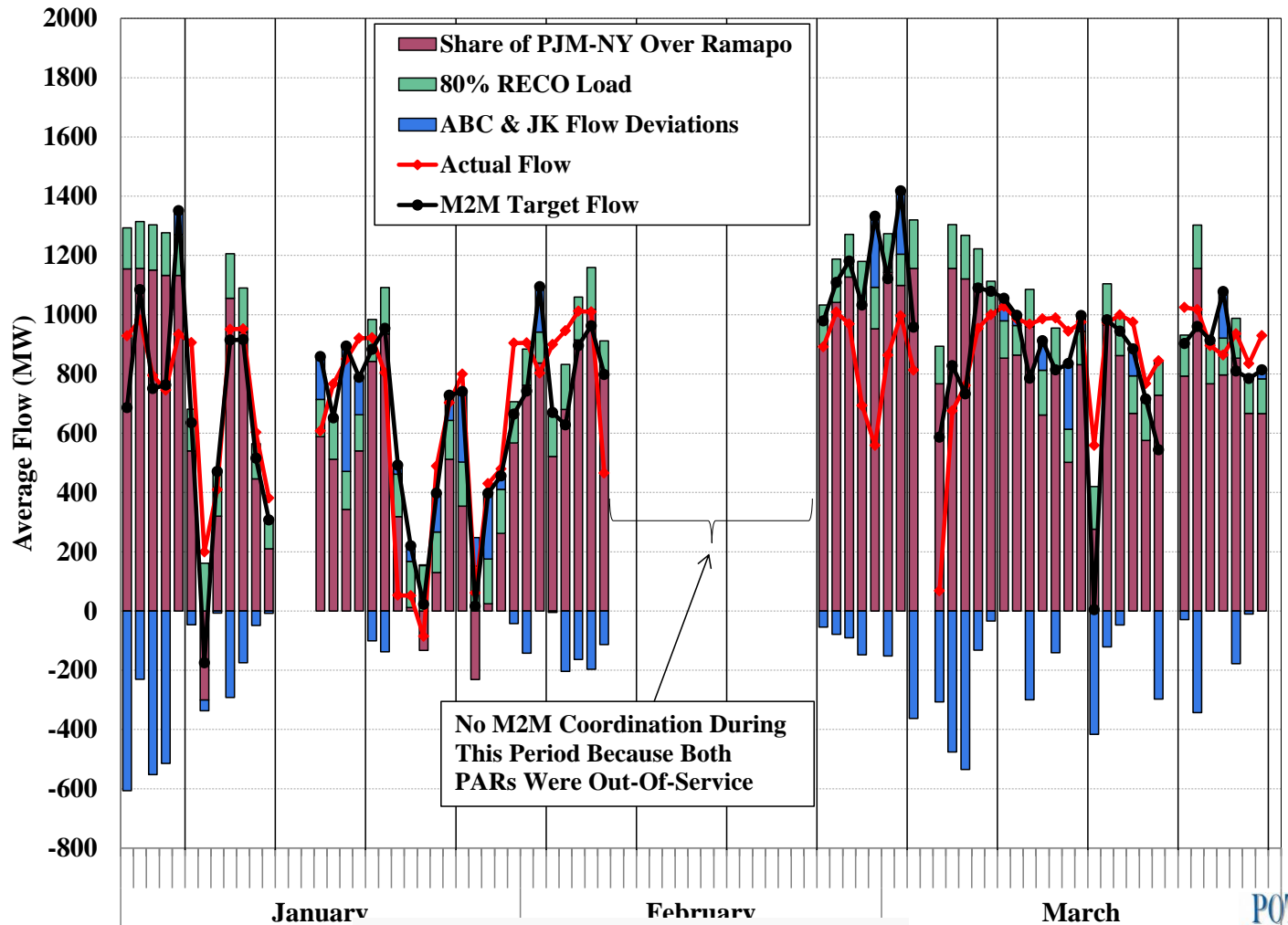
## Daily Peak Hours (1-9pm)







