

Tortoise Electrification Infrastructure ETF (TPZ)

4Q 2025 QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

Market Backdrop

The broader energy sector rose 1.5% based on the S&P Energy Select Sector Index, while both the midstream energy and utilities sector declined 1.4% during the fourth quarter, as measured by the Alerian Midstream Energy Index and the S&P Utility Select Sector Index, respectively. The broader energy sector modestly outperformed despite weaker commodity pricing, with West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil ending the quarter \$4 lower at \$58 per barrel. Oil prices were supported by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries Plus' (OPEC+) pause in returning additional supply, alongside reduced Russian exports stemming from sanctions and infrastructure attacks. Upstream producers continued to emphasize capital discipline, guiding modest production growth levels while prioritizing shareholder returns through dividends and buybacks.

Utilities benefited from favorable structural tailwinds driven by rising electricity consumption and accelerating capital investment.

Management teams advanced new pipeline discussions through ongoing engagement with data center developers and utility partners, reflecting growing confidence in long-term natural gas demand tied to power generation and grid reliability. At the same time, teams are maintaining disciplined capital allocation frameworks focused on organic investment, dividend growth, opportunistic share repurchases, and balance sheet strength.

Utility companies benefited from favorable tailwinds driven by rising electricity consumption, an acceleration in capital investment, and a constructive regulatory backdrop. Demand growth has been underpinned by the rapid expansion of AI-oriented data centers alongside continued electrification across residential and commercial end markets, reinforcing a sustained, multi-year infrastructure investment cycle. In response, utilities are directing capital toward grid modernization and incremental capacity while preserving balance sheet strength and supporting consistent dividend growth. Independent power producers also saw improving fundamentals, supported by firmer power prices and the ability to secure long-term contracts directly with data center customers through power purchase agreements.

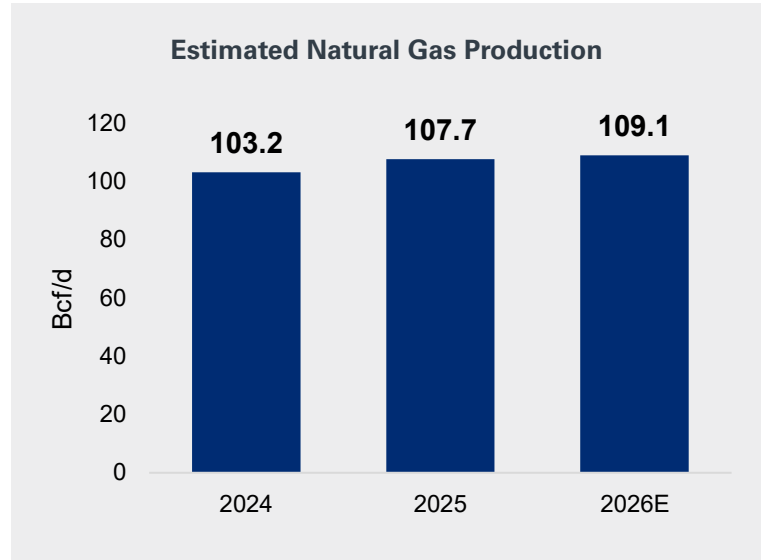
Commodity Trends

U.S. energy supply growth is moderating amid a lower crude oil price environment. The Energy Information Administration projects U.S. crude output will rise modestly from 13.2 million barrels per day (bpd) in 2024 to 13.6 million bpd in 2025, before easing to 13.5 million barrels per day in 2026, with the Permian Basin continuing to account for nearly half of total production.

WTI prices averaged approximately \$59 per barrel during the fourth quarter, nearly \$6 below the third-quarter average, reflecting OPEC+'s continued return of previously curtailed supply. This dynamic more than offset elevated geopolitical risk tied to tighter sanctions on Russia and Ukrainian strikes on Russian energy infrastructure.

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U.S. natural gas production is also expected to rise gradually, increasing from 103.2 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) in 2024 to 107.7 Bcf/d in 2025 and 109.1 Bcf/d in 2026. A cold December, combined with disciplined production activity, tightened inventories and pushed spot prices higher, with fourth-quarter prices averaging nearly \$4.00 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) compared with \$3.08 in the third quarter. While weather remains the primary driver of near-term volatility, longer-term demand growth is increasingly supported by the phased start-up of new U.S. LNG export terminals over the next two years, which is expected to materially lift natural gas consumption and necessitate additional supply to meet both domestic and global demand.



Earnings & Capital Investment

Fourth-quarter earnings across the energy infrastructure sector were largely in line with expectations, with no material surprises to alter the broader industry outlook. Management teams generally reaffirmed guidance, maintaining 2025 outlooks while deferring formal 2026 guidance. Results reinforced the resilience of the midstream business model, as modest volume growth helped offset commodity price headwinds and left forward expectations largely unchanged.

