

Monthly

# Electricity Futures

A New Era in India's

**POWER RISK MANAGEMENT**

**1** NATION  
GRID ⚡  
**PRICE**

**NSE share in India's Electricity Futures Market**

**75%**

## What Are Electricity Futures?

Electricity Futures are standardized, **cash-settled monthly contracts** that allow market participants to fix prices for future electricity delivery periods — without needing physical delivery. These contracts enable **hedging**, power procurement planning, and allow capital investment across the electricity value chain.

### Why Electricity Needs Derivatives – The Indian Context

- - 1900 BU of electricity generated in a year, but only 5% trades on volatile day ahead spot markets
- All bilateral trade prices are driven by DAM spot market. Absence of Hedging instruments lead to volatility and inaccurate price signals
- No formal mechanism for **hedging electricity price risks** faced by generators, discoms, C&I consumers and traders
- **To increase demand elasticity in the electricity market**

Electricity Futures introduces transparency, forward visibility, and a toolset for price discovery and stability

### Who all will get the benefits:

Segment	Use Case
Generators	Lock-in merchant power prices, reduce revenue volatility
Discoms	Budget certainty, hedge short-term procurement costs
RE Developers	Support financing by creating predictable cash flows
Industrial Users	Fix input energy cost, enhance export pricing certainty
Traders/FPIs	Hedge based on grid demand, seasonal trends
Retail Customers	All retail including domestic and commercial customers having minimum electricity load up to 70 KW can participate to hedge some price risk.



## Glossary

CEA	Central Electricity Authority
CERC	Central Electricity Regulatory Commission
CFD	Contract for Difference
C&I	Commercial and Industrial consumers
DDR	Due Date Rate
DAM	Day Ahead Market
DFI	Domestic Financial Institution
DPL	Daily Price Limit
EA 2003	The Electricity Act 2003
ELECMBL	Electricity Monthly Base Load
FPI	Foreign Portfolio Investors
FII	Foreign Institutional Investors
FSP	Final Settlement Price
GRID-INDIA	GRID Controller of India Limited
HPX	Hindustan Power Exchange India Limited
IEX	IEX Limited
IPP	Independent Power Producers
Kw	Kilo Watt
Kwh	Kilo Watt hour
MCV	Market Clearing Volume
MOF	Ministry of Finance, Government of India
MOP	Ministry of Power, Government of India
MW	Mega Watt
MWH	Mega Watt hour
MTM	Mark-to-Market
NLDC	National Load Dispatch Centre
NSE	National Stock Exchange of India Limited
OTC	Over-the-Counter
PXIL	Power Exchange India Limited
PMR	CERC (Power Market) Regulations, 2021
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
SEBI	Security and Exchange Board of India
RE	Renewable Energy
RTM	Real Time Market
UMCP	Unconstrained Market Clearing Price
VWAP	Volume Weighted Average Price

## Contract Specifications

Parameter	Particulars Monthly Contract - Base Load
Commodity Name	ELECTRICITY FUTURES (ELECMBL)
Contract available for Trading	Available for 12 Calendar Months. Contracts are listed for current and next 3 Months
Contract Start Day	1 <sup>st</sup> business day of the launch month
Last Day of Trading	Business day immediately preceding the last calendar day of the contract expiry month
Contract Duration	Four months
Trading Days	Monday to Friday
Trading Session	9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. /11:55 p.m.(As per US Day light savings)
Price Quote Basis	Rs. per MWh (excluding all taxes and levies)
Trading Unit	50 MWh
Tick size	Rs. 1 per MWh
Daily price limit	As per recent SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/CDMRD/DNPMP/CIR /P/2021/9 dated 11th January 2021 regarding “Revision in Daily Price Limits (DPL) for Commodity Futures Contracts” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial Slab: 6%</li> <li>• Enhanced Slab: 3%</li> <li>• Aggregate DPL: 9%</li> </ul>
Initial margin	Minimum 10% or based on SPAN, whichever is higher
Additional/Special Margin	In case of additional volatility, an additional margin (on both buy & sell side) and/ or special margin (on either buy or sell side) at such percentage, as deemed fit, will be imposed in respect of all outstanding positions.
Maximum Allowable Open Position	For individual clients: 3 lakh MWh or 5% of the market wide-open position, whichever is higher. For a member collectively for all clients: 30 lakh MWh or 20% of the market-wide position, whichever is higher.
Daily Settlement Price (DSP)	All outstanding positions in Future contracts would be marked to market daily based on the Daily Settlement Price (DSP) as determined by exchanges as prescribed under SEBI’s Master Circulars issued time to time
Final Settlement Price	DDR based on volume weighted average of the DAM-UMCPs (Unconstrained Market Clearing Price) of all three exchanges of all the calendar days of the expiry month. With a pre-determined equation as notified by the exchange
Settlement	Cash Settled