# Actual and Target Flows for the Ramapo Line During the Intervals with Binding M2M Constraints



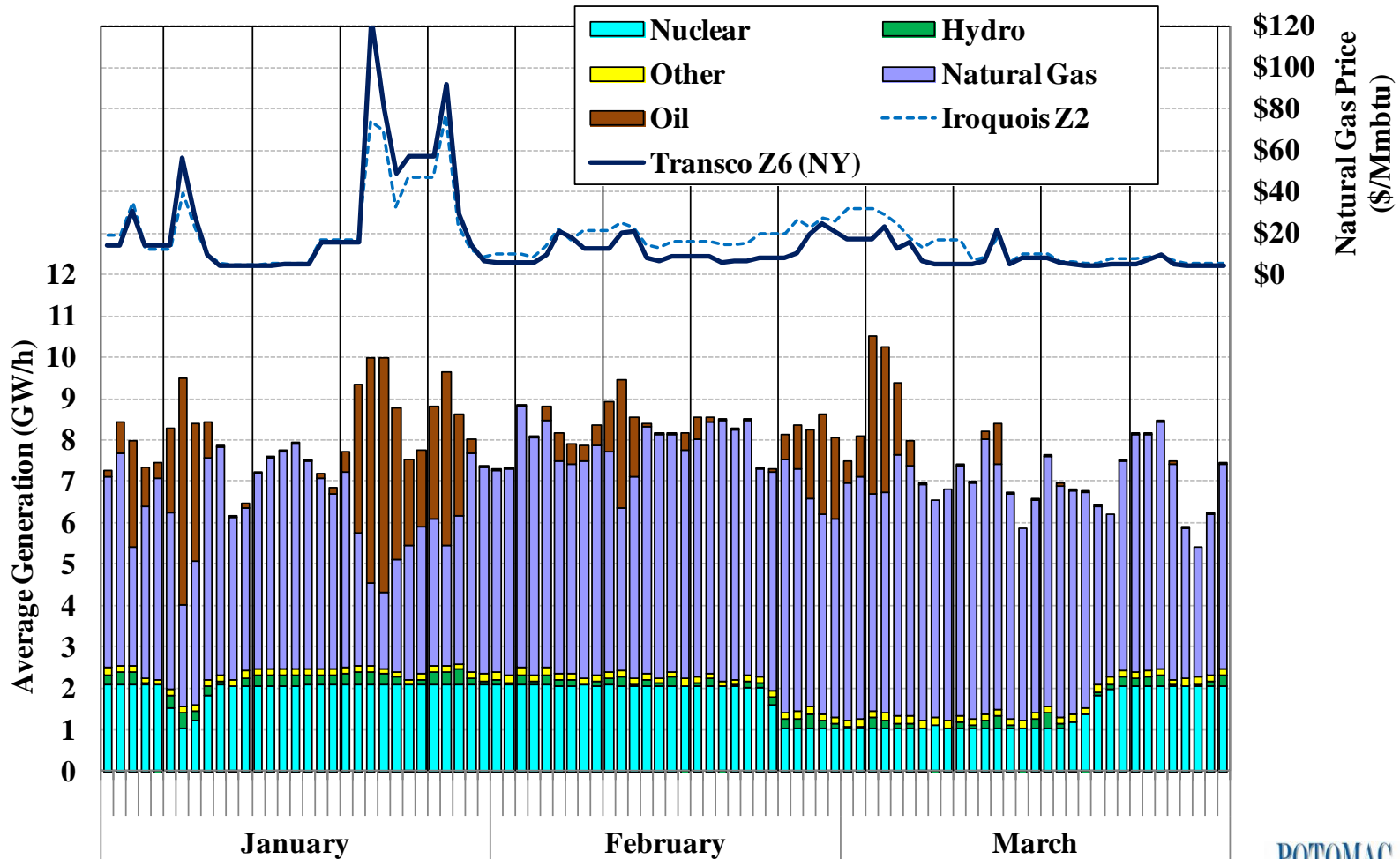


## Highlights and Market Summary: Energy Market in Winter Peak Conditions

- Hourly production from oil-fired generation rose significantly on 27 days when natural gas prices in Eastern NY exceeded \$20/MMbtu, averaging 2.4 GW during these periods and reaching a maximum of 5.7 GW on January 23.
  - ✓ On most of these days, pipeline capability into East NY was not fully utilized because the import-constrained area (for natural gas) encompassed East NY and portions of neighboring systems.
  - ✓ The majority of oil was used on days when gas pipeline constraints led to high gas prices up and down the Atlantic coast, leading generators in East NY to use fuel oil when gas was available.
    - Our simulations indicate that dual-fueled CCs and steam turbines in East NY could have earned an additional \$34 to \$43/kW-year from dual-fuel capability.
    - However, actual use of oil was limited by planned and forced generator outages, low oil inventories, and air permit restrictions.
- Nonetheless, the widespread use of oil during high gas price conditions reflects that the market performed relatively well in guiding the fuel consumption decisions of generators.
- Large amounts of dual-fueled capacity in East NY burned gas, was scheduled for operating reserves, or not committed, suggesting that existing installed resources more than adequate to satisfy system needs in extreme winter conditions.

