

# Estimated Impacts of COVID-19 on NYISO Load

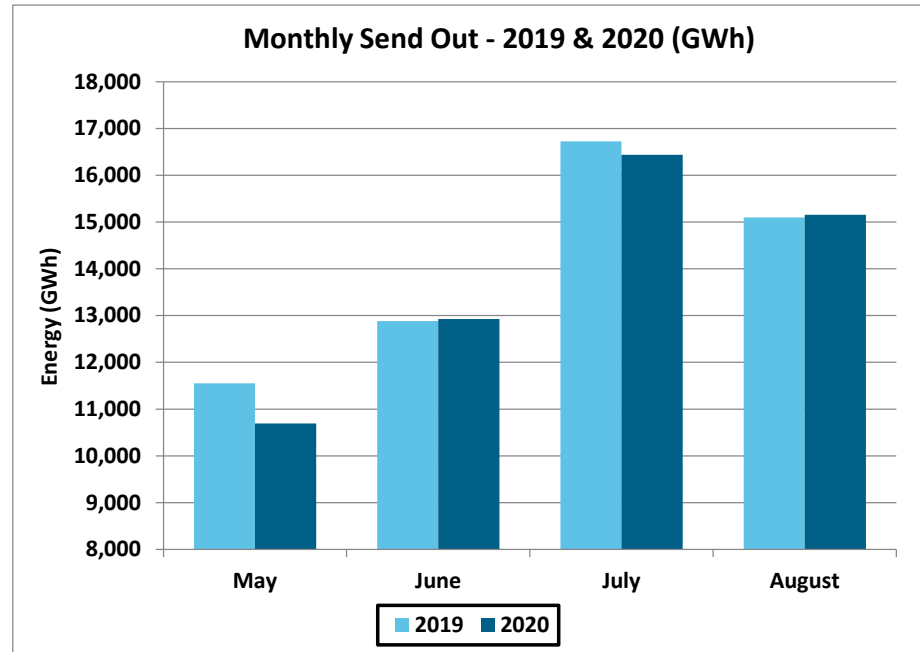
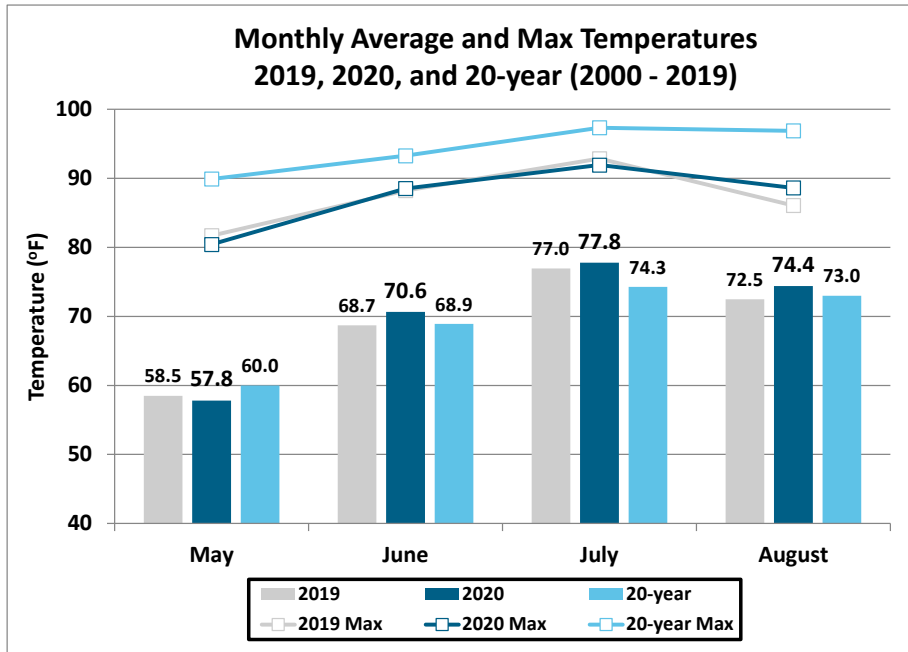
Analysis through 9/5/2020

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# Summer 2020 Weather and Energy



- January – April Weather Impact: -1,150 GWh
- May – August Weather Impact: +1,500 GWh
- January – August COVID-19 Impact: -3,400 to -4,100 GWh