## Clearing and Settlement

MTM Pay-in & Pay-out	T+1 working day by 09.00 a.m. ("T" stands for Trade Day)
Funds Pay-in	E+1 working day by 09.00 a.m. ("E" stands for Expiry Day)
Funds Pay-out	E+1 working day by 09.00 a.m.
Penal Provision	Penalties as applicable for Fund shortages shall be levied.



## NSE Predetermined Equation for DDR (ELECMBL)

Step 1: Daily Volume-Weighted Average Price (VWAP) of 96 Blocks (Per Exchange)

$$DAM(E_j, D_i) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{96} MCP_t \times MCV_t}{\sum_{t=1}^{96} MCV_t}$$

Where:

- DAM (comprises of) = DAM (Conventional) + DAM (Green) + DAM (High Price)
- E<sub>j</sub> = Exchange j (E1 = PXIL, E2 = IEX, E3 = HPX)
- D<sub>i</sub> = Day i of the contract month
  - i = 1 to 31 days for Jan, March, May, July, Aug, October, December
  - i = 1 to 30 days for Apr, Jun, Sept, Nov
  - i = 1 to 28/29 for Feb (leap year)
- MCP<sub>t</sub> = Market Clearing price for 15 minutes block (t) on day (D<sub>i</sub>) on Exchange (E<sub>j</sub>)
- MCV<sub>t</sub> = Market Clearing volume for 15 minutes block (t) on day (D<sub>i</sub>) on Exchange (E<sub>j</sub>)

Step 2: Daily Market Clearing Volume of all three Exchanges

$$MCV_{D_i} = MCV(E_1, D_i) + MCV(E_2, D_i) + MCV(E_3, D_i)$$

Where:

- MCV<sub>D<sub>i</sub></sub> = Daily total Market Clearing Volume of all three Exchanges

Step 3: Daily VWAP DAM Price (of all Exchanges)

$$DAM_{D_i} = \frac{DAM(E_1, D_i) \times MCV(E_1, D_i) + DAM(E_2, D_i) \times MCV(E_2, D_i) + DAM(E_3, D_i) \times MCV(E_3, D_i)}{MCV_{D_i}}$$

Step 4: Final Monthly DDR (ELECMBL)

$$DDR_{month} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N DAM_{D_i}}{N}$$

Where:

- N = Number of total days in the contract Month

*\*All above information is publicly available information and compiled by PXIL (Power Exchange India Limited)*