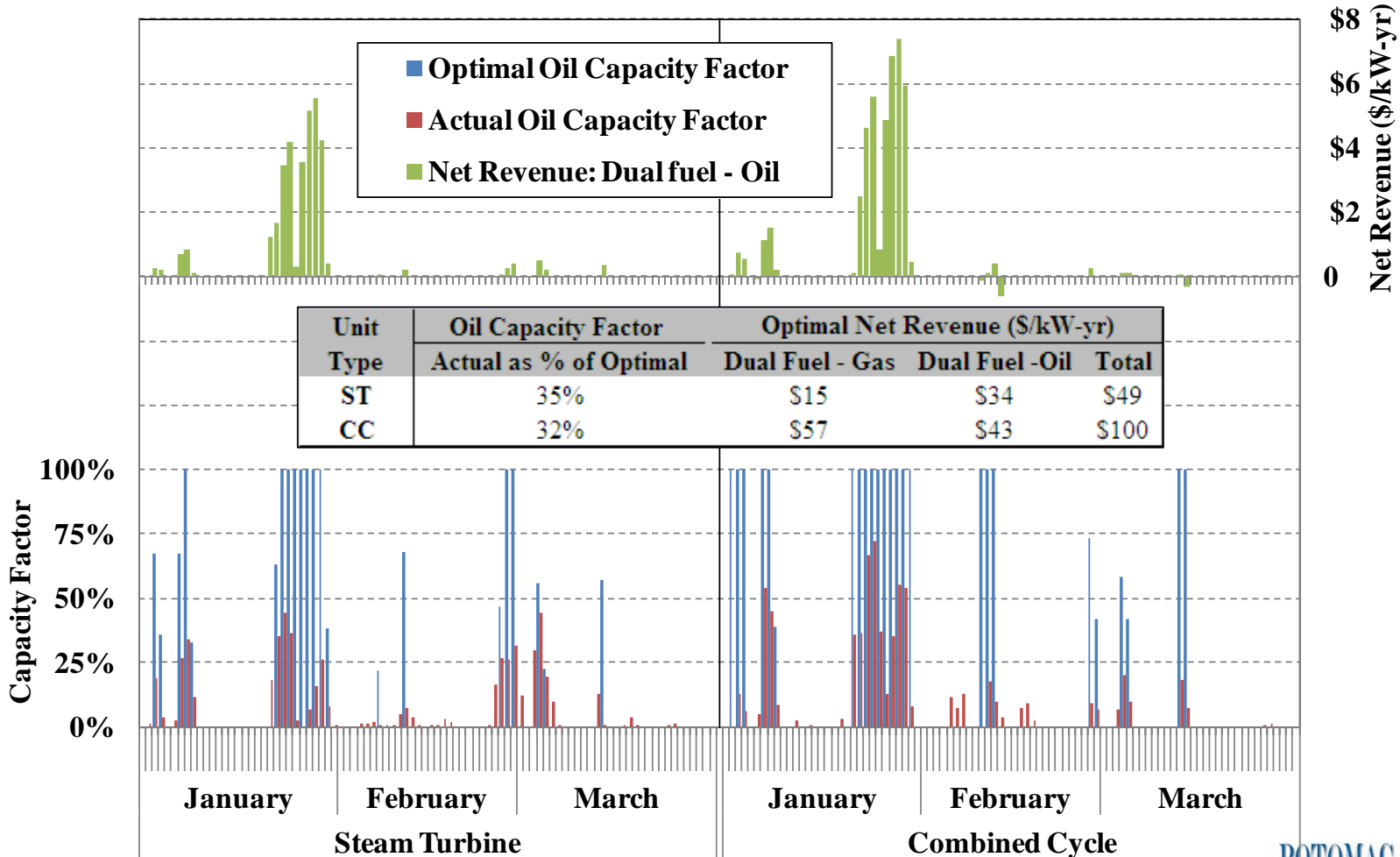


# Actual Fuel Usage and Natural Gas Price Eastern New York



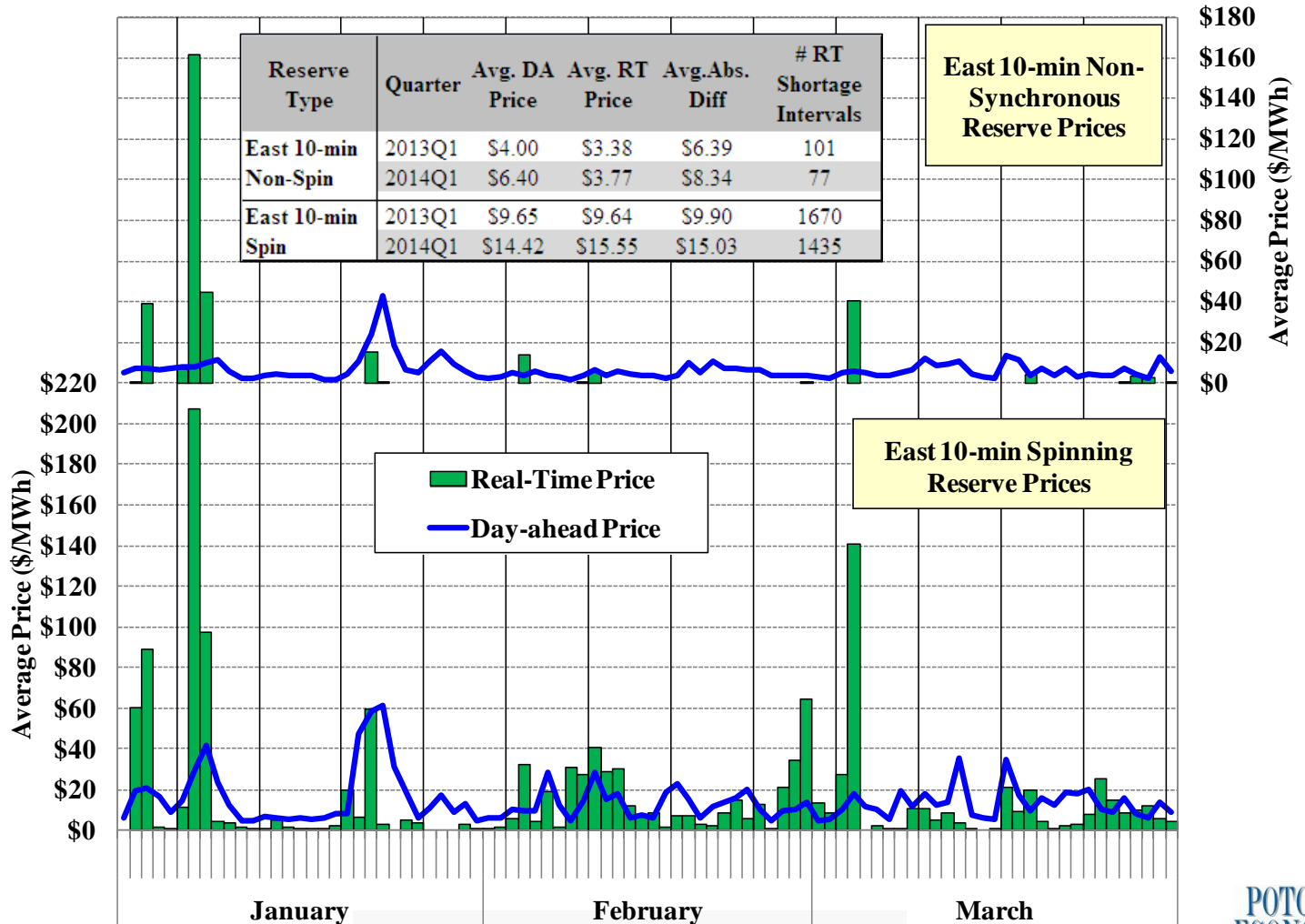


# Actual Oil Production vs Optimal Oil Production New York City





# Day-Ahead and Real-Time Ancillary Services Prices Eastern 10-Minute Spinning and Non-Spinning Reserves

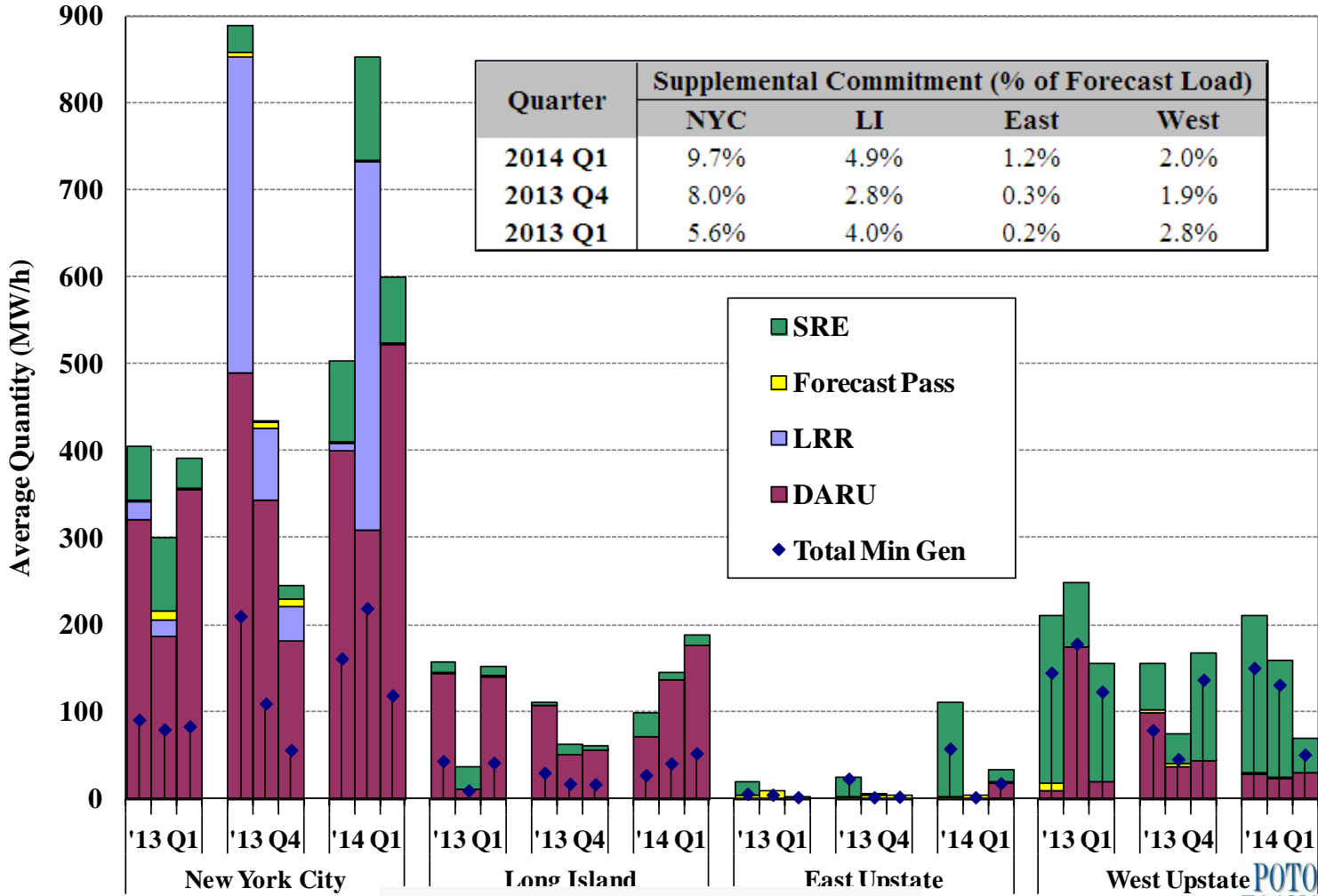




## Highlights and Market Summary: Uplift and Revenue Shortfalls

- Higher and volatile natural gas prices were a primary driver of increases for all categories of uplift in the first quarter of 2014 from a year ago.