# Model Explanation - Recent Impacts on Daily Energy by Week

## Actual Difference

- Equals: Actual Load – Expected Load
- Expected Load is the 2020 pre-COVID baseline annual load forecast, shared out on a daily basis using the 10-year history of daily weather-normalized energy
- This difference reflects the total change in load relative to expected levels, including weather, economic, virus, and any other impacts

## Weather Normalized Difference

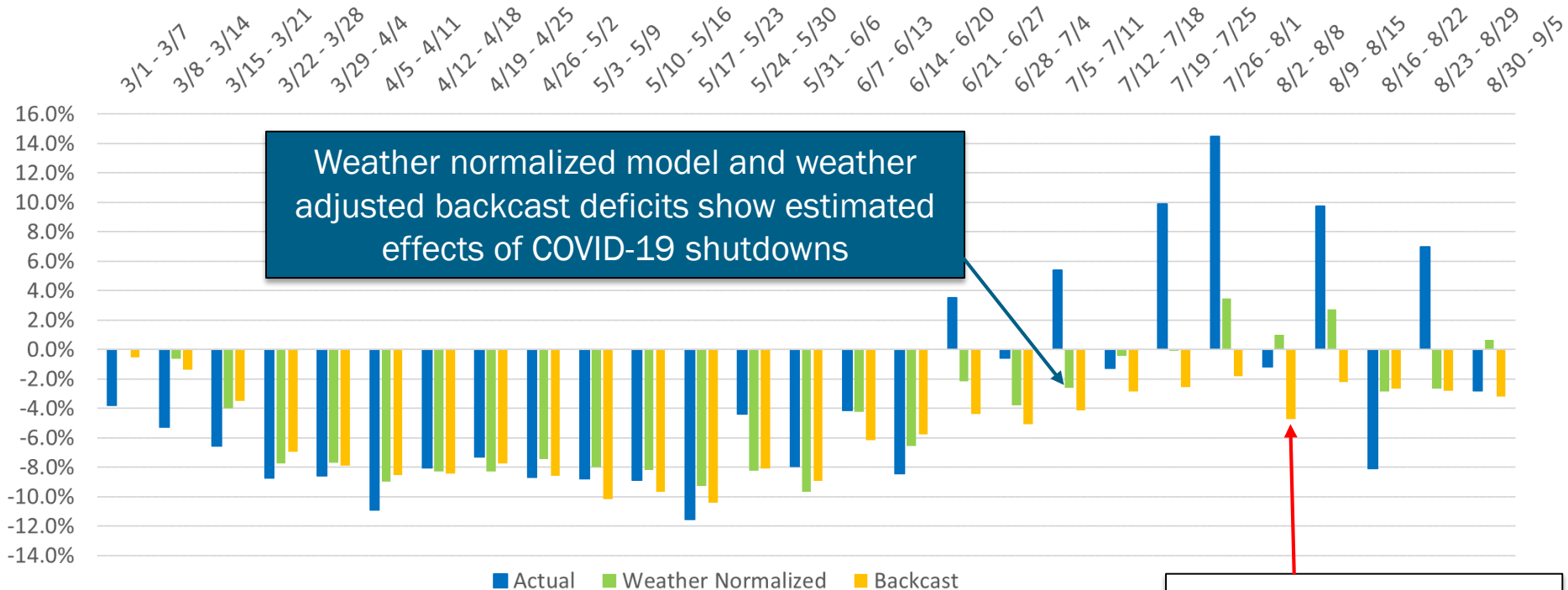
- Equals: Weather Normalized Load – Expected Load
- Weather Normalized Load is calculated via Zonal models regressing daily energy against daily weather variables and binaries. These models estimate what the load would have been on a given date under normal weather conditions
- These models are fit through the most recent 12 months of data, and have recent weather response signals.
- Expected Load is equivalent to that defined in the Actual Difference calculation
- This difference reflects non-weather driven changes in load levels, including economic, virus, and other impacts. The comparison is weather neutral as normal weather is used on both sides of the comparison

## Weather Adjusted Backcast Difference

- Equals: Actual Load - Backcast Load
- Backcast Load is the load generated by the Zonal hourly day-ahead models using actual weather, where the model estimation period ends in February. Thus, these backcasts estimate what the load would have been on a given day under pre-COVID conditions
- These models were fit through February, so they do not contain the most recent weather response signals
- This difference reflects non-weather driven changes in load levels, including economic, virus, and other impacts. The comparison is weather neutral as actual weather is used on both sides of the comparison

