

Eleven Months Later, Delays Continue in Kentucky's India Coal Export

It's been nearly a year since Kentucky officials announced plans to send up to 9 million tons of coal a year to India, and the first shipment still hasn't been sent. Last August, Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear stood with coal industry representatives to announce a landmark export deal. (wfp1 new; July 23, 2013)

Program touts energy-efficient manufactured homes

A nonprofit program based in Louisville is helping steer people toward purchasing energy-efficient manufactured homes. The new program, called Next Step, connects the manufactured home industry with affordable-housing organizations across the country. The program's partner is Clayton Homes, a leading maker of manufactured homes. Next Step has expanded into 20 states so far. (The Herald Leader, July 18, 2013)

Ky. AG meets with U.S. DOE about future of Paducah plant

Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway met with the deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy on Tuesday to talk about the future of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. Conway met with Deputy Secretary Daniel Poneman, the department's point person on the Paducah plant. The two discussed attempts to clean up nuclear material from the site and how to preserve jobs at the plant that result from enriching uranium. (www.legalnewsline.com July 23, 2013)

KY power cooperative weighing \$15 million upgrade

A south-central Kentucky power plant could undergo a \$15 million upgrade aimed at meeting federal air regulations and keeping its generating capacity viable under a plan being weighed by its owner. East Kentucky Power Cooperative is looking at the possibility of doing the work on the John Sherman Cooper Power Station at Burnside. EKPC CEO Tony Campbell told The Commonwealth-Journal the proposal is "a very reasonable investment" in the future of the plant, which helps serve 520,000 customers of the cooperative across 87 counties. (The State Journal, Virginia July 20, 2013)

Century warns Hawesville smelter may close permanently Aug 20 without power deal

If Century Aluminum's pending application with Kentucky regulators to access cheaper wholesale power is not approved by August 20, the company's 244,000 mt/year Hawesville smelter will close and probably never reopen, the company said in a new filing Friday with the Kentucky Public Service Commission. On August 20 a longstanding power purchase agreement between Chicago-based Century and Big Rivers Electric is scheduled to expire. Big Rivers, a generation and transmission co-op in Henderson, Kentucky, has supplied about 550 MW to Hawesville for years. (www.platts.com July 22, 2013)

For coal producers, life isn't a gas

As coal companies struggle in the face of governmental regulations and the rising use of natural gas, some are scrambling to restructure in hopes of a better market while others have already succumbed to bankruptcy. Coal producers such as Oxford Re-source Partners LP have restructured their debt outside of court, while others, such as Arch Coal Inc., are selling assets. (www.thedeal.com July 19, 2013)

Biofuel leaders advocate for RFS during day 1 of House hearing

The House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Energy and Power is holding a two-day hearing on the renewable fuels standard, titled "Overview of the Renewable Fuel Standard: Stakeholder Perspectives." The hearing kicked off July 23 with two panels featuring a total of 11 experts offering written and verbal testimony. (www.ethanolproducer.com July 23, 2013)

Lawmakers ask Obama to stop the 'war on coal'

A bipartisan group of 22 lawmakers is urging President Obama to abandon environmental policies considered harmful to the coal industry. "We and others have often criticized a 'War on Coal' waged by this White House and these accusations were met with firm denial by Administration officials and environmentalist allies," reads a letter to Obama from West Virginia Republican Rep. Shelley Moore Capito and 21 other members of Congress. (The Daily Caller, July 23, 2013)

Kentucky Retail Fuel Prices (Dollars per gallon)

Product	7/25/2013	7/18/2013	7/11/2013	7/3/2013	Year Ago
Gasoline (State avg.)	\$ 3.58	\$ 3.64	\$ 3.47	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.41
Ashland	\$ 3.52	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.32	\$ 3.50
Covington	\$ 3.63	\$ 3.67	\$ 3.56	\$ 3.51	\$ 3.50
Lexington	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.71	\$ 3.52	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.43
Louisville	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.78	\$ 3.56	\$ 3.43	\$ 3.46
Owensboro	\$ 3.53	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.36
Diesel (State avg.)	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.82	\$ 3.72
Ashland	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.82	\$ 3.80
Covington	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.71
Lexington	\$ 3.85	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.75
Louisville	\$ 3.82	\$ 3.81	\$ 3.81	\$ 3.82	\$ 3.72
Owensboro	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.72

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	7/24/2013	7/17/2013	7/10/2013	7/2/2013	Year Ago
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>West Texas Intermediate, fob</i>	\$ 105.39	\$ 106.48	\$ 106.52	\$ 99.60	\$ 88.97
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	\$ 3.71	\$ 3.67	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.57	\$ 3.15

Source: the Wall Street Journal

Futures		August 2013	Sept. 2013	Oct. 2013
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>Light Sweet Crude Oil</i>	7/24/2013	\$ 106.91	\$ 105.39	\$ 104.10
	7/17/2013	\$ 106.48	\$ 106.35	\$ 105.05
	7/10/2013	\$ 106.52	\$ 105.62	\$ 103.98
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	7/24/2013	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.72
	7/17/2013	\$ 3.63	\$ 3.63	\$ 3.64
	7/10/2013	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.70
Propane (Dollars per gallon) <i>Mt Belvieu (OPIS)</i>	7/24/2013	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.94
	7/17/2013	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.96
	7/10/2013	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.94
Coal (Dollars per ton) <i>Central Appalachian</i>	7/24/2013	\$ 54.79	\$ 55.06	\$ 55.66
	7/17/2013	\$ 55.29	\$ 55.49	\$ 56.50
	7/10/2013	\$ 54.82	\$ 54.87	\$ 55.17

Source: CME Group



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