- The uplift from guarantee payments totaled \$96 million, up 92 percent from the first quarter of 2013.
  - ✓ Daily uplift costs were correlated with the variation of natural gas prices
    - 31 percent of all guarantee payment uplift accrued from January 22 to 28 when natural gas prices averaged over \$50/MMbtu in Eastern NY.
  - ✓ Increased supplemental commitment and OOM dispatch also contributed to the increase in guarantee payment uplift.
- Day-ahead congestion shortfalls were \$35 million, up \$13 million from a year ago.
  - ✓ Transmission outages in NYC, Long Island, and on the Ramapo PARs accounted for the majority of the shortfalls.
    - This was offset by \$13 million surpluses generated at the Central-East and Oswego Export interfaces due to changes in commitment and generation patterns.
- Balancing congestion shortfalls totaled *negative* \$9 million (i.e., a surplus), comparable to the first quarter of 2013.
  - ✓ The surplus resulted primarily from changes in generation patterns after the DAM because of changing weather patterns, natural gas prices, generation forced outages, and SRE commitments.

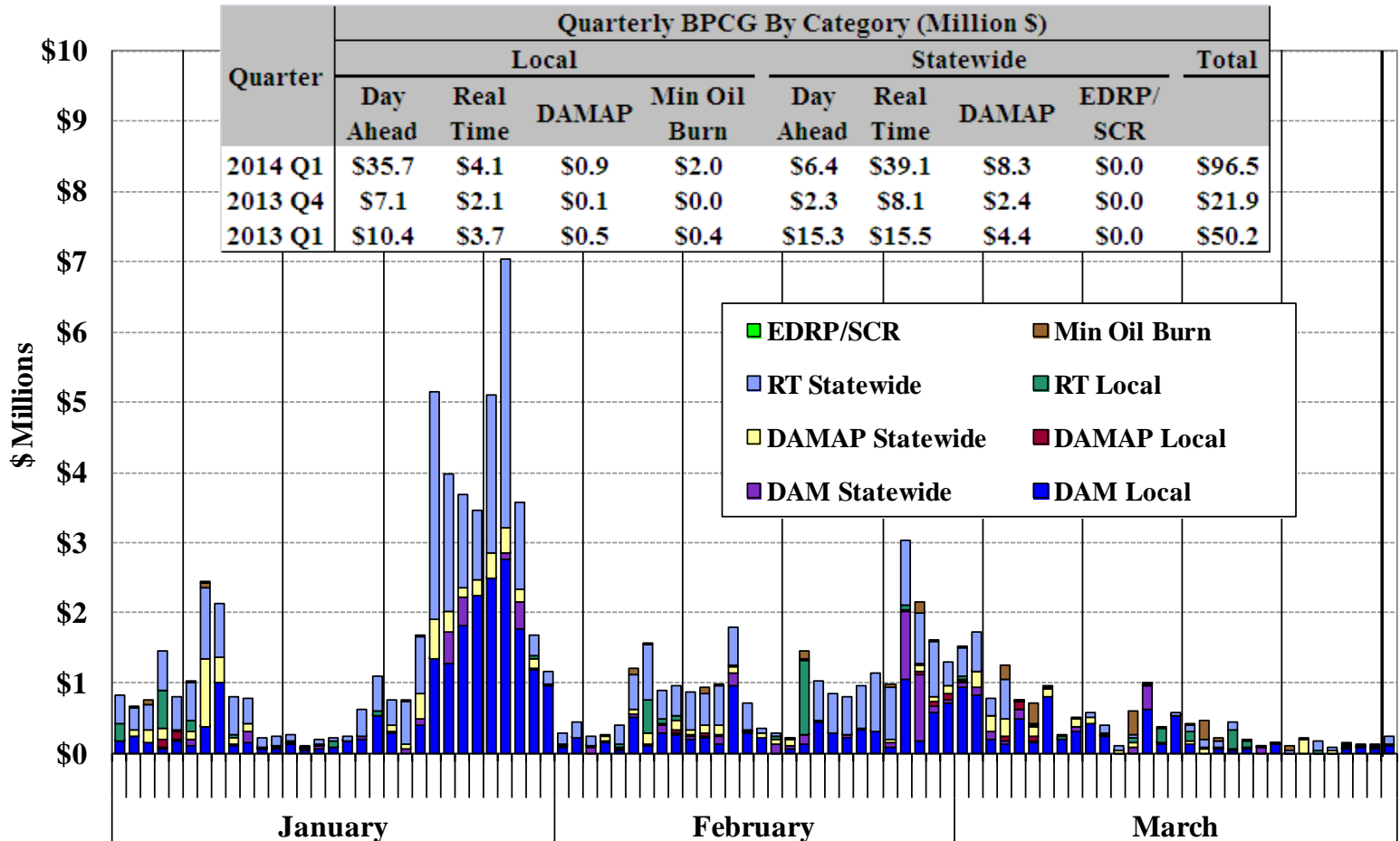
# Supplemental Commitment for Reliability by Category and Region