# Recent Impacts on Daily Energy by Week

Weekly Energy Use - % Versus Expected (NYCA)

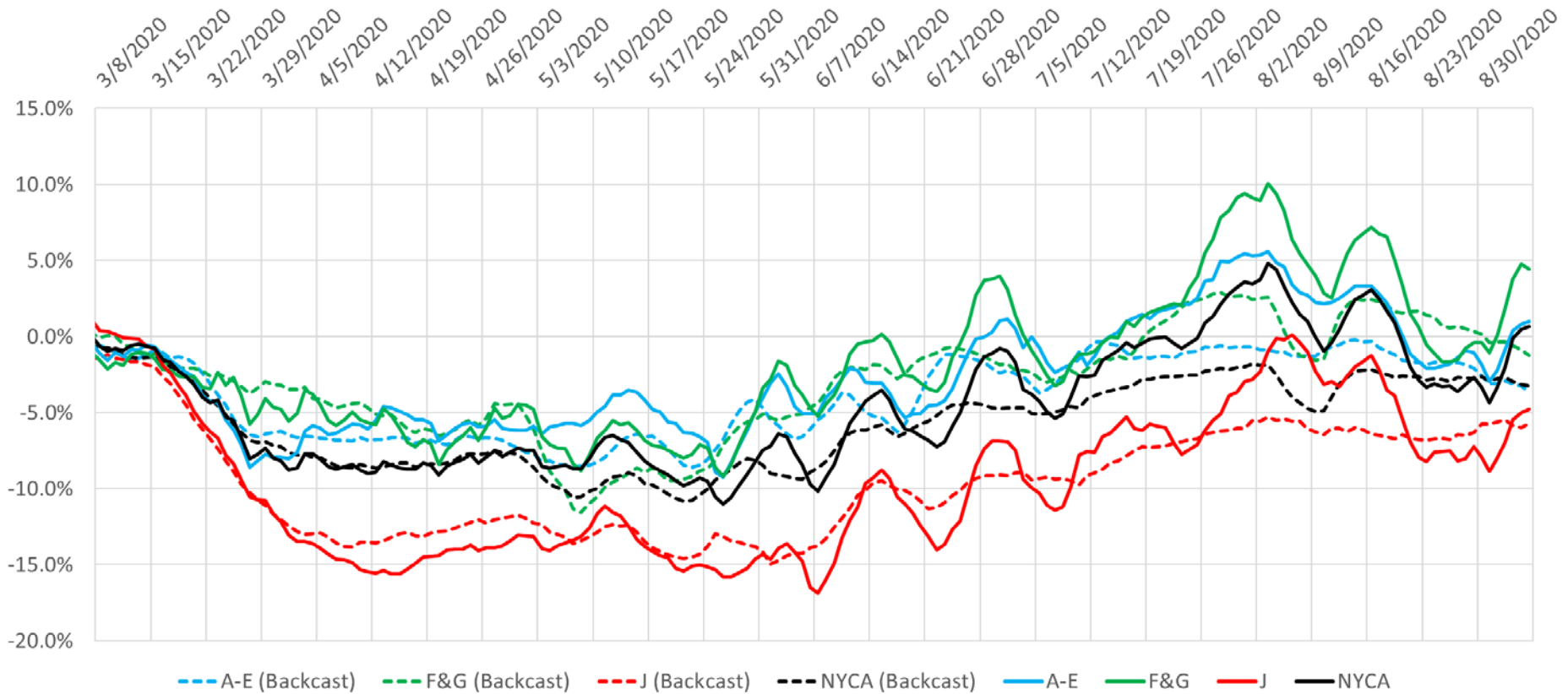


Includes Weekend Days

