



Load Forecast Descriptive Statement

Duke Energy Progress uses statistical forecasting methods and similar day comparisons as well as an extended weather forecast to estimate the load and energy requirements for each day and the next 10 - 14 days. Duke Energy Progress also uses weather information provided by WSI, Inc., a corporation which provides proprietary weather forecasts to Duke Energy Progress for weather stations relevant to the areas in which it provides transmission service. These forecasts provide information on dry bulb temperatures, cloud cover, dew point, wind direction and wind speed. Load forecasts beyond 14 days utilize econometric data, historical daily and monthly peak loads and assume an annual increase percentage each year to account for load growth. Pursuant to FERC Order No. 890 and 18 C.F.R. § 37.6, each of Duke Energy's non-ISO/RTO utilities is required to post load forecast and the actual load. These values are not intended for use as billing determinants.