# Uplift Costs from Guarantee Payments

## Local and Non-Local by Category

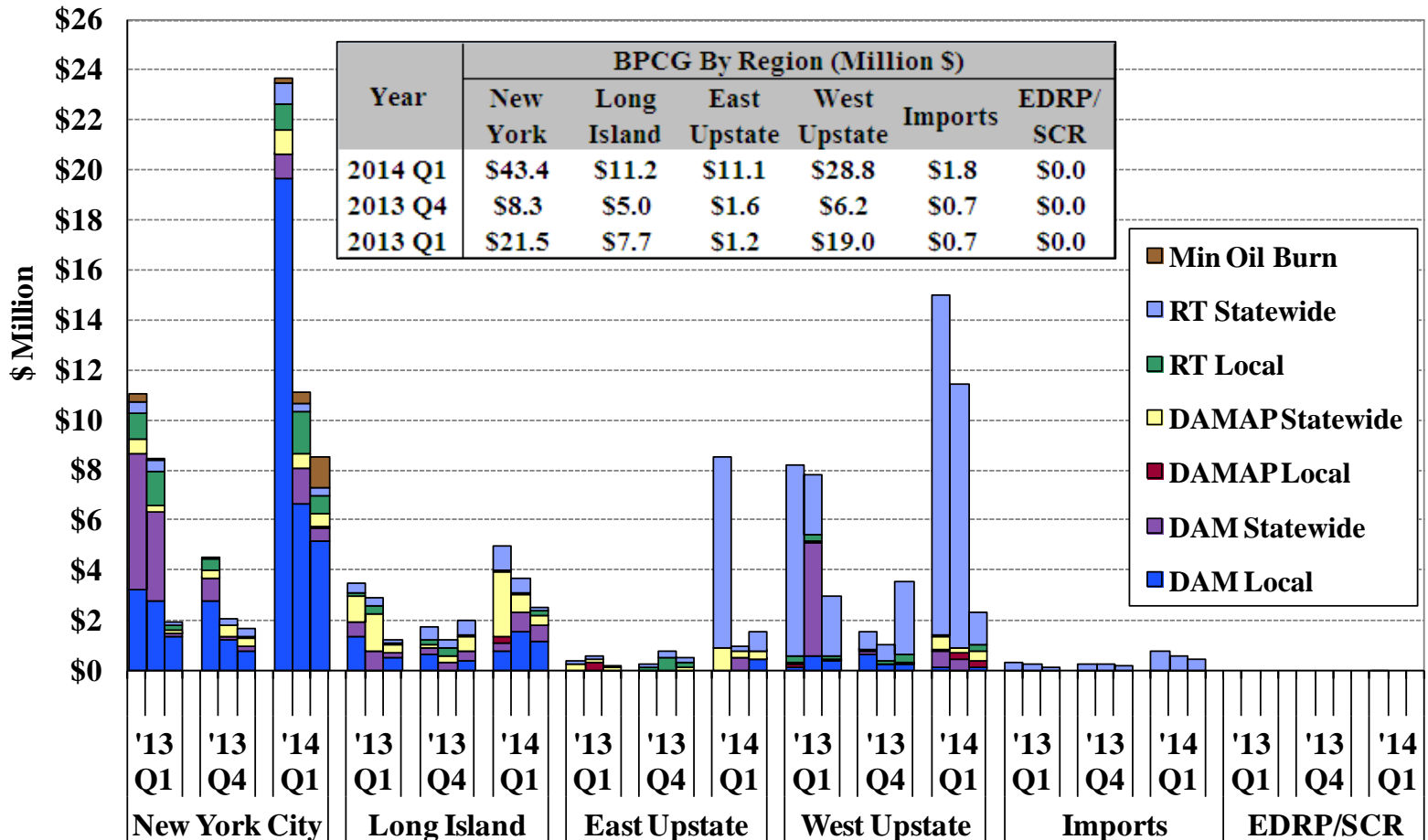


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