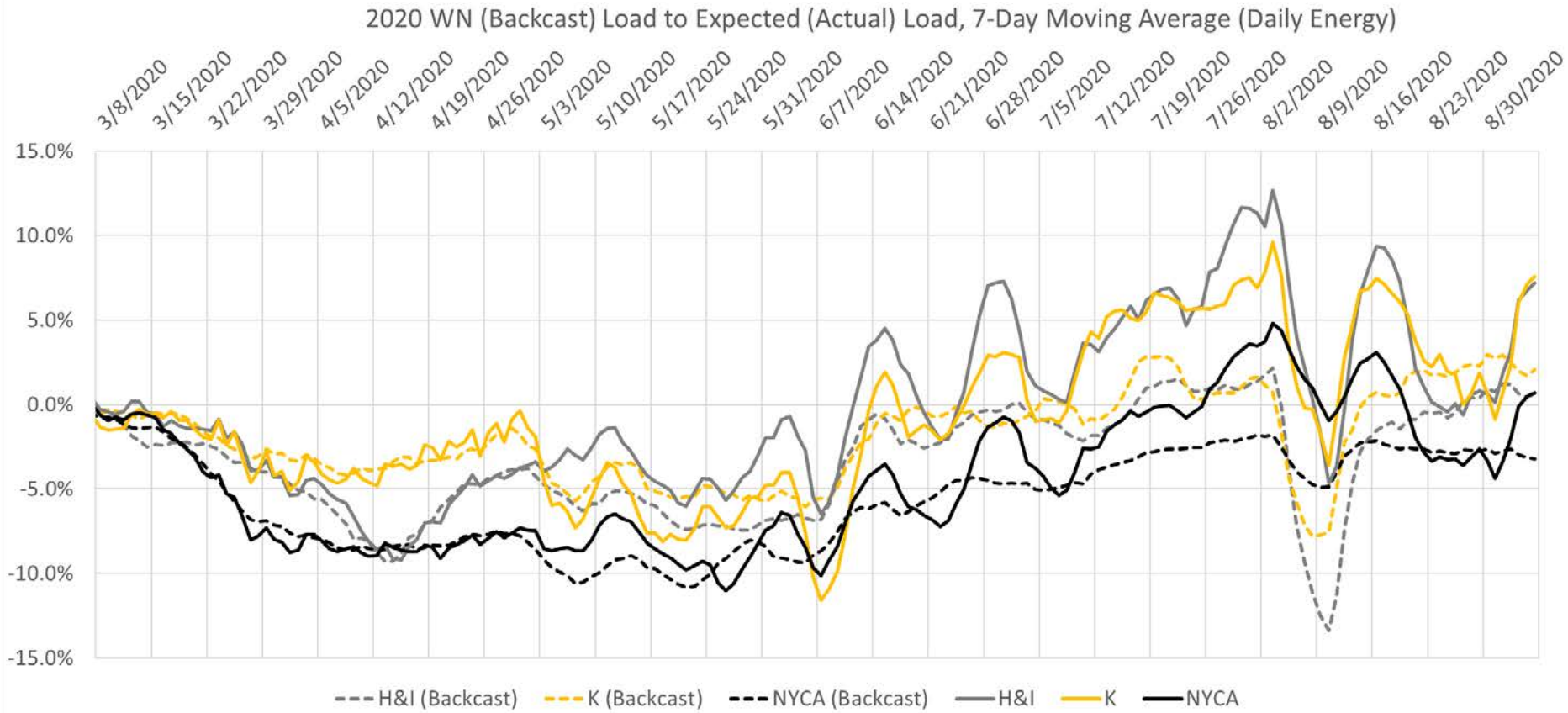
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# Regional Impacts on Daily Energy Patterns

