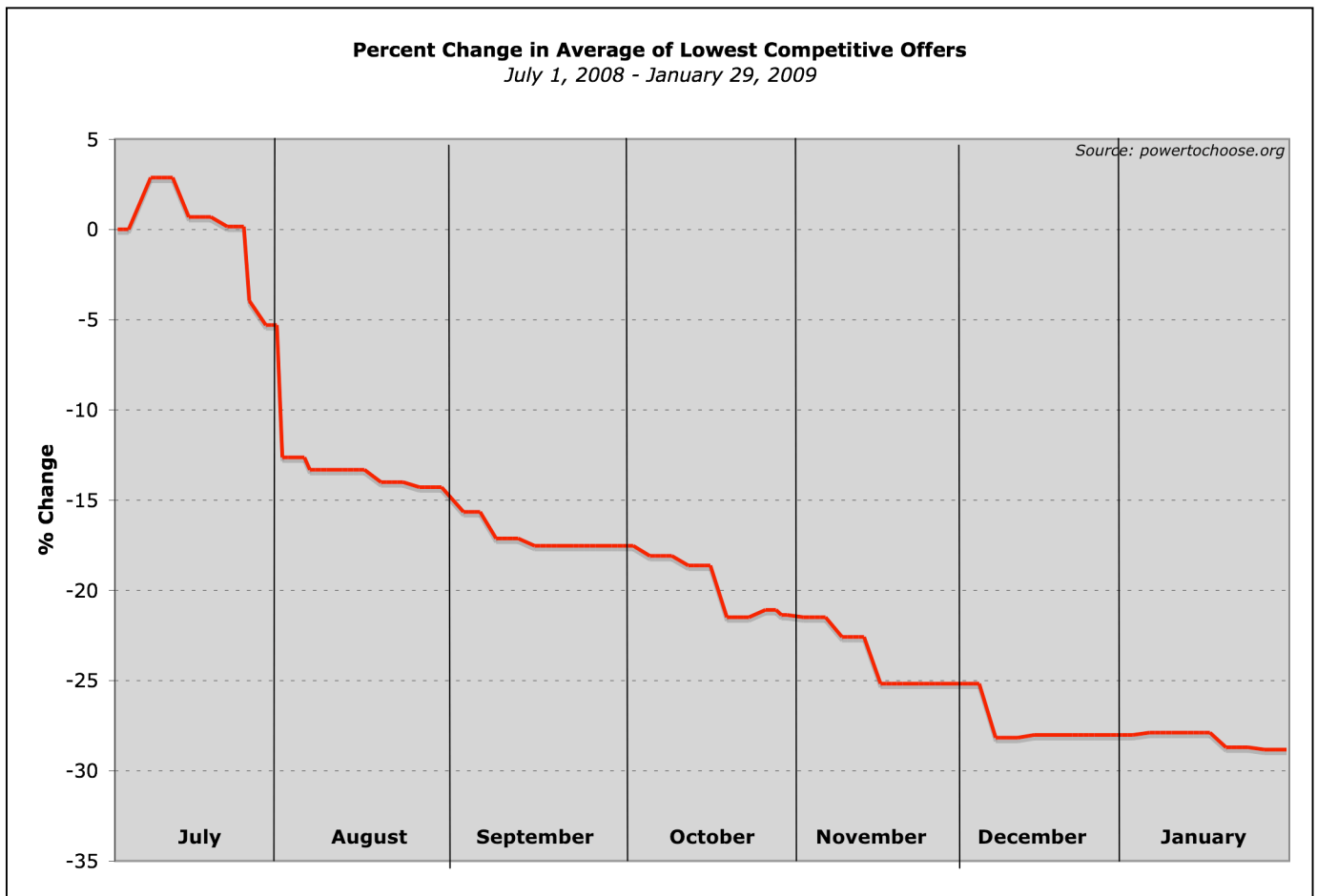


The ERCOT Competitive Market is Responding to Recent Drops in Natural Gas Prices

- Twelve-month forward natural gas prices reached an all-time high in July, but they've subsequently fallen over the past few months. Because of the robust competition among multiple viable retail electric providers (REPs), residential electric price offers have fallen by over 28 percent.



- One of the greatest strengths of the competitive market is the ability to respond to changes in the market climate far more quickly than in a price-regulated market. This allows customers to enjoy the benefits of lower input costs sooner, rather than waiting for regulatory decisions to bring those savings to market.

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