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SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative Eldorado, Illinois

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President's Comments



Dustin Tripp
President/CEO

Over the past few years, your Cooperative has been informing you of pending legislation and new environmental regulations that if enacted would increase the cost of generating electricity and therefore increase your electric rates. As it turns out, the contentious federal climate change legislation never passed the U.S. Senate and therefore, never became law. However, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has already released new regulations and is currently writing even more new regulations that are specifically targeting coal-fired generation in the United States.

The newest regulation finalized by the EPA is titled the "Cross-State Air Pollution Rule" (CSAPR) and is scheduled to be implemented in January 2012. CSAPR requires coal-fired generation facilities to reduce their emissions levels to such a low level that many coal-fired generation facilities can't comply with the new regulations and will be forced to purchase emissions credits, install more emissions controls equipment or shut the generation units down. Let's review these options to see what impact each of them will have on your electric rate.

First, the new EPA regulation did not allot enough emissions credits for generation facilities to purchase credits and continue operating their units. This has caused the current market price of these emissions credits to triple over the original EPA price estimate. This means that all coal-fired generation facilities that can't meet the new CSAPR regulations will pay three times what the EPA estimated to purchase the required credits or shut their units down. For your Cooperative alone, this option will

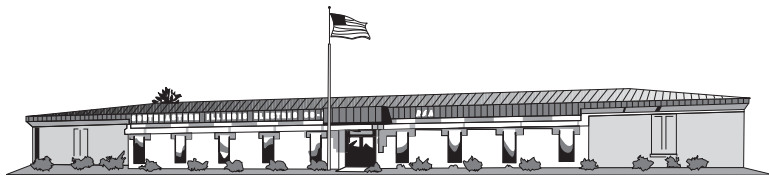
add several million dollars in new expenses per year.

Secondly, generation facilities can opt to purchase and install new emissions controls equipment to reduce emissions to a level that will meet the new regulations. Although this sounds simple enough, let me explain the fallacy in this option. The EPA finalized this new regulation in July of this year with an implementation date of January 2012 which only gives utilities six months to complete extensive and costly projects that will take years to complete. Therefore, even if a utility wanted to exercise this option and add new pollution control equipment, it would not happen in time to meet the new standards and would force utilities to not only purchase expensive emissions credits but also invest in extensive capital projects to install more emissions controls.

Lastly, generation facilities have the option of shutting their units down several months per year or closing the plants forever. In fact, in early October Ameren officials announced the closure of their Meredosia generation facility (4 units) and their Hutsonville generation facility in Illinois eliminating an estimated 90 jobs. Other utilities are investigating the option of shutting units down for months at a time in order to meet new emissions regulations. At a minimum, this option will lead to fewer jobs in Illinois and higher energy prices due to less generation supply in the marketplace. This option will not only drive the cost of electricity higher but natural gas prices would increase as well. Unfortunately, you and I as energy

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READERSHIP PRIZE WINNER:
Lovene Thompson, Galatia, IL



Miscellaneous Items For Sale

Vehicles

1. *2001 Ford F550, Vin #1FDAF57F41EA03347, 4X4, 7.3 L Powerstroke, Automatic Transmission, Unit #16B, Mileage 219,XXX, Versa Lift VS-T236I Material Handler Serial #DJ0043. This unit has engine problems.
Minimum Bid \$12,500
2. *2006 GMC C5500, Vin #1GDE5C3236F430810, 4X4, 6.6L Duramax Diesel, Automatic Transmission, Unit #63B, Mileage 125,XXX, Altec TA37M Material Handler Serial #0706CH0676. 1,134 P.T.O. Hours
Minimum Bid \$30,000
3. *2006 GMC C5500, Vin #1GED5C3286F430544, 4X4, 6.6L Duramax Diesel, Automatic Transmission, Unit #61B, Mileage 84,XXX, Altec TA37M Material Handler Serial #0706CH0677. 545 P.T.O. Hours
Minimum Bid \$32,500
4. *2007 GMC C5500, Vin #1GDE5C3227F401977, 4X4, 6.6L Duramax Diesel, Automatic Transmission, Unit #76B, Mileage 104,XXX, Altec TA37M Material Handler Serial #017CH0716 P.T.O. Hours
Minimum Bid \$32,500

**15% fee added to the final sealed bid price for units listed in items 1-4 due to Altec handling the sale of these units.*

5. 2001 Dodge 3500, Vin #3B6M-C36681M268450, 2Wheel Drive, 24 Valve Cummins Diesel, Automatic Transmission, Unit #15B, Service Body, Mileage 230,XXX – This unit has Transmission Problems.
Minimum Bid \$5,100
6. 2005 Chrysler Pacifica, Vin #2C8GF684X5R445462, All Wheel Drive, 3.5L V6, Automatic Transmission, Unit #54A, Mileage 124,XXX – This unit uses oil. **Minimum Bid \$3,200**
7. 2002 Jeep Liberty, Vin #1J4GL48K02W294254, 4X4, 3.7L V6, Automatic Transmission, Unit #29A, Mileage 156,XXX – This unit has electrical issues. **Minimum Bid \$2,600**
8. 2002 Jeep Liberty, Vin #1J4GL8K42W294256, 4X4, 3.7L V6, Automatic Transmission, Unit #21A, Mileage 157,XXX – This unit has front end issues. **Minimum Bid \$2,600**
9. 1993 Case 660 Trencher Serial #JAF0104358, 3.9L Cummins 4 Cylinder Diesel, Backhoe Attachment, Unit #660B2, 1,744 Hours – This unit comes with a 1993 Imperial 14,000 # Tilt Trailer, Vin #61893162.
Minimum Bid \$12,500

