**EIA expects significant increases in U.S. wholesale electricity costs this winter**

The U.S. Energy Information Administration expects U.S. wholesale electricity prices to increase in every region of the country this winter as compared with last winter, including a more than 60% increase in the mid-Atlantic and Central regions.

In its December *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, EIA estimates that New England could have wholesale on-peak electricity prices as high as $215 per megawatthour in January, which would be more than three times higher than peak prices elsewhere in the United States.

EIA expects U.S. households to pay more for electricity this winter compared with last winter, but retail electricity prices aren’t likely to increase as much as wholesale prices. EIA forecasts that U.S. average residential electricity prices will be 6% higher this winter than last winter.

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