Project activity remained robust, particularly in natural gas pipelines, reflecting steadily rising demand and supporting expectations for continued capital investment into 2026. With most new projects structured around multi-year construction timelines, companies are positioned to fund growth without near-term balance sheet strain while preserving flexibility for shareholder returns. Notably, the sector executed more than \$1.2 billion in share repurchases during the quarter, underscoring management confidence in the durability of cash flows.

Power sector results also came in line with expectations and highlighted a growth trajectory meaningfully stronger than historical averages. Rising electricity demand from AI-enabled data centers combined with a potential resurgence in U.S. manufacturing activity, is driving increased capital spending across the sector. Utilities increased capital spending during the quarter to modernize transmission networks and support incremental load additions, a trend we expect to persist. Stable regulatory frameworks, including predictable rate designs and cost-recovery mechanisms, continued to provide strong earnings and cash-flow visibility. While the scale and duration of these infrastructure investments may ultimately require some equity financing, their long lead times limit any near-term balance sheet pressure.

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Portfolio Positioning

The fund maintains a disciplined focus on North American energy and power infrastructure investment opportunities. Core holdings include companies with a consistent track record of dividend growth, strong balance sheets, and high-quality assets positioned to benefit from rising energy and power demand.

The strategy maintains significant exposure to both natural gas and power infrastructure. It is deliberately positioned to capture increasing natural gas demand supported by the ongoing expansion of liquefied natural gas (LNG) export capacity and the accelerating energy requirements of data centers. In parallel, the fund is poised to benefit from broader power demand growth driven by the proliferation of data centers and the structural tailwinds of domestic industrial onshoring.

We believe portfolio companies are well-positioned to benefit from the competitive cost advantages of U.S. energy, a supportive regulatory environment, and a deep pipeline of capital deployment opportunities. Geographically, the fund maintains meaningful exposure to the Permian Basin, as well as gas-focused regions such as the Marcellus and Haynesville, reflecting an emphasis on basins with durable production growth and ongoing infrastructure needs. Additional emphasis is placed on regions where tightening power reserve margins are creating favorable supply-demand dynamics amid sustained load growth.

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Top five contributors

1. Clearway Energy, Inc.
2. Constellation Energy
3. MPLX LP
4. DT Midstream Inc
5. Rockpoint Gas Storage Inc

Bottom five contributors

1. Vistra Corp.
2. Core Scientific Inc
3. Xcel Energy
4. WEC Energy Group, Inc.
5. Southern Co

Top 10 holdings (as of 12/31/2025)

1. Constellation Energy	8.3%
2. Energy Transfer LP	6.4%
3. Vistra Corp	5.4%
4. Entergy Corp	5.3%
5. Sempra	5.3%
6. NRG Energy Inc	5.3%
7. TC Energy Corp	5.2%
8. Williams Companies Inc	4.9%
9. Evergy Inc	4.8%
10. Clearway Energy Inc	4.7%

Fund holdings are subject to change and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security. Reflected as a percentage of long-term investments.

Performance (as of 12/31/2025)

Total return	QTD	Calendar YTD	1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year	Since inception of Predecessor Fund*
Market price	-2.05%	5.66%	5.66%	25.14%	21.00%	9.93%	7.71%
NAV	-1.80%	5.57%	5.57%	17.41%	15.63%	7.77%	7.35%
S&P 500 Energy Index	1.53%	8.67%	8.67%	4.27%	23.78%	8.32%	6.98%

*7/28/2009.

On December 5, 2024, the stockholders of Tortoise Pipeline & Energy Fund, Inc., Tortoise Energy Independence Fund, Inc. and Tortoise Power and Energy Infrastructure Fund, Inc., each a Maryland corporation that is registered as a closed-end management investment company (the "Target Funds"), approved an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Plan") by and between the Target Funds, and the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, pursuant to which each Target Fund would be merged with and into a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fund (the "Mergers"). As a result of the Mergers, the Fund has assumed the performance history of Tortoise Electrification Infrastructure ETF ("TPZ", formerly known as Tortoise Power and Energy Infrastructure Fund, or the "Predecessor Fund". The Predecessor Fund and the ETF have certain differences, including investment policies and practices and the Predecessor Fund was a closed-end fund that utilized leverage while the Fund is an exchange-traded fund that does not utilize leverage. Thus, the Predecessor Fund's past performance is not indicative of how the Fund will, or is expected to, perform in the future.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost. Returns less than one year are not annualized. NAV prices are used to calculate market price performance prior to the date when the fund first traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Market performance is determined using the bid/ask midpoint at 4:00pm Eastern time, when the NAV is typically calculated. Market performance does not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times. For the fund's most recent month end performance, please call (855) 994-4437.

As stated in the Prospectus, the total annual operating expenses are 0.85%. The adviser has agreed to pay all expenses incurred by the fund except for the advisory fee, interest, taxes, brokerage expenses and other fees, charges, taxes, levies or expenses (such as stamp taxes) incurred in connection with the execution of portfolio transactions or in connection with creation and redemption transactions.

Index returns are for illustrative purposes only. Unlike the fund return, index return is pre-expenses and taxes. Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses.

