# Alerian Energy Infrastructure ETF

Monthly Insights | June 2025

### Key Takeaways

- The Alerian Energy Infrastructure ETF (ENFR) rose 3.00% on a total-return basis in June as broader equities and energy stocks gained.
- Since 2023, ENFR holdings have collectively repurchased almost \$8 billion in common equity, led largely by Cheniere Energy (LNG, 5.16% Weight\*).
- At the end of June, ENFR's underlying index, the Alerian Midstream Energy Select Index (AMEI), was yielding 5.38% and was trading above its three-year average forward EV/EBITDA multiple.

## Performance Notes

ENFR gained 3.00% on a total-return basis in June, as equities broadly gained and energy stocks enjoyed positive momentum from an improvement in oil prices. The S&P 500 Index rose 5.09%, while the Energy Select Sector Index (IXE) was up 4.75% on total-return basis. Amid geopolitical unrest, the US oil benchmark closed above \$75 per barrel (bbl) in mid-June but ended the month at \$65/bbl or up 7% as tensions deescalated. US natural gas prices were flat for the month. For the first half of 2025, ENFR is up 6.12% on a total-return basis, which is just slightly ahead of the 6.20% total return for the S&P 500. Midstream has more noticeably outperformed the IXE, which was essentially flat year-to-date through June.

Digging into portfolio performance for June, all subsectors ended the month with gains for the second month in a row. Storage, which only includes Gibson Energy (GEI CN, 1.94% Weight\*), was the best-performing subsector, followed by Gathering & Processing.

June 2025 Performance						
	Jun-25	QTD	YTD	1 Y		
Alerian Energy Infrastructure ETF (ENFR) (NAV)	3.00%	-0.50%	6.12%	27.19%		
Alerian Midstream Energy Select Index (AMEI)	3.09%	-0.35%	6.49%	28.17%		
Subsector Total Return:						
Gathering & Processing	5.39%	-0.92%	10.14%	28.05%		
Liquefaction	3.30%	6.41%	13.99%	42.15%		
Natural Gas Transportation	2.14%	-1.40%	0.39%	29.97%		
Petroleum Transportation	1.78%	-0.79%	10.76%	23.66%		
Storage	8.21%	15.19%	6.93%	10.98%		
Energy Select Sector Index (IXE)	4.75%	-8.47%	0.66%	-3.83%		
Crude Oil (WTI)	7.11%	-8.91%	-9.22%	-20.15%		
Crude Oil (WCS - Western Canadian Select)	4.70%	-11.80%	-8.23%	-19.36%		

#### Source: Bloomberg L.P., as of 6/30/2025

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For standardized performance please see page 3. Index returns are total returns.

## Outlook

The first half of the year has been characterized by volatility for equities, oil prices and energy stocks. Energy was the best-performing sector in 1Q25 and the worst-performing sector in 2Q25. US oil prices briefly rose above \$80/bbl in January but fell below \$60/bbl in May. Through the volatility, ENFR has been largely resilient thanks to its defensive characteristics, including healthy dividends and fee-based business models. Looking to the balance of the year, ENFR can remain defensive if oil prices weaken. If oil prices can hold around \$60-65 per barrel, US oil production likely continues to grow.

Meanwhile, midstream companies are poised to benefit from an expected step change in North American natural gas demand over the coming years, driven by liquefied natural gas exports and a growing electricity demand, including from data centers. Natural gas pipeline announcements remain a potential catalyst for ENFR holdings. Growing natural gas demand and a supportive regulatory backdrop are even reviving natural gas pipeline projects in the Northeast US.

Broadly, companies are expected to continue generating free cash flow and prioritizing returns to shareholders. Dividend growth is expected to remain a tailwind, and buybacks can also be supportive. As shown below, ENFR holdings have collectively spent nearly \$8 billion on equity repurchases since the start of 2023, including \$4.1 billion in repurchases by Cheniere Energy (LNG, 5.16% Weight\*). Repurchases for 1Q25 totaled \$0.7 billion.

\* Weight in ENFR as of 6/30/2025



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Source: Company reports, VettaFi as of 6/30/2025

#### **Constituent News**

- Plains All American (PAGP, 5.10% Weight\*) is selling its Canadian natural gas liquids business to Keyera (KEY CN, 5.07% Weight\*) for \$5.15 billion CAD (\$3.75 billion USD). Expected to close in 1Q26, the transaction will make Plains a midstream oil pure play, while reducing commodity price exposure and enhancing the company's free cash flow profile. For Keyera, the assets complement its existing footprint, and the company expects \$100 million in run-rate synergies in the near-term after closing.
- Cheniere (LNG, 5.16% Weight\*) announced plans to begin construction of two more midscale trains at Corpus Christi, which will add three million
  tons per annum (MTPA) of liquefaction capacity. Combining the project with debottlenecking, Cheniere raised its run rate capacity by ~6 MTPA to
  60-63 MTPA. The company sees a path to grow its capacity to 75 MTPA by the early 2030s. Cheniere expects to raise its dividend for 3Q25 by 11%.
- ONEOK (OKE, 4.92% Weight\*) has acquired the remaining 49.9% interest in its Delaware basin gathering and processing joint venture from NGP for \$940 million, including \$530 million in cash and \$410 million in OKE shares. The acquisition fits with OKE's Permian growth strategy.