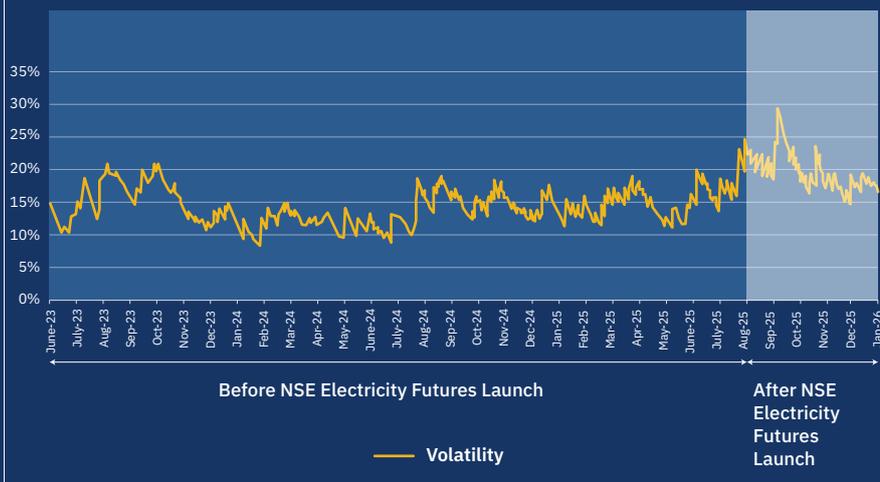


## Price Trend - Pre and Post Launch of NSE Electricity Futures on 14th July 2025

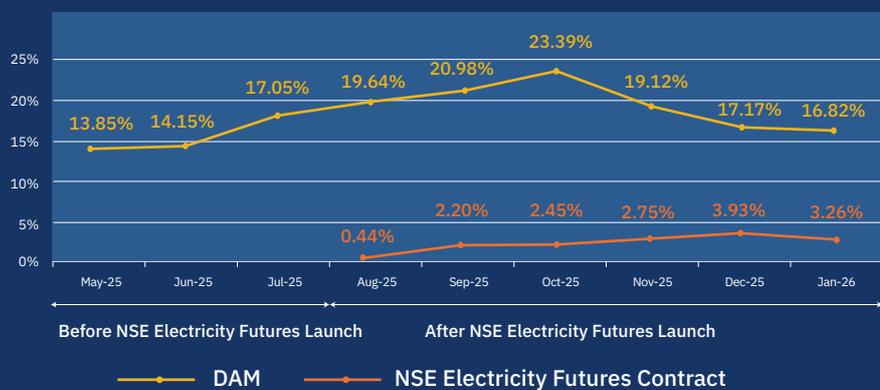
### Volatility & VWAP Overview

Futures provide price stability in a highly seasonal market. As shown below in the graphs is the volatility observed in VWAP DAM Prices-which now has a hedge.

DAM Daily Volatility from June 2023 to December 2025



Average Monthly Volatility of DAM and NSE Electricity Futures Contract



### Average VWAP Monthly DDR of 2025 (Jan to July)

#### Pre-Launch

MONTH	Average VWAP
JANUARY	4430.0105
FEBRUARY	4368.6091
MARCH	4221.0007
APRIL	4519.4587
MAY	3897.1539
JUNE	3563.2313
JULY	4037.0291

### Average VWAP Monthly DDR (Aug 2025 to Jan 2026)

#### Post-Launch

MONTH	Average VWAP
AUGUST	3988.0400
SEPTEMBER	3453.4394
OCTOBER	2800.1636
NOVEMBER	3228.0155
DECEMBER	3881.7860
JANUARY	3879.7214

# Electricity Futures | Trade Metrics (ELECMBL, 6months trade)

## NSE's Approach to Transparent and Inclusive Price Discovery

- 1. Unified Pricing:** Based on “One Nation, One Grid, One Price”; not limited to a single PX or segment.
- 2. Scientific VWAP Methodology:** Uses global best practices across 96 blocks, factoring in price & volume from all 3 PXs.
- 3. All-Inclusive Market Segments:** Covers Conventional, Green, and High Price DAM segments (calculated and provided by PXIL).
- 4. Green Power Recognition:** NSE integrates green power into its pricing, promoting sustainability.

- 5. Holistic Price Discovery:** VWAP formula ensures fair pricing: **Daily Volume-Weighted Average Price(VWAP) of 96 Blocks (Per Exchange)**

$$Daily\ VWAP = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{96} MCP_t \times MCV_t}{MCV_t}$$

