EIA expects more U.S. electricity consumption, higher prices in 2022

The U.S. Energy Information Administration expects the United States to consume 2.4% more electricity this year because of increased economic activity and hotter-than-normal summer weather, according to its July *Short-Term Energy Outlook*.

Along with increased electricity consumption, EIA also expects residential electricity prices to be about 6% higher this year.

Growth in electricity generation from renewable energy sources will meet most of the increased demand for electricity. U.S. power plants have also consumed more natural gas so far this summer compared with recent averages.

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