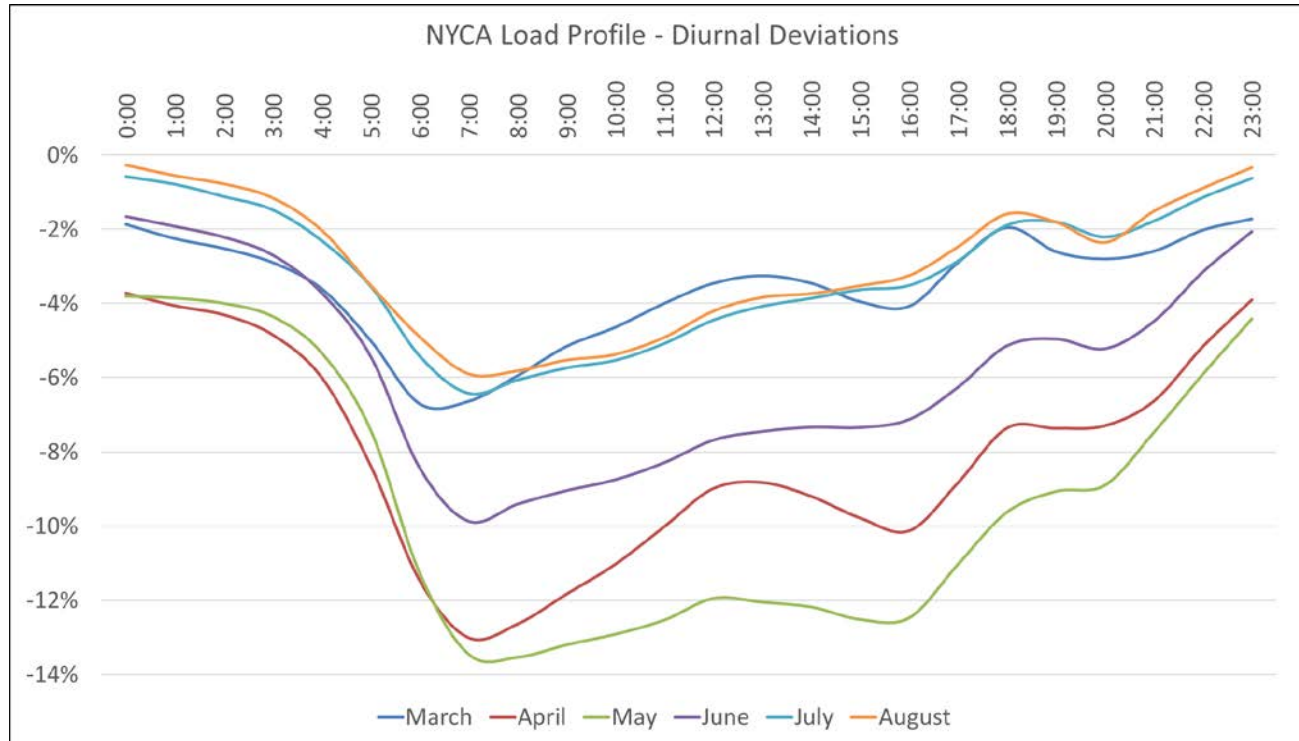
2020 WN (Backcast) Load to Expected (Actual) Load, 7-Day Moving Average (Daily Energy)



