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## ARIPPA PERIODIC MEDIA NEWS – 6-2-25

(News clips from the previous month)

### CFB, COAL REFUSE, ENERGY INDUSTRY

[Transformer, breaker backlogs persist, despite reshoring progress](#) - Manufacturers have been slow to invest in U.S. capacity amid uncertainty over long-term electricity demand. That's changing, but there's a long way to go, experts say.

[Lawsuits aim to hold fossil fuel companies responsible for climate change. Here's a look at some](#) - A German court ruled against a Peruvian farmer Wednesday in a landmark case that claimed global warming fueled by energy company RWE 's historical greenhouse gas emissions put his home at risk.

[R Street Institute Releases First State-By-State Electricity Competition Scorecard](#) - Today, the R Street Institute, a pro-market, limited government think tank, released a new scorecard assessing and grading each state's competitive electricity markets by examining factors such as retail choice and the degree to which individual states are fostering competition.

[ICF sees 25% load growth by 2030, up to 40% price increase](#) - U.S. electricity demand could grow 25% from 2023 to 2030 and 78% by 2050, driven in the near term by artificial intelligence data centers, new manufacturing capacity and widespread electrification in the oil and gas sector, ICF said Tuesday.

[FERC Releases 2025 Summer Assessment](#) - The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission today released staff's 2025 Summer Assessment on the outlook for energy markets and electric reliability during the June to September time frame.

[NERC's Summer Grid Outlook Shows Progress, But Elevated Risks Persist as Load Growth Outpaces Flexibility](#) - All regions across the North American bulk power system (BPS) are generally positioned to meet peak demand under normal summer conditions, though elevated risks of electricity supply shortfalls could persist under extreme heat, surging demand, and resource variability, the North American Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC) warns.

[A fraction of proposed data centers will get built. Utilities are wising up.](#) - The U.S. grid is flooded with data center proposals that will never get built. That's making it much more difficult for utilities and grid operators to plan for the future.

[Could coal plant landfills be the answer to the rare earths supply problem?](#) - As the United States seeks to reduce its reliance on foreign entities for rare earths and critical minerals, an unexpected solution may lie in coal plants' landfills.

[NRG buys 5 Pa. gas plants to meet 'supercycle' of demand growth](#) - NRG Energy is returning to Pennsylvania with the acquisition of five natural gas power plants, part of a blockbuster \$12 billion deal with LS Power.

[Northeastern States Unveil New Grid Planning Strategy in Attempt to Regain Control Over Energy Future](#) - Maryland and eight other Northeastern states last month released a first-of-its-kind transmission action plan.

[PJM Summer Outlook 2025: Adequate Resources Available for Summer Amid Growing Risk](#) - PJM forecasts sufficient generation for typical peak demand this summer but is preparing to call on contracted demand response resources to reduce electricity use under more extreme scenarios featuring record demand.

[PJM, utilities urge FERC to dismiss call for colocation settlement talks](#) - The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should reject a call for a 90-day pause in its deliberations over the PJM Interconnection's rules for colocating data centers at power plants, according to PJM, major utilities and other organizations.

[PJM Releases 2024 Annual Report, 'Reliable & Resilient'](#) - PJM Interconnection's 2024 Annual Report is now available on PJM.com.

[Power companies clash over proposed grid 'express lane'](#) - A proposal to fast-track new power plants across 15 states in the central U.S. to meet surging electricity demand could get federal approval within the next two weeks.

[PJM, others urge FERC to dismiss ratepayer advocates' capacity auction complaint](#) - The PJM Interconnection, independent power producer and clean energy trade groups, and other organizations are urging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to dismiss a complaint that seeks a re-do of the grid operator's last capacity auction.

[Enverus Releases 2025 Interconnection Queue Outlook](#) - Enverus, an energy-dedicated, software-as-a-service company that leverages generative artificial intelligence across its solutions, has released its 2025 Interconnection Queue Outlook, a comprehensive collection of power generation and transmission projects that show requests to connect to the U.S. power grid.

[Europe's massive blackout a warning sign for US grid](#) - The causes of Monday's massive power outage in Spain and Portugal are still under investigation. But facts on the ground so far point to inconvenient truths as Europe and the United States bring more renewable energy onto their electric grids.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: FEDERAL**

[DOE cancels \\$3.7B in carbon capture, decarbonization awards](#) - The U.S. Department of Energy on Friday canceled \$3.7 billion in awards from its Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations, including \$540 million in grants for two carbon capture projects planned by Calpine.