#### Valuation Update

- At the end of June, ENFR's underlying index, AMEI, was trading at a forward EV/EBITDA multiple of 10.31x based on 2026 consensus estimates above its three-year average ratio of 9.65x.
- The current yield for AMEI is 5.38%, which is below its three-year average of 5.97%.
- \* Weight in ENFR as of 6/30/2025

	AMEI Current Valuations					
	Current	3 Year Avg	Delta			
Price/Cash Flow (TTM)	7.60x	6.00x	26.55%			
Enterprise Value/EBITDA^	10.31x	9.65x	6.89%			
Yield	5.38%	5.97%	-9.88%			
ENFR 30-Day SEC Yield	5.05%					

Source: Bloomberg L.P. and VettaFi, as of 6/30/2025

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

 NEXT and TELL were excluded from the current EV/EBITDA calculation as outliers.

#### ENFR Holdings Have Spent Almost \$8 Billion on Buybacks Since 2023

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## Alerian Energy Infrastructure ETF (ENFR) Performance

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Total Returns	1 M	3 M	YTD	SI1	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y	10 Y	SI <sup>1</sup>
NAV (Net Asset Value)	3.00%	-0.50%	6.12%	122.75%	27.19%	23.25%	25.61%	7.77%	7.11%
Market Price	2.94%	-0.59%	6.02%	122.75%	27.19%	23.29%	25.61%	7.76%	7.11%
Alerian Midstream Energy Select Index - TR	3.09%	-0.35%	6.49%	145.20%	28.17%	24.12%	26.65%	8.63%	7.99%
Alerian MLP Index - TR	2.56%	-4.91%	7.06%	64.90%	13.16%	26.11%	27.96%	5.60%	4.38%

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Market Price is based on the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4 p.m. ET and does not represent the returns an investor would receive if shares were traded at other times. <sup>1</sup> Fund inception date: 10/31/2013

Total Operating Expenses: 0.35%

## Top 10 Holdings

ENERGY TRANSFER LP	8.82%
ENBRIDGE INC	7.82%
ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS PARTNERS	7.12%
WILLIAMS COS INC	6.06%
KINDER MORGAN INC	5.30%
CHENIERE ENERGY INC	5.16%
DT MIDSTREAM INC	5.16%
TARGA RESOURCES CORP	5.13%
PLAINS GP HOLDINGS LP-CL A	5.10%
KEYERA CORP	5.07%

As of 6/30/2025, subject to change

Daily holdings are available at www.alpsfunds.com.

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The Fund invests primarily in a particular sector and could experience greater volatility than a fund investing in a broader range of industries.

The Fund may be subject to risks relating to its investment in Canadian securities. Because the Fund will invest in securities denominated in foreign currencies and the income received by the Fund will generally be in foreign currency, changes in currency exchange rates may negatively impact the Fund's return.

Investments in the energy infrastructure sector are subject to: reduced volumes of natural gas or other energy commodities available for transporting, processing or storing; changes in the regulatory environment; extreme weather and; rising interest rates which could result in a higher cost of capital and drive investors into other investment opportunities.

The Fund employs a "passive management" - or indexing - investment approach and seeks investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) generally to the performance of its underlying index. Unlike many investment companies, the Fund is not "actively" managed. Therefore, it would not necessarily sell or buy a security unless that security is removed from or added to the underlying index, respectively.

30-Day SEC Yield: reflects the dividends and interest earned during the period, after the deduction of the Fund's expenses.

Alerian Midstream Energy Select Index (AMEI): a composite of North American energy infrastructure companies. The capped, float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted index constituents are engaged in midstream activities involving energy commodities.

Alerian MLP Index (AMZ): the leading gauge of energy infrastructure MLPs. The capped, float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted index constituents earn the majority of their cash flow from midstream activities involving energy commodities.

Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA): a measure of a company's overall financial performance.

Enterprise Multiple (EV/EBITDA): a ratio used to determine the value of a company by considering the company's debt. The enterprise multiple is the enterprise value (EV) (market capitalization + total debt – cash and cash equivalents) divided by EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization).

Price/Cash Flow (P/CF) Trailing Twelve Month (TTM) Ratio: represents the weighted average of the price/cash flow ratios (generated over the trailing twelve months) of the stocks in a portfolio. Price/cash flow represents the amount an investor is willing to pay for a dollar generated from a particular company's operations. S&P 500 Index: widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap US equities. The index includes 500 leading companies and covers approximately 80% of available market capitalization.

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