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Power Trading & Hedging Fundamentals

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What You Will Learn

In two dynamic, information-packed days, you'll develop a solid foundation in both power trading and hedging as you examine all of the instruments, tools and techniques available to the energy trader today.

This program brings you from basic terminology to trading mechanics. You'll learn about marginal cost, load capacity, LMP, Power volatility, implied heat rates, and forward contracts.

We'll also cover hedging accounting; portfolio and position management, value at risk, stress testing and credit risk. You'll explore the nuances and quirks specific to the power markets, understand the risks and rewards across sectors and develop a macro view designed to improve your working knowledge of the power market complex.

Who Should Attend

Power and fuel purchasers, analysts, traders, trade support staff, finance and auditing personnel. Entry-level to intermediate professionals from: merchant generators, banks, utilities, power marketers, retail providers, back office, hedgers, marketers, end-users, and government agencies.

CPE Credits



This course earns 12 CPE credits. EMI awards credit hours towards CPE and Certified Purchasing Manager status (CPM).

Course Times

9am - 4pm, September 24
9am - 4pm, September 25

Venue Location

**Regus Conference Center
Downtown Houston**

Two Allen Center
1200 Smith Street, 16th Floor
Houston, TX 77002
713.353.4600

Recommended hotels on registration form.

Registration Fees

1st delegate: \$1,995
2nd delegate: \$1,795
3rd delegate: \$1,600

Fee includes full course, expert instruction, course materials, continental breakfast & lunch.

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DAY ONE

Morning

Session 1: Power Industry Basic Terminology

We'll start by exploring basic industry facts and terminology.

- How does the grid work?
- How is power delivered to our home or business?
- What is a peak day? Capacity? Reserves? Load?
- Generation technologies and marginal costs.

Session 2: Reliability and Comparative RTO Markets

- What is "reliability" and why is it so important? How is reliability ensured?
- FERC, NERC and the ISO/RTOs:
By FERC mandate, competitive markets are the future for power. We will deepen our understanding of the power markets by thoroughly examining the LMP markets where values are resolved. How do day-ahead and real-time differ?
- What are Financial Transmission Rights? How do the regions differ in their implementation of FERC mandates? How are ancillary services handled? How does FERC ensure that the markets are competitive? What plans does FERC have for the future?

Session 3: Locational Marginal Price (LMP)

- Why is LMP important?
- Impact of Supply Stack on LMP Values.
- Day Ahead Versus Real Time LMP.
- Two Settlements Example.
- Why is Natural Gas Important?

Afternoon

Session 4: Value Fundamentals

Any discussion of risk management must start with an analysis of the factors that drive power price volatility.

- How are power prices determined at the finest level of granularity, LMP?
- How does congestion drive price differentials and volatility? Negative congestion and negative prices.
- Scarcity pricing.
- FTRs.
- ARRs.
- Ancillary services.

Session 5: Market Fundamentals

- How do fuel and weather interact to determine value?
- How do the power markets seem to defy, yet follow, economic principles?
- Implied heat rate.
- Emissions.
- Capacity Markets.

Session 6: Forward Contracts and Trading

In recent years, the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) has challenged the CME NYMEX in energy trading. We will compare and contrast the two exchanges and their contractual offerings in power.

- What are futures, forwards, swaps and options?
- How do related energy markets influence power?
- What is financial versus physical settlement?
- Cleared versus bilateral?
- What regional differences are important?
- ISDA.
- Nodal.
- Firm vs. non-Firm.
- Terms traded.



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DAY TWO

Morning

Session 7: Trading Mechanics and Market Participants

We will extend our discussion of the markets with a focus on the mechanics and vocabulary of trading.

- Forwards, futures and swaps.
- Margins.
- Backwardation. Contango. Inverse. Bid/Ask.
- Spreads: Temporal. Locational. Spark. Strips.
- Execution Brokers.
- Who participates in the power markets and why? How do their motivations influence their strategies and behavior?
- Hedgers: Utilities, Merchants, Retail, and Power Marketers.
- Traders: Banks. Funds.

Session 8: Volatility Fundamentals

Understanding the nature of volatility and probability is central to understanding market risk, and we use the language and tools of options to describe it. In this session, we will explore how these concepts are used to understand and quantify market risk, and we will do so with limited mathematics.

- What is volatility and how is it measured?
- How is power volatility similar to conventional views of volatility?
- How does power volatility differ?
- How do the value fundamentals drive power market volatility?
- How do we develop a probabilistic, future directed, view of our portfolio?
- Spreads.
- Long-term fundamentals.

Session 9: Option Mechanics and The Framework for Risk Analysis

Options are a key derivative contract by which we trade and manage volatility. We will deepen our understanding of the markets by examining the mechanics, vocabulary and principles of options trading.

- Volatility.
- Greeks.
- Monthly exercise.
- Daily exercise.

Afternoon

Session 10: Mid and Back Office Functions

We will continue our discussion of risk management by examining reporting requirements.

- Office roles.
- Hedge Accounting - FAS 133.
How does FAS 133 influence accounting, financial reporting issues and hedge accounting? What policies and procedures are allowed? Required? Forbidden?
- Fair Value.
FAS 157, Value at Risk, time frames, stress testing, hedging tradeoffs, returns to risk, credit risk. How do we quantify credit exposure? How do we manage that exposure?

Session 11: Portfolio Management, Position Management, and Best Practices

- Once we understand the elements, how do we aggregate them so as to understand the risk profile of a power risk book?
- How do we account for correlation?
- How do we measure risk? Value at risk, earnings at risk, cash flow at risk and returns to risk will be discussed, along with their variations.
- How does a firm assess its risk tolerance?
- How can mitigating one risk often amplify a different risk?
- What role should formal risk management play in the management of a power risk book?
- How does management establish and control its corporate risk culture?
- What policies and procedures should be implemented to ensure prudence?
- Infrastructure requirements.: What valuation practices are acceptable? What documentation practices are acceptable? How should models be vetted? How should trading and risk management personnel be compensated? How are risk limits set and enforced? How do we ensure transparency?

Session 12: Cases

Using what we've learned so far, let's discuss an actual transaction, identify the risk factors, describe the types of standard products which can be used to hedge the transaction, and talk about what type of market factors might be relevant in our analysis of the deal. What are the residual risks and how does our Risk Management Department feel about them?



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REGISTRATION FORM

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