

# ScottMadden Releases Latest Edition of Energy Industry Update

ScottMadden, Inc., an energy consulting firm, recently released its Fall **Energy Industry Update**.

On its website, ScottMadden says this issue focuses on strategic drivers that are propelling the industry like nuclear challenges, changing energy supply and demand patterns, and federal-state policy friction:

- *Nuclear Challenges and Responses:* Low natural gas prices, challenging capacity markets, continuing investment needs, and weak carbon price signals are putting pressure on existing nuclear plants, especially in competitive markets. What are the risks and implications?
- *The Duck Curve:* Everyone talks about the duck curve, but what really drives it? Our analysis confirms the duck curve is real and growing faster than expected. In addition, we found some interesting, unexpected, and important nuances. It turns out that the conventional wisdom is not supported by the data.
- *Emerging Federal-State Policy Friction:* Historically, the boundary between federal and state jurisdiction in the wholesale and retail energy markets has been called “a bright line.” Was it? Is it? How is this unfolding, and what does it mean?

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