# Regional Impacts on Daily Energy Patterns



# Recent Impacts on Hourly Load Patterns

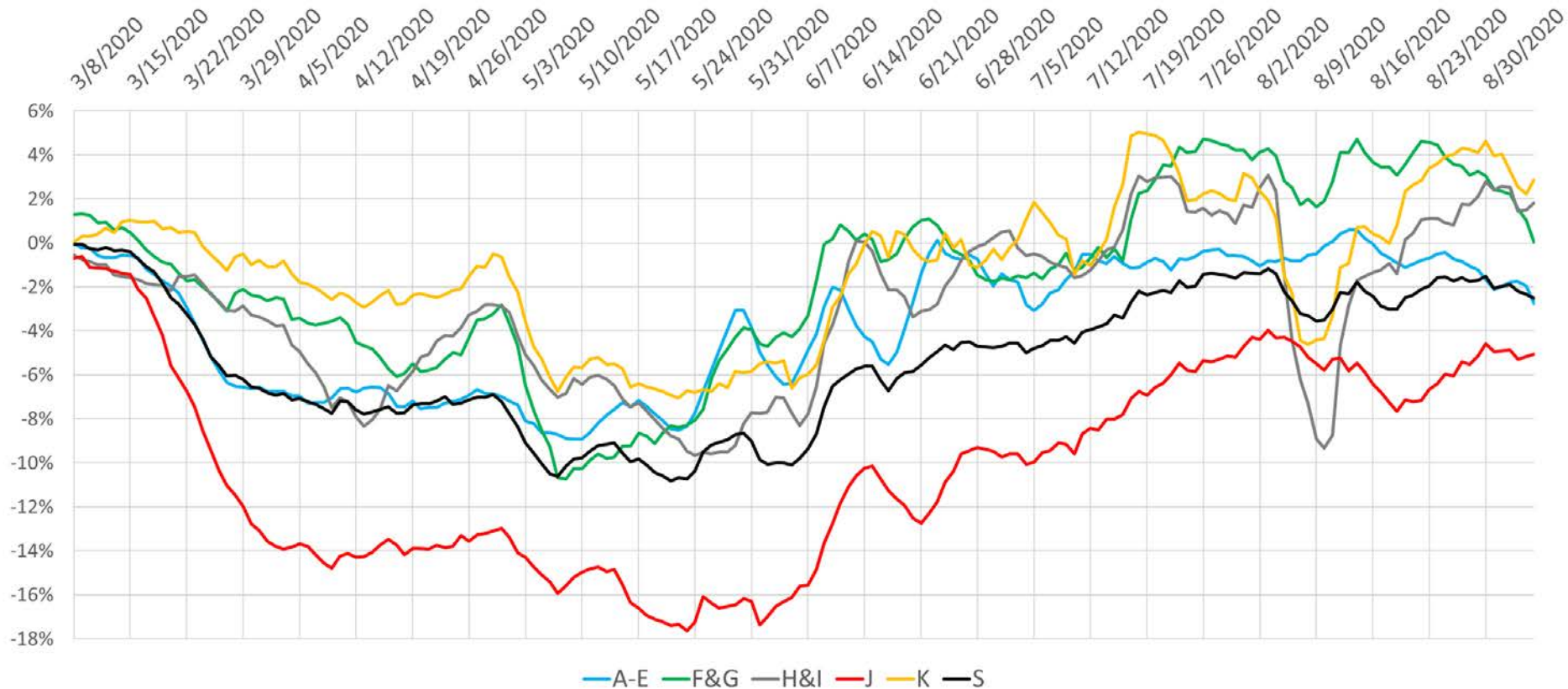


## Estimated peak deficits by month:

- March: -2% to -4%
- April: -7% to -9%
- May: -8% to -10%
- June: -5% to -7%
- July: -2% to -5%
- August: -2% to -3%

