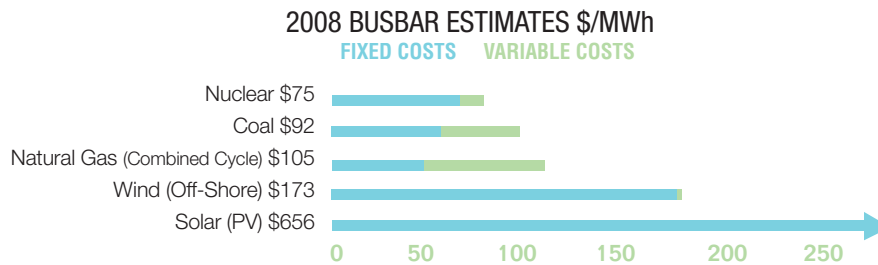


Nuclear power is economical.

Nuclear plants are a very cost-effective generation source when all the factors are considered. In fact, nuclear energy has the lowest production costs of all other fuel-based generation sources. Average electricity production costs at nuclear power plants have declined more than 30 percent in the past 10 years while the costs to produce electricity using other fuel sources, such as coal and natural gas, have steadily increased.

The cost to produce 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity (the approximate amount that an average customer uses in a month) using nuclear power is about \$75. To produce that same amount of electricity using coal would cost \$92, natural gas \$105, off-shore wind \$173 and solar \$656.

Electricity generated from nuclear power also has tremendous forward-price stability because only about one-quarter of production costs are fuel costs. Fuel accounts for a much larger percentage of the cost of electricity produced by fossil fuel-fired generation, making it highly susceptible to fluctuations in coal and gas prices.



Busbar costs are the cost per megawatt (MWh) hour of producing electricity; they include the cost of capital, debt service, operation and maintenance, and fuel.