MCP<sub>t</sub>: Market Clearing Price for 15 min Blocks

MCV<sub>t</sub>: Market Clearing Volume for 15 min Blocks

Due Date Rate= Average of VWAP of all days in the month

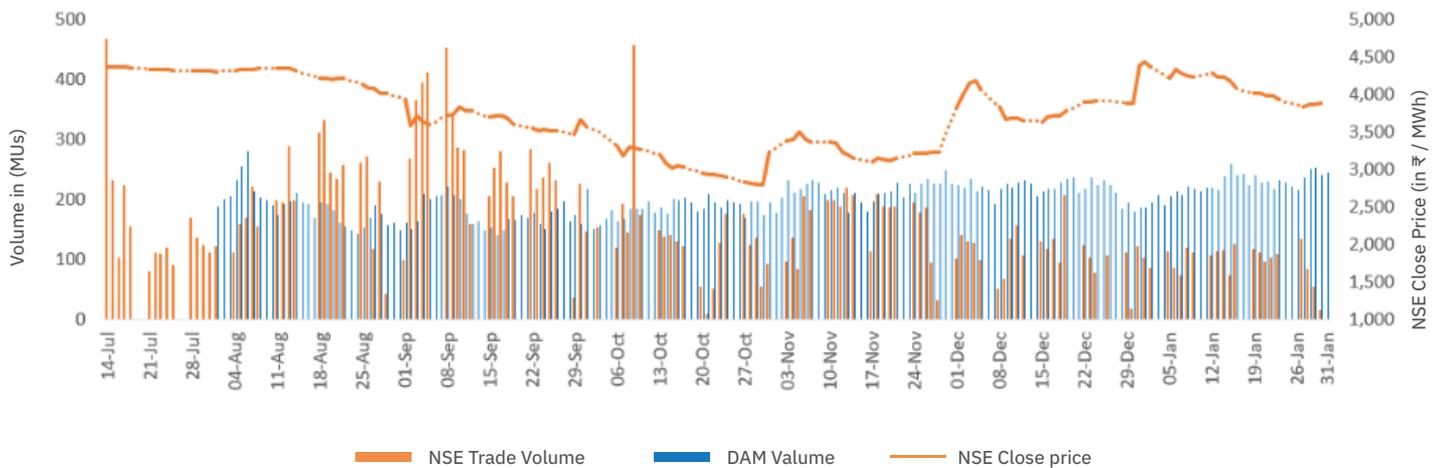
**4,82,009**  
Total Lots  
Traded

**24,100 MUs**  
NSE Volume

**36,914 MUs**  
DAM Volume

**₹ 9,098 Cr.**  
NSE Turnover

**~75%**  
Market Share



\*Source: NSE, till 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

## NSE's Certificate Course- Fundamentals of Electricity Derivatives

- ◆ **Build a Strong Foundation**  
Master the structure and functioning of electricity futures in India's power markets.
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## Physical Market Insights on NSE's Product Information Page

### The Physical Supply Position:

- **Strategic Importance:** This tracks the real-time balance between electricity demand and available generation across the grid. Any mismatch — whether due to generation shortfall, fuel supply issues, or load surge — affects how the system operates. Monitoring this helps identify stress points early and allows stakeholders to plan short-term supply or adjust load accordingly
- **Impact on Spot Prices:** When demand consistently exceeds generation, it results in higher clearing prices on power exchanges. Conversely, surplus generation leads to lower prices. Participants who track supply position trends can anticipate these price movements, allowing them to optimize short-term procurement or enter hedging positions in futures more effectively.

### Source Wise Generation

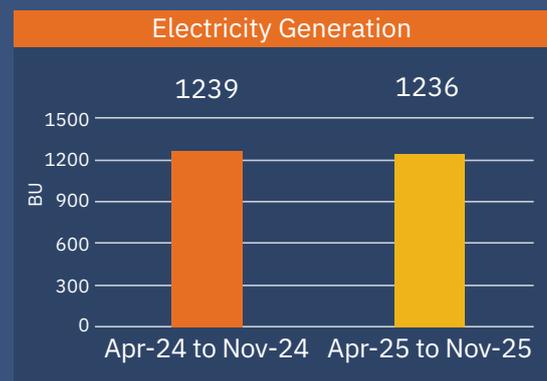
- **Strategic Importance:** This tracks how much electricity is being generated from different sources — coal, gas, hydro, nuclear, and renewables. Each source has a different cost structure and availability pattern. Understanding this mix helps market participants assess cost pressure and forecast short-term price trends.
- **Impact on Spot Prices:** A higher share of renewables usually brings down the average market price but increases volatility due to weather-related variability. On the other hand, thermal generation (coal/gas) offers more stable supply but at higher cost, which can lift prices when renewables fall short.

Type	Apr-24 to Nov-24(BU)	Apr-25 to Nov-25 (BU)	% Change w.r.t Apr-24 to Nov-24
Thermal	908	850	-6%
Nuclear	38	36	-5%
Hydro (Large)	118	133	13%
RES including SHP	170	209	23%
Bhutan Import	5	8	48%
All India	1239	1236	-0.2%

\*Source: CEA, till 30th November 2025

All India Generation Renewables in BU		
Renewables	Apr-24 to Nov-24	Apr-25 to Nov-25
Wind	62.2	83.6
Solar	91.4	107.6
Biomass	2.4	2.6
Bagasse	2.8	3.6
Small Hydro	9.0	9.6
Others	1.9	2.0
Total :	169.7	209.0

\*Source: CEA, till 30th November 2025



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### Week Ahead All India Demand Forecast

- **Strategic Importance:** Released by Grid-India, this forecast estimates national and regional electricity demand for the upcoming 7 days. It supports generators, discoms, and traders in planning short-term procurement, generation scheduling, and hedging through near-term electricity futures.
- **Impact on Spot Prices:** When demand is forecasted to rise, participants often anticipate tighter supply conditions. This expectation can lead to early price movements on spot exchanges as buyers secure power in advance, pushing prices upward.

