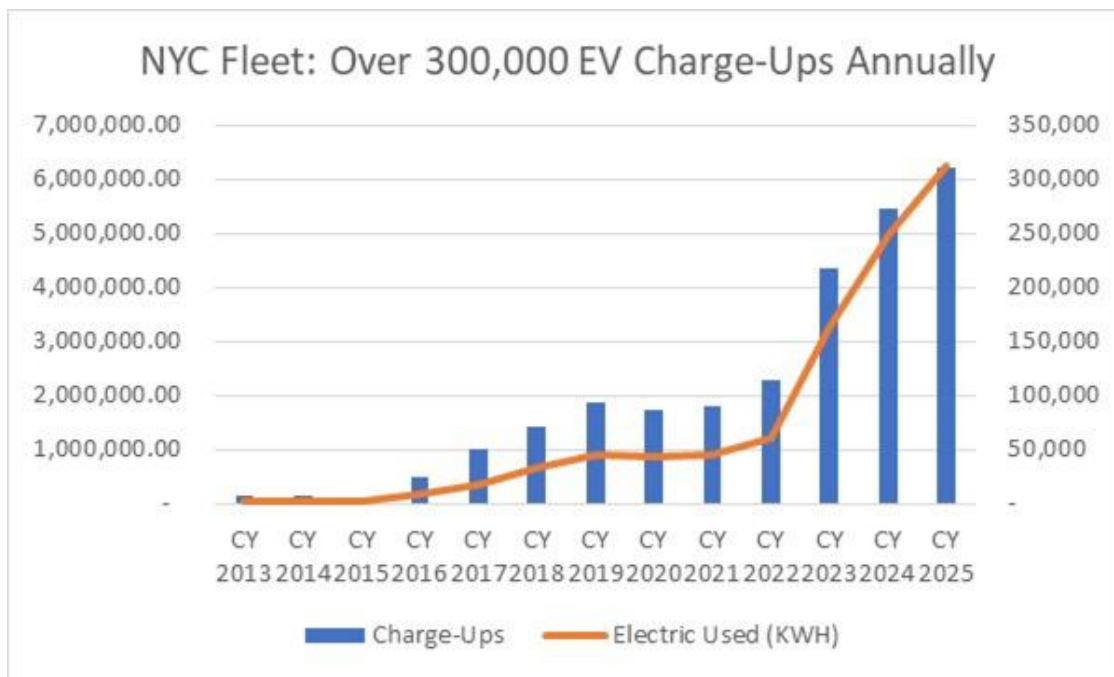


Understanding Fuel and Electric Pricing for the City Fleet

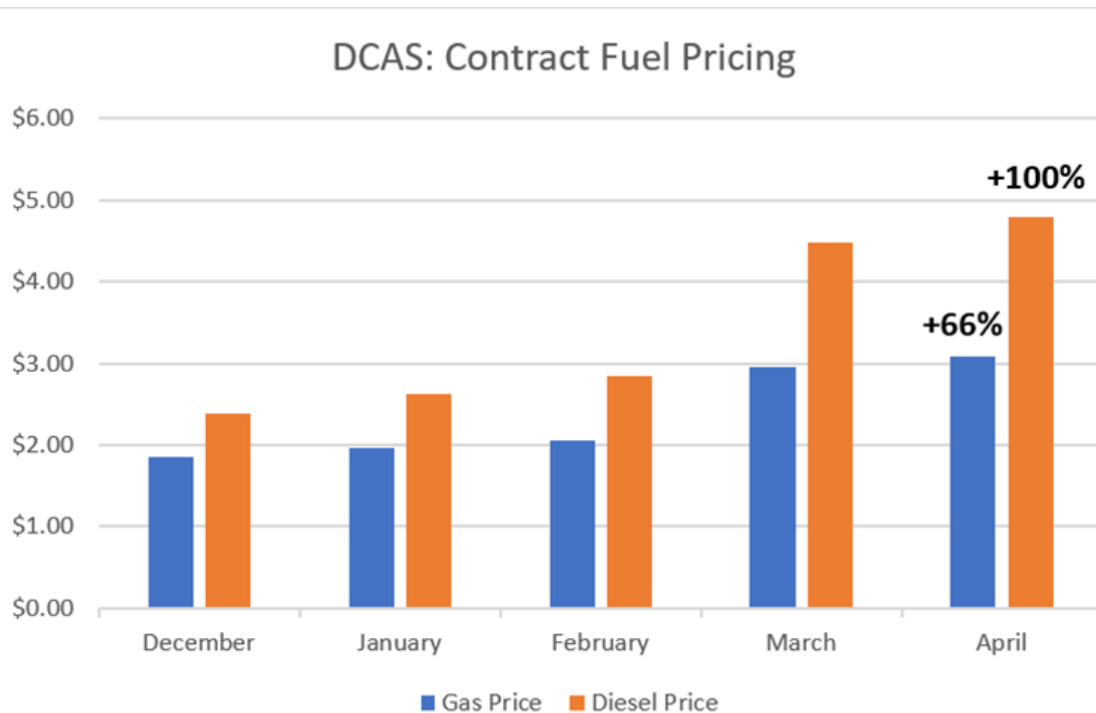
By Keith T. Kerman



Fuel pricing has become one of the biggest issues in the world, impacting all of us on a day-to-day basis. This is especially true for the city fleet. In FY25, fleet used 25.6 million gallons of gasoline and diesel. The good news: we've reduced that use by 4.5 million gallons at its peak over a decade ago. We've also replaced most of the fossil diesel with cleaner renewable diesel in the last two years.