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Disclosures

Tortoise Capital Advisors, LLC (TCA) is the advisor to the Tortoise Electrification Infrastructure ETF.

The fund's investment objective, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The summary and statutory prospectus contains this and other important information about the fund and may be obtained by calling (855) 994-4437 or visiting tortoiseinvest.com/etf/tortoise-electrification-infrastructure-etf/. Read it carefully before investing.

The fund's strategy of concentrating its assets in the power and energy infrastructure industries means that the performance of the Fund will be closely tied to the performance of these particular market sectors.

Widespread disease, including pandemics and epidemics, have been and can be highly disruptive to economies and markets, adversely impacting individual companies, sectors, industries, markets, currencies, interest and inflation rates, credit ratings, investor sentiment, and other factors affecting the value of the Fund's investments. Investment advisers, including the Adviser, must rely in part on digital and network technologies (collectively "cyber networks") to conduct their businesses.

Covered Call Option Risk: We cannot guarantee that our covered call option strategy will be effective. The use of options also may require us to sell portfolio securities at inopportune times or for prices other than current market values, may limit the amount of appreciation we can realize on an investment, or may cause us to hold a security we might otherwise sell.

Shares of exchange-traded funds (ETFs) are not individually redeemable and owners of the shares may acquire those shares from the ETF and tender those shares for redemption to the ETF in Creation Units only, see the ETF prospectus for additional information regarding Creation Units. Investors may purchase or sell ETF shares throughout the day through any brokerage account, which will result in typical brokerage commissions.

Investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. The fund is registered as a non-diversified, open-end management investment company under the 1940 Act. Accordingly, there are no regulatory limits under the 1940 Act on the number or size of securities that we hold, and we may invest more assets in fewer issuers compared to a diversified fund. An investment in MLP securities involves some risks that differ from the risks involved in an investment in the common stock of a corporation, including risks relating to the ownership structure of MLPs, the risk that MLPs might lose their partnership status for tax purposes and the risk that MLPs will not make distributions to holders (including us) at anticipated levels or with the expected tax character.

We may invest a portion of our assets in fixed income securities rated "investment grade" by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations ("NRSROs") or judged by our investment adviser, Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. (the "Adviser"), to be of comparable credit quality. Non-investment grade securities are rated Ba1 or lower by Moody's, BB+ or lower by S&P or BB or lower by Fitch or, if unrated, are determined by our Adviser to be of comparable credit quality. Investments in the securities of non-U.S. issuers may involve risks not ordinarily associated with investments in securities and instruments of U.S. issuers, including different accounting, auditing and financial standards, less government supervision and regulation, additional tax withholding and taxes, difficulty enforcing rights in foreign countries, less publicly available information, difficulty effecting transactions, higher expenses, and exchange rate risk.

Restricted securities (including Rule 144A securities) are less liquid than freely tradable securities because of statutory and contractual restrictions on resale. This lack of liquidity creates special risks for us. Rule 144A provides an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act"), for the resale of certain restricted securities to qualified institutional buyers, such as the fund. We cannot guarantee that our covered call option strategy will be effective. There are several risks associated with transactions in options on securities. For example, the significant differences between the securities and options markets could result in an imperfect correlation between these markets. Certain securities may trade less frequently than those of larger companies that have larger market capitalizations.

Nothing on this communication should be considered a solicitation to buy or an offer to sell any shares of the fund in any jurisdiction where the offer or solicitation would be unlawful under the securities laws of such jurisdiction. Nothing contained in this communication constitutes tax, legal or investment advice. Investors must consult their tax advisor or legal counsel for advice and information concerning their particular situation.

The Alerian Midstream Energy Index is a broad-based composite of North American energy infrastructure companies. The capped, float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted index, whose constituents earn the majority of their cash flow from midstream activities involving energy commodities, is disseminated real-time on a price-return basis (AMNA) and on a total-return basis (AMNAX). The S&P Energy Select Sector Index is a modified market capitalization-based index of S&P 500 companies in the energy sector that develop and produce crude oil and natural gas and provide drilling and other energy related services. Returns include reinvested dividends. The S&P Utilities Select Sector Index is a modified capitalization-weighted index. The Index is intended to track the movements of companies that are constituents of the S&P 500 in the utility sector (as defined by the Global Industry Classification Standard). The S&P 500[®] Energy Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS[®] energy sector.

Natural gas liquid (NGL) is liquid or liquefied hydrocarbons produced in the manufacture, purification and stabilization of natural gas. Their characteristics vary, ranging from those of ethane, butane and propane to heavy oils. NGL's are either distilled with crude oil in refineries, blended with refined petroleum products or used directly depending on their characteristics. Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is natural gas that has been cooled to a liquid state for shipping and storage - the volume in this state is about 600 times smaller than in its gaseous state, able to transport for much longer distances when pipeline transport is not feasible. Free cash flow is the cash a company produces through its operations, less the cost of total capital expenditures (growth and maintenance). Capital expenditures (CapEx) are funds used by a company to acquire, upgrade, and maintain physical assets such as property, plants, buildings, technology, or equipment.

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