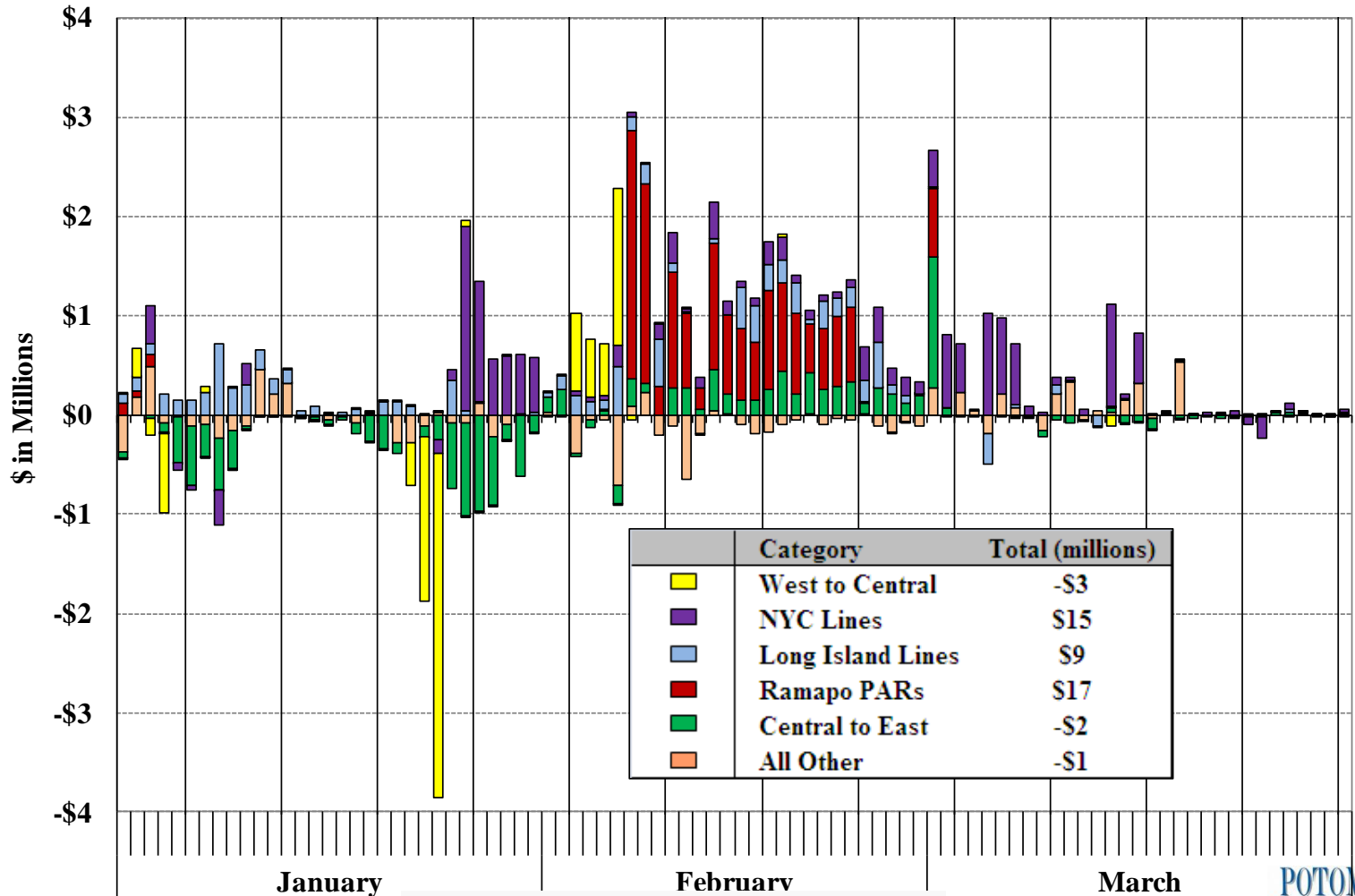
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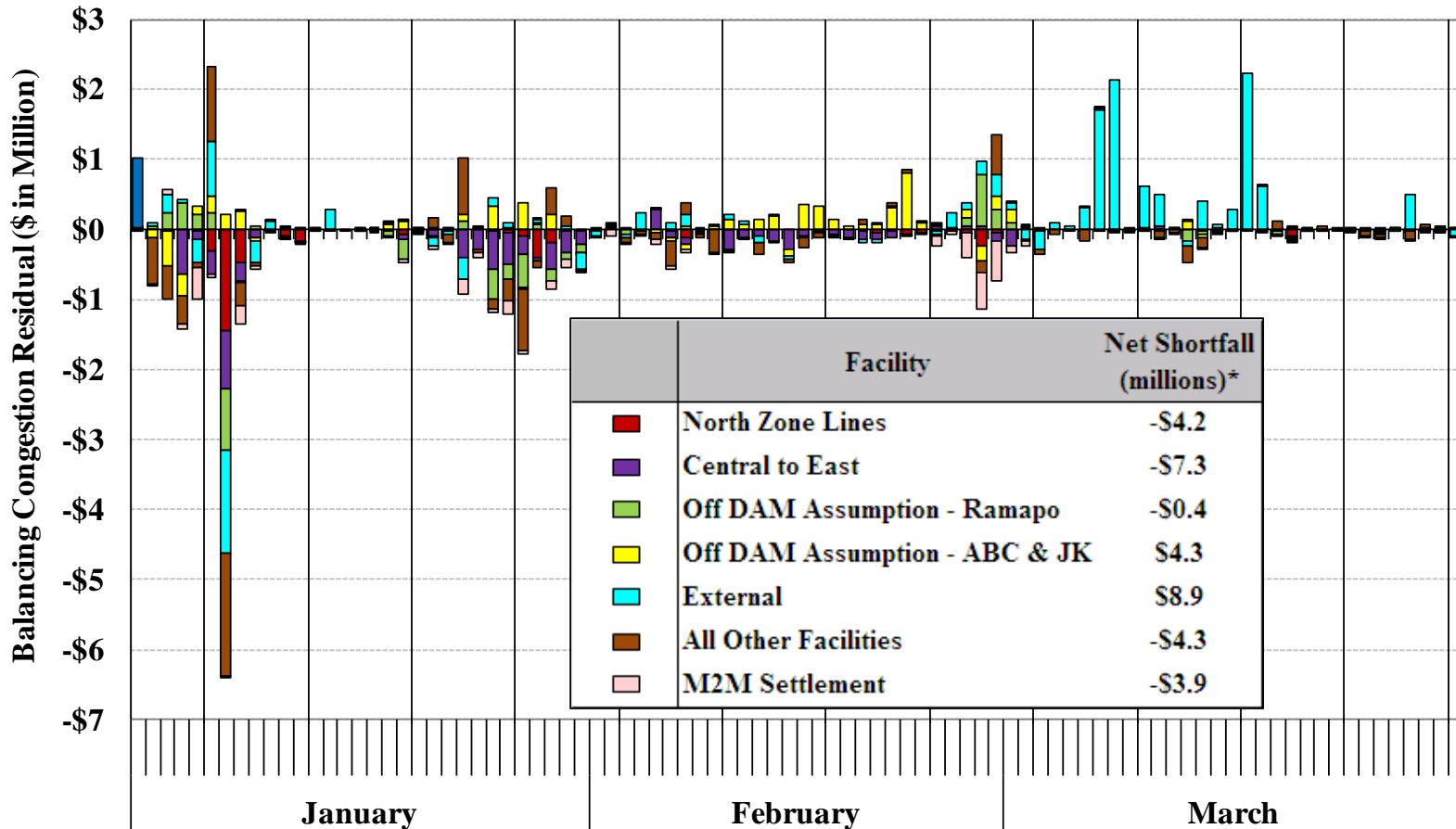