10. 1996 Case 660 Trencher Serial #JAF0164898, 3.9L Cummins 4 Cylinder Diesel, Backhoe Attachment, Unit #660M1, 1,886 Hours – This unit comes with a 1996 Imperial 14,000# Tilt Trailer, Vin #1T9FS1620T0372052.
Minimum Bid \$12,500
11. 1997 Imperial Tilt Trailer, Vin #1T9FS1625V0372213, Unit #16T – This unit needs an axle repair. **Minimum Bid \$750.00**

Computers

12. Dell Optiplex GX270PC – No Hard Drive (10)
13. HP Compaq PC – No Hard Drive
14. Alliance System PC – No Hard Drive
15. Dell Inspiron 4150 Laptop – No Hard Drive

Miscellaneous

16. Lot of Keyboards
17. Lot of Mice
18. Laptop Stands (2)
19. Paper Cutter
20. Royal Manual Typewriter
21. Smith corona Electric Typewriter WordSmith 200

All items are to be sold **AS IS**. The descriptions on the items are to the best of the Cooperative's knowledge. There are no warranties existing which extend beyond the description of the goods sold.

The above surplus equipment is available for sale and may be viewed at the Eldorado Headquarters from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Sealed bids are to be submitted by 4 p.m. Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Bid forms will be available on site during the viewing and can be submitted at that time. If you choose to write out your bid, please designate the **UNIT** Number you wish to bid on, your bid price, name, address and telephone number. Bids are to be for an exact dollar amount.

Please mark **"SEALED BID"** on the outside of your envelope and send it to: Jeff Crisp, Surplus Equipment, SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 251, Eldorado, IL 62930.



It's Their Day

Veterans Day. Is it a day off from work or a day to remember those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom? Our soldiers are fathers, mothers, sons and daughters. This Veterans Day, honor them with the respect they deserve.

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consumers would bear the increased cost.


Given the drastic extent of current and new environmental regulations that the EPA will be implementing in the near future, your Cooperative made the decision that in order to keep members better informed regarding the costs incurred to comply with these new regulations, these costs should be separated and itemized on your electric bill. Therefore, there is a new line item on your electric bill titled “Environmental/Regulatory Compliance Charge” that specifically shows you how much it cost to comply with environmental regulations surrounding the generation of your electricity. Please note this is not an additional amount in your invoice. The cost to

comply with these regulations has always been included in your previous electric rates but now these costs are itemized so you can see the actual cost to comply with current environmental regulations and see how new regulations impact this charge and your electric costs.

If you share your Cooperative’s concerns regarding future regulations and how they will impact your electric rate, please visit the Cooperative’s website at www.seiec.com and register to receive pending legislative and regulatory alerts. When new legislation or regulations are being developed, your Cooperative will notify you so that you have the opportunity to voice your concerns with legislators and regulators.



**The office will be closed
Friday November 11
in observance of Veterans Day.**



**The office will be closed
Thursday, November 24 and
Friday, November 25
for the
Thanksgiving
holiday.**

POWER OUTAGE

If your power goes off, we offer these suggestions

1. Check the fuses or circuit breakers in your service panels. If you have breakers, make sure they are in the “ON” position.
2. If you have a meter pole, check the main breaker panel just below the meter socket. If the breaker is in the “OFF” position, check all of your wiring from the meter pole to your various buildings. If the wiring appears to be okay, reset the breaker to the “ON” position.
3. If you still do not have power, check with neighbors to see if they have power.
4. To report a power failure or other emergency, please phone 1-877-399-8405. This phone number is monitored around the clock, 365 days per year to accept your outage and emergency calls.
5. Your phone call will be handled by SouthEastern’s automated outage reporting system and will be identified automatically through ANI (Automatic Number Identification). An outage record will then be generated for your location. Please note that the phone number from which

you place the call will be the number used to generate the record. If the system fails to recognize your phone number, members having touch-tone phones may simply enter their seven-digit phone number (without area code) in order to report the outage. Members not having touch-tone phones will be asked to leave a message. It is important you leave your name, phone number and location of the outage. Retrieving messages and entering them into the system is time consuming; therefore, please leave only a message that will help in restoration of electric service. Do not remain on the line for an operator because a live operator is not there to respond. In order to keep a current listing of all numbers, it is important that you notify the Cooperative of any changes in your telephone number.

6. Handling outage calls electronically allows you to report power failures very quickly. Once your outage has been reported, it will be dispatched to repair personnel who will restore your outage as soon as possible. Calling back repeatedly will not shorten the length of the outage, but may hinder the efforts of other members who are trying to report outages.

OUTAGE CALLS ONLY 1-877-399-8405

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