

Real-Time Electricity Pricing in Illinois



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Overview of CNT Energy

- **Non-profit organization dedicated to helping consumers and communities save energy and money**
 - Multi-family energy efficiency retrofits
 - Building performance monitoring
 - Energy planning
 - Real-time prices
- **Division of the Center for Neighborhood Technology**



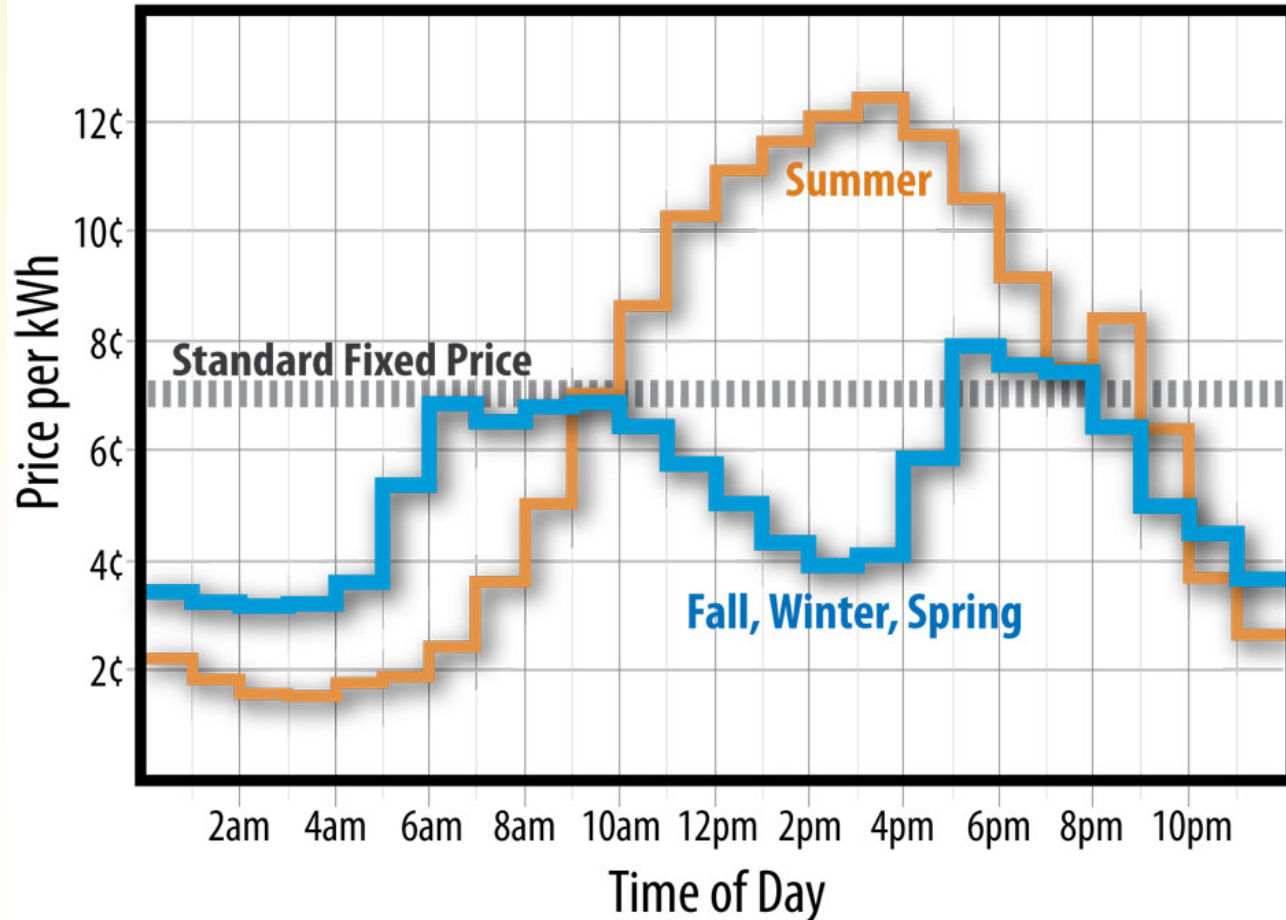
Real-time pricing

- **Customers pay the hourly, market price for electricity rather than a flat rate**
- **Goals:**
 - Encourage customers to use energy efficiently, particularly during high-demand times.
 - Help improve functioning of the electric system by reducing peak demand for electricity.
 - Help customers manage their electricity costs.
- **Innovative rate structure available to residential electricity customers of ComEd and Ameren Illinois Utilities**



General Price Patterns

Average Hourly Price Patterns



Benefits of real-time pricing

- **More ways to manage your costs**
 - Much of the time hourly prices are lower than the fixed rate
 - Can cut costs by reducing electricity use OR by shifting electricity usage
 - During 2007, Power Smart Pricing participants saved an average of 16%.
- **Enhanced customer support**
 - Online tools to help you analyze your bills
 - Price information available online and by phone
 - High price alerts by phone or email
 - Energy savings tips



Is real-time pricing right for me?

It could be a good choice if :

- You are interested in managing your energy costs by using energy wisely
- You are typically out of the house during high price periods or are able to make some simple adjustments in how and when you use electricity
- You want to be part of a program that helps you save money and improve the environment

It might not be your best choice if :

- You heat your home with electricity
- You use very little electricity (less than 400 kWh or \$40 per month)
- You are unable or prefer not to adjust your electricity usage

Find out more

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