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US power markets are functioning properly, but the increasing role of gas and renewables in the country’s electricity mix have placed coal-fired plants on course toward a “critical juncture” in the coming years, the Department of Energy (DoE) said this week in a special report on the US power sector.

The wide-ranging paper commissioned in April by former Texas governor-turned-energy secretary Rick Perry concluded that economic factors such as cheaper gas and ...

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