Electricity pricing is also now important for fleet as we grow the number of electric vehicles, now closing in on 6,000 units. In FY25, fleet used 5.6 million kilowatt hours (KWH) to power electric fleet vehicles. That number is going up and up. City fleet units charged up 310,000 times last year. Pricing changes for both liquid fuel and electricity are now critical to fleet's bottom line and operations.

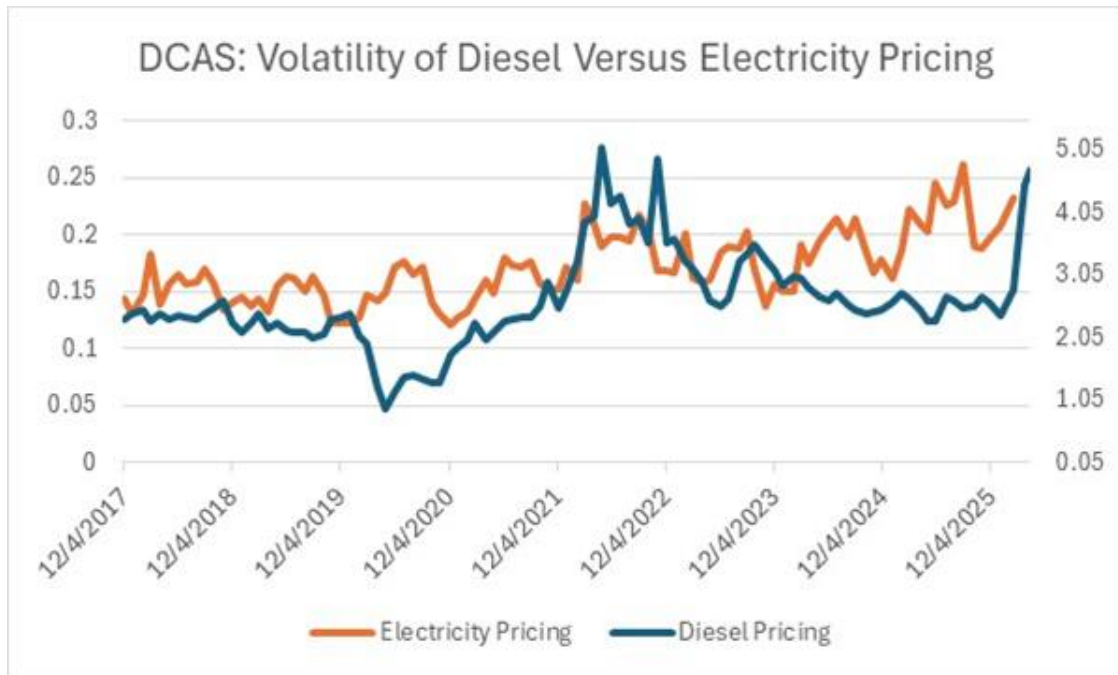
NYC operates 406 liquid fuel sites, which according to public [data](#), is the second largest number of fuel sites managed by a single operator in the state. With 2,466 charging ports, NYC operates the largest electric charging network.



DCAS Citywide Procurement posts contract pricing for various fuel products each week. The products include gasoline, diesel, biodiesel, renewable diesel, jet fuel, barge fuel for marine vessels, and heating oil. There are separate prices for these fuel products delivered directly to NYC fuel sites and when agencies use city fuel trucks to pick up the fuel at the 'rack'. There are winterized and non-winterized fuel prices as fuel specifications are different in cold weather. DCAS Energy Management manages electricity pricing for the city and pays our electricity bills.

While price increases impact both liquid fuel and electricity, liquid fuel pricing is far more volatile and subject to large price swings than electricity. **Liquid fuel pricing has increased 66% for gasoline and 100% for diesel in the last two months.**

Taking a longer ten-year view, liquid fuel pricing experienced major ups and downs and electricity pricing increased in a more predictable and standardize manner. A DCAS review found gasoline to be more than 3 times more volatile over the last decade than electricity, and diesel pricing 8 times as volatile as electricity. One additional benefit of fleet electrification will be to shield the city from these wild and unpredictable price swings as is happening now with liquid fuels.



While most of our fueling and charging programs are in-house, fleet also makes use of commercial fueling and charging through DCAS contract. Recently, working with the NY State Office of General Services (OGS), we added commercial electric charging services to the existing fuel card for city agencies. The single card is now a true power card, enabling fueling in-house and commercially and charging commercially. Our program restricts premium fuel. Recent public reporting has indicated fraud in commercial supply of premium fuel.

Our fleet is changing and electrifying. Going forward, trends in electricity pricing will be as impactful as those of liquid fuel pricing for fleet operations. As the last month, and the last ten years, show, electricity will offer more stable and predictable pricing and cost trends for management of power costs for the fleet.

Thanks to DCAS Citywide Procurement and Energy Management for their continued partnership in powering the fleet and to Tomomi Landsman, Jasly Martinez, and Sherry Lee for their work on this review.



This show highlights vendors who support the New York City's Clean Fleet and Vision Zero initiatives, and daily operations. Vendors will offer a wide array of products to improve vehicle safety. The show will also highlight vehicles and equipment with alternative fuels and emissions-reducing technologies, along with the latest in light and heavy-duty vehicles, trucks, horticultural equipment, tools, fleet services, and more!

Thursday,
May 21, 2026
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 - Vinyasa Yoga at 7 PM
- **Bronx:** April 30 @ North Central Bronx Hospital (3424 Kossuth Avenue)
 - Chair Barre at 5:30 PM
 - Pilates at 7 PM
- **Brooklyn:** May 6 @ Brooklyn Borough Hall (1209 Joralemon Street)
 - Dance Cardio at 5:30 PM
 - Calisthenics at 7 PM
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