### Region wise transmission flow in Real time

- **Strategic Importance:** India's unified grid connects five major regions — North, South, East, West, and North-East. Real-time transmission flow data shows inter-regional transfers, congestion, and whether a region is in surplus or deficit. This helps stakeholders assess grid stress and plan short-term dispatch or drawal accordingly.
- **Impact on Spot Prices:** Transmission congestion restricts flow between regions, causing market splitting and price differences across bid areas. For Electricity Futures participants, this data helps assess regional risk, anticipate localized volatility, and understand how price signals may diverge from the national average.

### Projected range of reserve requirement: TRAS-Up & TRAS-Down

- **Strategic Importance:** TRAS (Tertiary Reserve Ancillary Services), projected by NLDC, indicates expected balancing needs in the grid. A higher TRAS-Up signals possible shortfall in supply or surge in demand. TRAS-Down suggests excess generation. This acts as a forward signal of system stress or surplus and supports pre-emptive market planning.
- **Impact on Spot Prices:** Elevated TRAS-Up projections often precede price increases in spot markets, especially during peak demand or supply shortages. On the other hand, high TRAS-Down projections — typically during strong renewable generation or weak demand — are associated with lower clearing prices on exchanges.

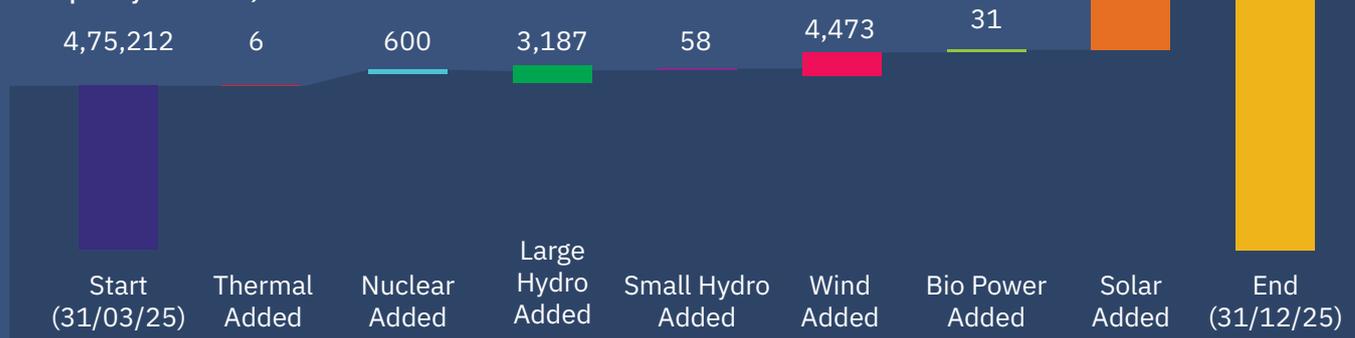
### Weather Forecast Rain, wind direction & temperature

- **Strategic Importance:** Weather conditions directly influence electricity demand and supply. High temperatures drive cooling demand, while rain affects irrigation load. Wind and solar output depend on seasonal patterns. Monitoring these factors helps anticipate shifts in grid balance.
- **Impact on Spot Prices:** Sudden changes in weather can reduce renewable generation or increase demand sharply, leading to spot price volatility. Accurate weather forecasts allow participants to prepare for such shifts and manage their exposure through short-term trades or electricity futures.

### Monthly report on short term Transaction of Electricity in India

- **Strategic Importance:** This report tracks traded volumes across bilateral contracts, day-ahead markets, and other short-term segments. It offers insight into how actively market participants are procuring power outside long-term PPAs and reflects liquidity in the physical market.
- **Impact on Spot Prices:** By observing transaction patterns, the report helps identify seasonal trends and the relationship between traded volumes and prices. For hedgers, it serves as a tool to understand spot price risk and align futures positions accordingly.

Total Capacity Addition in FY26 till 31st December 2025: ~39 GW  
(of which 30 GW is from Solar contributing to 78% of total Renewable Energy capacity addition)



\*Source: CEA, till 31st December 2025



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