[Trump administration reverses planned closures of 3 dozen US mine safety offices](#) - The Trump administration is dropping plans to terminate leases for 34 offices in the Mine Safety and Health Administration, the agency responsible for enforcing mine safety laws, the Department of Labor said Thursday.

[Supreme Court narrows scope of environmental reviews](#) - The Supreme Court on Thursday narrowed the scope of government-required environmental reviews for major infrastructure projects, overturning a lower-court block on a controversial rail line in Utah that would carry billions of gallons of oil.

[Federal officials call miners' health a 'priority,' but are cutting a Pa. team studying mine safety](#) - Brendan Demich was on a bus to Washington, D.C. last week to attend a rally outside the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' office.

[Trump Administration orders J.H. Campbell coal power plant to remain open on eve of retirement](#) - A more than 60-year-old coal power plant in West Olive is ordered to postpone a planned retirement of the complex by the Department of Energy (DOE).

[EPA Moving to Axe Emissions Limits From Coal- and Gas-Fired Power Plants](#) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has confirmed it is drafting a plan to eliminate all limits on greenhouse gases (GHG) from coal- and natural gas-fired power plants. The EPA on May 24 said a new rule on emissions would be published after interagency review.

[Trump signs executive orders to boost nuclear power, speed up approvals](#) - President Donald Trump signed executive orders Friday intended to quadruple domestic production of nuclear power within the next 25 years, a goal experts say the United States is highly unlikely to reach.

[House GOP budget 'worse than feared' for clean energy: analysts](#) - House Republicans on Thursday morning narrowly passed a sweeping budget bill that guts federal support for wind, solar, storage and other clean energy industries.

[Trump allows New York offshore wind project after apparent gas pipeline compromise with state](#) - Norwegian energy company Equinor will resume construction on its offshore wind farm in New York, after the Trump administration lifted its order to halt work on the project.

[Zeldin could target a single word to undo endangerment finding](#) - EPA's proposed repeal of the nation's climate rule for power plants may reveal how the agency plans to undo the scientific basis for regulating greenhouse gases, known as the endangerment finding.

[Trump admin launches far-reaching audit of energy awards](#) - The Trump administration on Thursday announced a wide-ranging review of more than \$15 billion in federal awards approved under President Joe Biden.

[Energy Department Slashes 47 Burdensome and Costly Regulations, Delivering First Milestone in America's Biggest Deregulatory Effort](#) - The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced the first step in the Energy Department's largest deregulatory effort in history, proposing the elimination or reduction of 47 regulations.

[Judge pauses much of Trump administration's massive downsizing of federal agencies](#) - The Republican administration must halt much of its dramatic downsizing of the federal workforce, a California judge ordered Friday.

[FERC Launches New Data Website: Data.FERC.Gov](#) - The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) today launches Data.FERC.gov, a new, website designed to streamline public access to FERC information, records, and data.

[DOE Chief Backs Fossil, Nuclear Push Amid Budget and Staffing Questions](#) - U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright on May 7 told lawmakers that the Department of Energy (DOE) is entering what he called "a golden era of American energy dominance," outlining the Trump administration's strategy to prioritize fossil fuels, nuclear power, grid modernization, and permitting reform, while positioning the U.S. to lead in artificial intelligence (AI) and scientific innovation.

[EPA announces broad reorganization that includes shuffle of scientific research](#) - The Environmental Protection Agency on Friday announced a broad reorganization as part of the Trump administration's drive to cut costs that some activists worry will harm the agency's independent scientific research.

[3 issues to watch as DOE 'energy dominance' agenda takes shape](#) - The Department of Energy is moving into a critical period that could determine how much it spends, which industries it supports and who drives its agenda for years.

[FERC Approves Reliability Must Run Settlement Agreement for Units at Talen Energy's Brandon Shores and H.A. Wagner Power Plants](#) - Talen Energy Corporation ("Talen") (NASDAQ: TLN) announced today that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the "FERC") has approved the terms under which Talen will operate units at its Brandon Shores and H.A. Wagner power plants until May 31, 2029, beyond their scheduled May 31, 2025 retirement dates.

## **LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: STATE**

[Gov. Shapiro Provides Update On The Fight To Lower Energy Prices, Calls On General Assembly To Move His Commonsense Lightning Energy Plan](#) - On May 30, Gov. Josh Shapiro issued an update on what he said is the "fight to lower energy prices through PJM Reform and [his] Commonsense Lightning Plan."

[DEP Begins Accepting Applications For Grid Resilience Grants June 2](#) - The Department of Environmental Protection will begin accepting applications for Grid Resilience Grants June 2. The deadline to apply is August 8.