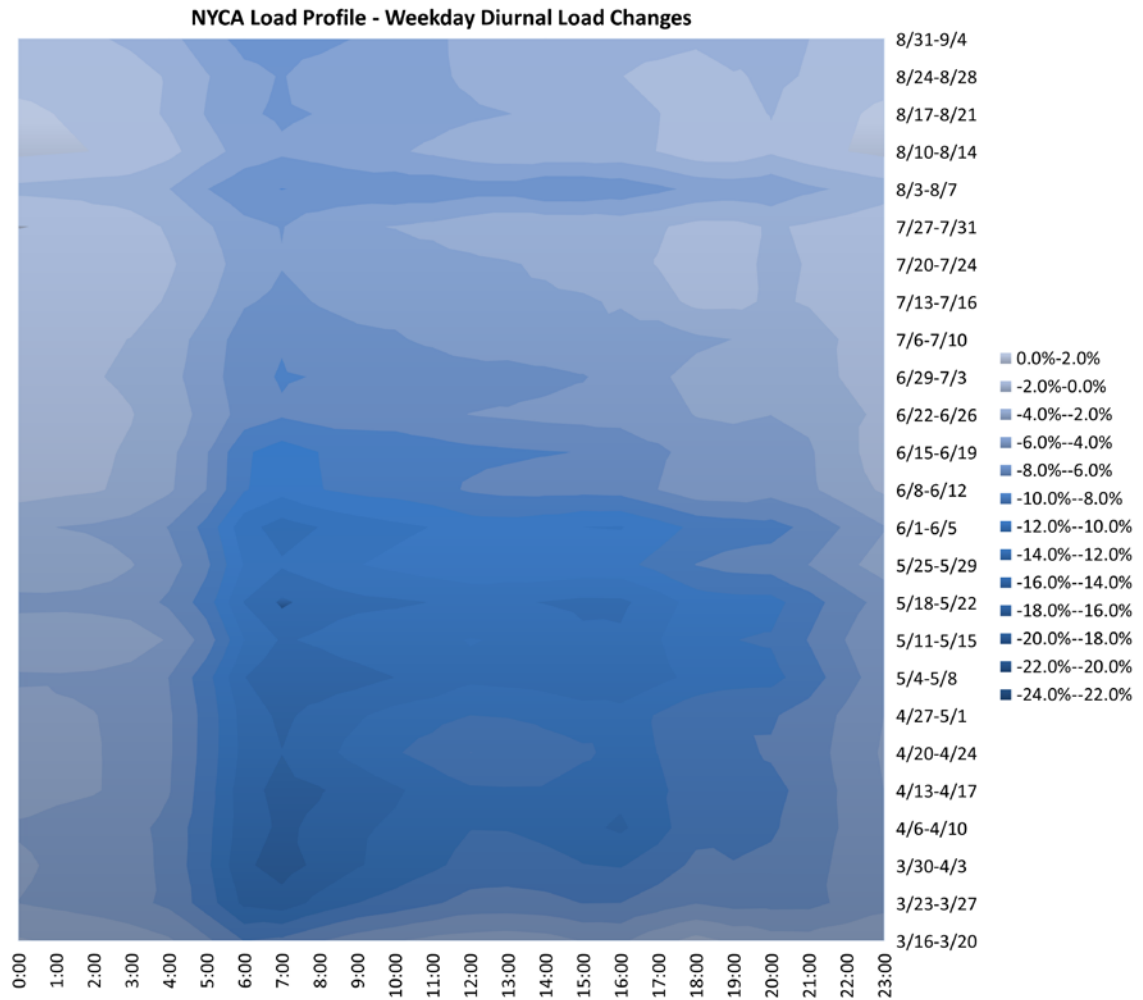
# Regional Impacts on Peak Demand

2020 Actual Load Relative to Backcast Load, 7-Day Moving Average (Daily Peak)

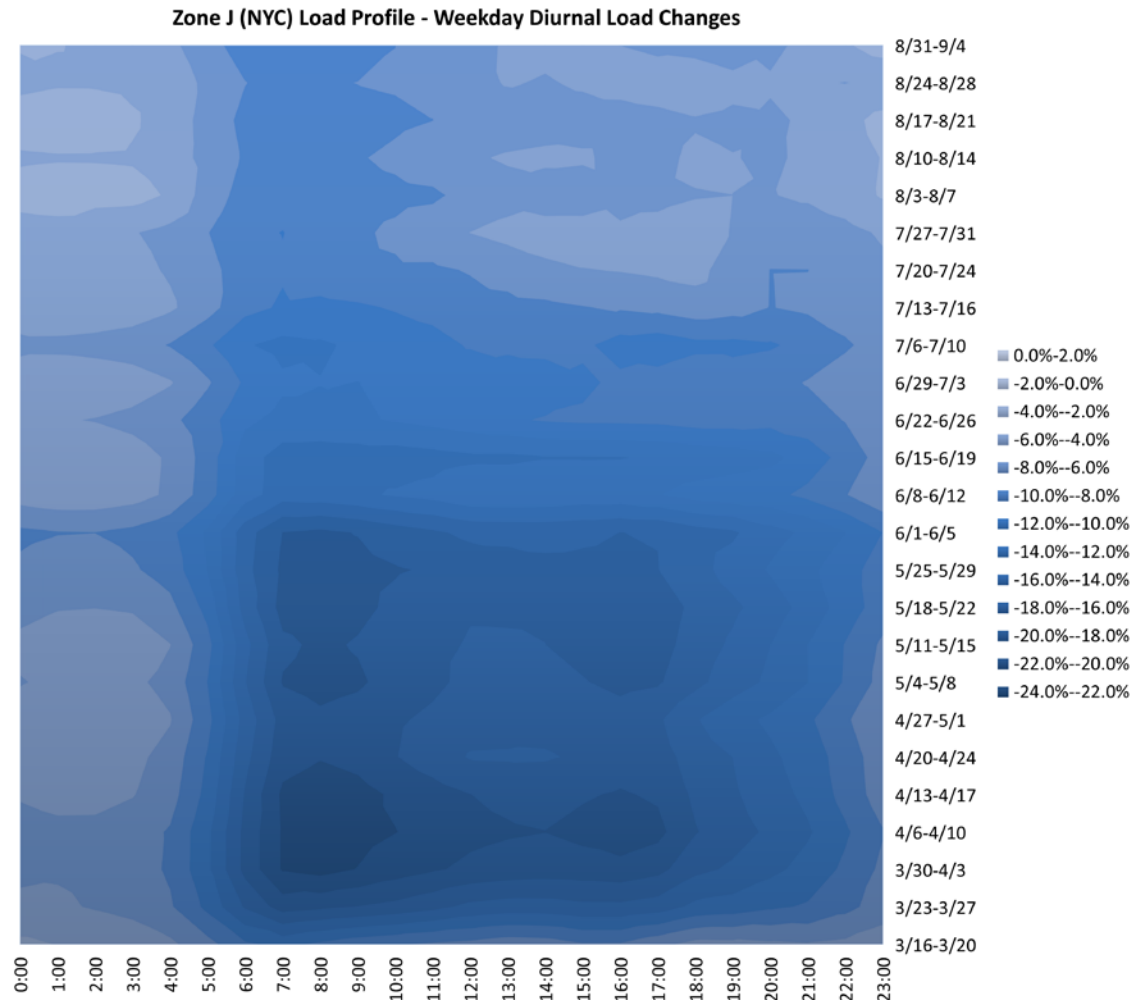




# Impacts on Hourly Load Patterns

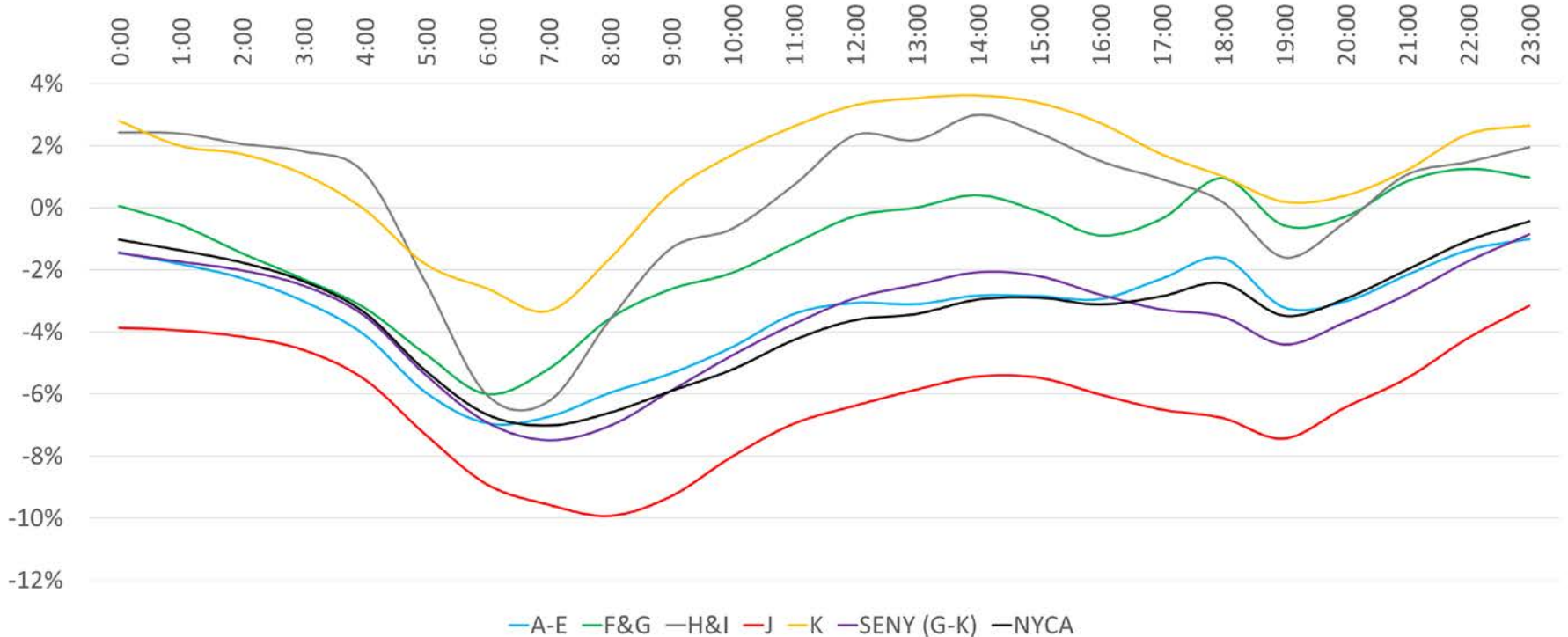


# Impacts on Hourly Load Patterns



# Impacts on Hourly Load Patterns (Area)

Average Hourly Deficit by Area - Week of 8/31- 9/4 (Weekdays)



# Questions?

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- Planning the power system for the future
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