# Day-Ahead Congestion Revenue Shortfalls by Transmission Facility





# Balancing Congestion Shortfalls by Transmission Facility



Notes: The BMCR estimated above may differ from actual BMCR because the figure: (a) is partly based on real-time schedules rather than metered values and (b) assumes the energy component of the LBMP is the same at all locations including proxy buses (while the actual LBMPs are not calculated this way under all circumstances).



## Highlights and Market Summary: Capacity Market

- UCAP spot prices rose notably in the first quarter of 2014.
  - ✓ In Rest of State and Long Island, UCAP spot prices averaged \$3.91/kW-month, up 43 percent from the first quarter of 2013.
  - ✓ In New York City, UCAP spot prices averaged \$9.64/kW-month this quarter, up 96 percent from the first quarter of 2013.
- Higher UCAP prices were primarily driven by increased ICAP requirements from the 2012/13 Capability Year to the 2013/14 Capability Year, which rose:
  - ✓ 314 MW (0.8%) in NYCA due to an increase in the IRM from 16% to 17%;
  - ✓ 332 MW (3.5%) in NYC due to an increase in the LCR from 83% to 86%; and
  - ✓ 320 MW (5.8% in LI due to an increase in the LCR from 99% to 105%.
- The increased LCRs in NYC and LI (in the 2013/14 Capability Year) resulted primarily from the loss of generating capacity in the Hudson Valley, since this requires more capacity in downstate areas to secure the UPNY-SENY interface.
  - ✓ However, this is less efficient than modeling a capacity Locality that includes the Hudson Valley and setting the LCR in the new Locality at a level that accurately reflects the reliability benefits of placing capacity there.
  - ✓ Hence, modeling the new G-J Locality starting in the 2014/15 Capability Year better enables the market to provide efficient investment signals.