

### ***Governors Across U.S. Voice Opposition to EPA Rules that Would Shutter Coal-Fired Power Plants***

Seven U.S. governors have written individually to President Barack Obama and his administration, calling on him to block a proposed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule that would effectively shutter coal-fired power generation plants and prevent construction of new ones. These Democrat and Republican state leaders voiced concerns that the proposed new source performance standard (NSPS) for greenhouse gases (GHG) emitted by new fossil fuel-based electric generation plants will drive up electricity costs for households and businesses and depress employment as the nation continues its economic recovery. (The Wall Street Journal June 24, 2013)

### ***Fifty Years of Night | Chapter 7: Bombs and bullets in Clear Creek***

Twenty-one women slogged through a cold rain in Knott County on Jan. 20, 1972, hoping to get arrested. This muddy hillside would be the final battlefield in the war over Eastern Kentucky surface mining. The so-called “war on coal” today is an endless paperwork tussle among coal operators, government regulators and citizens over the enforcement of four decades of environmental protection law. It can be hostile, but it’s not violent. (The Herald Leader June 22 2013)

### ***Ky. governor to meet with new Energy Department secretary over future of Paducah plant.***

Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear will meet with new Energy Department Secretary Ernest Moniz over the future of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The Paducah Sun (<http://bit.ly/1aeqGUh>) reports Beshear will discuss the plant with Moniz during a meeting in Washington on July 7. The operator of the facility, which supplies enriched uranium to nuclear power plants, announced in May that it would cease production after federal energy officials decided to end its work. The shutdown over the next year of the nation’s only government-owned and operated uranium enrichment facility will put more than 1,100 workers out of high-paying jobs with benefits. (The Daily Journal June 26, 2013)

### ***Big Rivers looking to sell two Kentucky coal plants***

Big Rivers Electric is looking to sell two of its western Kentucky coal-fired power plants, Coleman and D B Wilson, representing nearly 900 MW of generating capacity, and plans to idle both baseload facilities next winter if it has no buyers or long-term power purchase agreements in hand by then, a Big Rivers spokesman said Tuesday. With the impending loss of its two largest customers, aluminum smelters in Hawesville and Sebree owned by Century Aluminum, the Henderson, Kentucky-based generation and transmission co-op has no need for the output of the 444-MW Coleman plant and 443-MW D.B. Wilson plant to serve its predominantly rural load, Big Rivers spokesman Marty Littrel said. ([www.platts.com](http://www.platts.com) June 25, 2013)

### ***Obama’s push to cut carbon emissions adds fire to coal battle***

In the face of opposition from coal-producing states, President Barack Obama on Tuesday outlined an ambitious plan to combat climate change using executive actions to force power plants to cut carbon pollution. It would likely reduce reliance on coal-fired plants and encourage the increased use of natural gas, wind and other sources of power. It also would continue the push for more fuel-efficient vehicles and for more energy-efficient homes and appliances. (The Courier Journal June 26, 2013)

### ***Williams’ Board Approves Company’s Bluegrass Pipeline Project***

Williams is engaged in development work on the proposed natural-gas-liquids pipeline, which has a targeted in-service date of late 2015. The Bluegrass Pipeline will connect supply from the Marcellus and Utica shale-gas areas in the U.S. Northeast to growing petrochemical and export markets in the U.S. Gulf Coast. The pipeline also will connect NGL supply with the developing petrochemical market in the U.S. Northeast. Williams and Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP (NYSE:BWP) on May 28 announced they had formalized key joint-venture agreements tied to the proposed Bluegrass Pipeline and related fractionation, storage and export projects. (EON Business News June 25, 2013)

Kentucky Retail Fuel Prices (Dollars per gallon)

Product	6/27/2013	6/20/2013	6/13/2013	6/6/2013	Year Ago
<b>Gasoline (State avg.)</b>	\$ 3.42	\$ 3.54	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.25
Ashland	\$ 3.34	\$ 3.44	\$ 3.53	\$ 3.74	\$ 3.36
Covington	\$ 3.62	\$ 3.79	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.51
Lexington	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.56	\$ 3.63	\$ 3.17
Louisville	\$ 3.56	\$ 3.71	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.38
Owensboro	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.71	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.22
<b>Diesel (State avg.)</b>	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.87	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.66
Ashland	\$ 3.87	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.68
Covington	\$ 3.87	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.74
Lexington	\$ 3.86	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.69
Louisville	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.86	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.72
Owensboro	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.96	\$ 3.97	\$ 3.97	\$ 3.69

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	6/26/2013	6/19/2013	6/12/2013	6/5/2013	Year Ago
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>West Texas Intermediate, fob</i>	\$ 95.50	\$ 98.24	\$ 95.88	\$ 93.74	\$ 80.21
MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	\$ 3.73	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.79	\$ 3.96	\$ 2.88

Source: the Wall Street Journal

Futures		August 2013	Sept. 2013	Oct. 2013
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>Light Sweet Crude Oil</i>	6/26/2013	\$ 95.50	\$ 95.41	\$ 94.88
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	6/26/2013	\$ 3.74	\$ 3.73	\$ 3.75
Propane (Dollars per gallon) <i>Mt Belvieu (OPIS)</i>	6/26/2013	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.85
Coal (Dollars per ton) <i>Central Appalachian</i>	6/26/2013	\$ 54.48	\$ 54.52	\$ 54.97

Source: CME Group



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