[Electricity bills in Pa., Del., N.J. to rise starting June 1. Advocates say more renewables would lower future costs](#) - With electricity bills set to rise for Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware customers next month, clean energy advocates are demanding the regional electric grid operator allow new renewable energy sources to connect to the grid faster.

[New West Virginia law requires power companies to explain interactions with national power grid](#) - The Public Service Commission of West Virginia is directing the biggest electric utilities companies in the state to explain how they interact with the largest electric power grid in the United States.

[As Pittsburgh faces electricity rate hike of 15%, Pa. lawmakers ratchet up debate on energy sources](#) - With double-digit electricity rate increases expected next week in Pittsburgh and elsewhere — and with continuing concern about future power disruptions — debate is intensifying in the state Capitol over Gov. Josh Shapiro's energy proposals.

[Electric transmission upgrades at crucial turning point](#) - “Make no mistake. Transitioning the energy mix isn’t a simple task. It’s not a shift from one resource to another. It’s a monumental change to how the bulk power system operates and it will take careful planning – and we risk blackouts if we don’t get this right.”

[Pennsylvania judge dismisses county climate lawsuit against oil majors](#) - A Pennsylvania judge dismissed a lawsuit that Bucks County brought against a group of oil majors and the American Petroleum Institute on Friday with prejudice, meaning the county will not have an opportunity to refile.

[‘Huge amount of growth’: Lawmakers hear testimony on meeting Pa. power demand](#) - Pennsylvania electricity would be more reliable and affordable if more wind, solar and nuclear power are deployed as the regional grid faces an explosive growth in demand, state lawmakers heard Monday.

[Electric utilities must disclose PJM votes under new Maryland law](#) - Maryland public electric utilities must disclose how they vote at PJM Interconnection stakeholder meetings under a law signed May 13 by Democratic Gov. Wes Moore.

[The energy bill eliminating subsidies for two coal power plants from Ohio’s House Bill 6 has been signed into law](#) - Subsidies for two coal-fired power plants that Ohio electric utility customers have been paying since even before the scandal-tainted House Bill 6 will soon be gone.

[Pa. justices ask in oral arguments: Is RGGI a tax, a fee, or something completely different?](#) - The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative could put fossil fuel-burning power plants out of business and significantly increase energy costs for consumers, electricity producers and Republican opponents of the program said Tuesday in state Supreme Court.

[Yaw Bill to Protect Consumers’ Energy Choices Approved by Local Government Committee](#) - A bill to ensure Pennsylvania residents have choices when it comes to fuel availability was overwhelmingly approved today by the Senate Local Government Committee, according to Sen. Gene Yaw (R-23), sponsor of the measure.

[As Grid Strain Mounts, Lawmakers Highlight Positive Steps Toward Power Reliability in Pennsylvania](#) - Sen. Gene Yaw (R-23) and Sen. Pat Stefano (R-32) convened a joint public hearing of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee to assess how Pennsylvania is preparing to meet rapidly growing electricity demand. Held at the state Capitol, the hearing brought together key energy sector leaders, regulators and developers.

[PUC Launches Post-Storm Review Following Major Southwestern Pennsylvania Storm](#) - The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) today announced the initiation of a comprehensive post-storm review following the devastating April 29th storms that swept across Southwestern Pennsylvania – cutting electric service to more than 500,000 customers and causing widespread damage to utility infrastructure, particularly in the Pittsburgh region.

[Pennsylvania senator slams neighbors for power drain amid Virginia data center boom](#) - A Pennsylvania lawmaker near the Maryland border warns that the explosive growth of Northern Virginia data centers and green energy priorities in neighboring jurisdictions is placing a significant strain on her state, which helps stabilize the regional electric grid.

[Senate ERE Committee Advances Key Energy Reforms, Including Impact Fee Distribution Changes and Well Plugging Improvements](#) - The Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee approved a slate of bills today to reform Impact Fee distribution, address power generation needs, improve oil and gas well plugging and rename Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), according to Chairman Gene Yaw (R-23).

[Site of former Springdale power plant to be sold to data center developer](#) - After a yearslong saga that resulted in the implosion of two towering smokestacks and the two-part demolition of a massive boiler house at the former Cheswick Generating Station, the property owner says the site will likely become a data center.

[House Finance Committee hears testimony on expanding next generation energy projects](#) - The state House Finance Committee held a public hearing Thursday on legislation that would expand investments in next generation energy projects and economic development across the Pennsylvania.