

### ***Thousands rally for coal in Washington***

Thousands of miners from Kentucky and other coal-producing states, joined by some members of Congress, rallied at the Capitol on Tuesday to demand an end to what they described as an Obama administration “war on coal.” “I hope somebody hears it, man,” said Will Stevens, 24, an Ohio County, Ky., miner for 1 1/2 years. He and fellow miner John Russell, 23, of Providence, Ky., wore black sweatshirts emblazoned with “Pick Coal” in white letters. (www.courier-journal.com October 30, 2013)

### ***Manchin-Whitfield Bill Could Stifle EPA Power-Plant Regulations***

A coal-state duo floated legislation Monday that would require congressional approval of President Obama’s rules aimed at slashing carbon emissions from the nation’s existing fleet of coal-fired power plants, according to a draft of the bill obtained by National Journal. (www.nationaljournal.com October 28, 2013)

### ***EPA regulations have taken coal ‘out of the picture’ says top utility***

The head of one of the nation’s top electrical utilities says Environmental Protection Agency regulations have taken coal “out of the picture.” “We see the future for us being natural gas, energy efficiency, smart-grid activities and renewables,” said Nick Akins, CEO of American Electric Power, adding that coal had been “taken out of the picture” for generating electricity due to EPA air and global warming regulations. (www.dailycaller.com October 25, 2013)

### ***Board to propose partnership for energy management***

Harlan County Schools may pursue a partnership arrangement with the Harlan Independent and Letcher County districts to affect savings in its energy use. During Monday’s regular meeting of the board of education, Ron Willhite, director of the Kentucky School Energy Managers Project, presented highlights of a plan that has the potential to save the district thousands of dollars in operational costs each year. (www.harlandaily.com October 24, 2013)

### ***M&M Cartage Announces Initiative to Become Leader in Green Transportation***

M&M Cartage has announced a new initiative to become a national leader in green transportation. The Kentucky-based company plans to invest \$7.5 million in building materials and capital equipment, allowing for the construction of a new headquarters with green efficiencies to go along with the addition of new trucks powered by compressed natural gas. (www.truckinginfo.com October 29, 2013)

### ***Opponents of pipeline in Kentucky hope to use local zoning ordinances to gain control***

Opponents of the Bluegrass Pipeline hope to use an existing tool in their favor: local zoning ordinances. Citizens and officials in a couple of counties are discussing the possibility of inserting additional language into zoning laws to protect themselves from the impact of natural gas liquids pipelines such as the one proposed by Williams Co. and Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, the two energy firms that want to build the Bluegrass Pipeline. (www.kentucky.com October 27, 2013)

### ***Supplies of cheap, recoverable coal dwindling, report says***

A report released Wednesday says that industry claims that the U.S. has 200 or more years’ worth of coal ignore a key fact: Much of the remaining coal is too deep and therefore too expensive to mine. (www.courier-journal.com October 31, 2013)

### ***Natural Gas Will Cost More This Winter Than Last Year***

Natural gas costs at the start of the 2013-2014 heating season will be higher than last year, but are still well below the peak reached in 2008, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) said today. (migration.kentucky.gov October 31, 2013)

### ***Get Ready for Both a Refund and Rate Increase Too***

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has increased the rates of Big Rivers Electric Corporation (1/3 owned by Jackson Purchase Electric), but not as much as the electric company wanted. This means the rate increase that Jackson Purchase Electric Customers started paying back in August, is going to result in a partial refund starting Tuesday. (www.westkentuckystar.com October 30, 2013)

Kentucky Retail Fuel Prices (Dollars per gallon)

Product	10/31/2013	10/24/2013	10/17/2013	10/10/2013	Year Ago
<b>Gasoline (State avg.)</b>	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.41	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.35
Ashland	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.29
Covington	\$ 3.40	\$ 3.43	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.39
Lexington	\$ 3.38	\$ 3.34	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.41	\$ 3.33
Louisville	\$ 3.30	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.40
Owensboro	\$ 3.23	\$ 3.29	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.34
<b>Diesel (State avg.)</b>	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.97
Ashland	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.99
Covington	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.98
Lexington	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.97
Louisville	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.87	\$ 3.86	\$ 3.88	\$ 4.00
Owensboro	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.92	\$ 4.01

Note: The record high average price for gasoline in Kentucky is \$4.089, reported on July 10, 2008.  
 Source: Gasoline (unleaded regular) & Diesel: National AAA,

Spot Prices	10/30/2013	10/23/2013	10/16/2013	10/9/2013	Year Ago
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>West Texas Intermediate, fob</i>	\$ 96.62	\$ 97.05	\$ 100.62	\$ 103.12	\$ 87.05
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	\$ 3.57	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.76	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.49

Source: the Wall Street Journal

Futures		December 2013	January 2014	February 2014
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>Light Sweet Crude Oil</i>	10/30/2013	\$ 96.77	\$ 97.06	\$ 97.03
MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	10/30/2013	\$ 3.62	\$ 3.71	\$ 3.72
Propane (Dollars per gallon) <i>Mt Belvieu (OPIS)</i>	10/30/2013	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.15
Coal (Dollars per ton) <i>Central Appalachian</i>	10/30/2013	\$ 55.64	\$ 56.35	\$ 56.35

Source: CME Group



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