

### ***How the Military Offers Opportunities for Co-ops***

Military facilities across the nation offer a great opportunity for co-ops to build relationships and increase business. The time is right because the Pentagon is eager to become energy efficient and increase its use of renewable energy, presenters told an April 24 webinar hosted by NRECA's Cooperative Research Network. Many co-ops are already working with nearby military posts and bases, including Pennyrite Electric. For years, the Hopkinsville, Ky.-based co-op supplied power to the Army's Fort Campbell. (www.ect.coop April 29, 2014)

### ***Kenton schools honored for energy efficiency***

The Kenton County School District earned high marks from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency this year. The EPA named Kenton schools among its list of 2014 Energy Star Partners of the Year for strategically managing and improving the energy efficiency of its all of its buildings. Across the nation, more than 16,000 companies and organizations participate in the Energy Star program, and 55 earned the distinction of Energy Star Partners of the Year. (www.cincinnati.com April 27, 2014)

### ***PSC authorizes Big Rivers to raise utility rates***

Friday, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) adjusted the revenue and rates of Big Rivers Electric Corp. to reflect the January departure from its system of the Century Aluminum smelter in Sebree, KY. The rates for the remaining customers will increase, although not by as much as the utility requested. Customers will not feel the effect of the rate increases until next year. The PSC agreed to let Big Rivers use reserve funds to fully offset the increases for as long as possible. Once the reserve funds are exhausted, residential customers will see monthly bills increase by about \$15 on average. (www.14news.com April 25, 2014)

### ***KU, LG&E seek delay on request for plants***

Kentucky Utilities Co. and Louisville Gas & Electric Co. say they want to delay a request to build a natural gas power plant in Muhlenberg County and a solar facility in Mercer County because nine municipal customers plan to cancel their wholesale power contracts with KU. KU and LG&E say the cancellations are effective in 2019 and total approximately 320 megawatts. The companies asked the Kentucky Public Service Commission in January for approval for the two facilities. The companies asked the PSC on Wednesday to delay the case for up to 90 days. (www.courier-journal.com May 1, 2014)

### ***Supreme Court upholds major EPA air-pollution rule***

The Supreme Court upheld a major Environmental Protection Agency air pollution rule Tuesday, reversing a 2012 Appeals Court decision that represented one of the few blemishes on the agency's judicial record. The revival of the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, or CSAPR, serves as a victory for the Obama administration's environmental agenda. The rule requires upwind states in the eastern half of the country -- largely those in the Midwest -- to better contain air pollution from power plants. It's one of two key Obama EPA air pollution rules to win legal challenges in recent weeks. (http://washingtonexaminer.com April 29, 2012)

### ***Bluegrass Pipeline halts work***

The developers of the Bluegrass Pipeline, which would snake across nearly 200 miles of Kentucky, have put their controversial project on indefinite hold, saying they don't have enough customers for the natural gas liquids it would transport. "Although we continue to believe the Bluegrass Pipeline project is the best long-term solution in the marketplace, it has not received the necessary customer commitments to move forward," the developers, the Williams company and Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, announced Monday on the project website. "As such, we are exercising capital discipline and not proceeding with the proposed project at this time." (www.courier-journal.com April 29, 2014)

Kentucky Retail Fuel Prices (Dollars per gallon)

Product	5/1/2014	4/24/2014	4/17/2014	4/10/2014	Year Ago
<b>Gasoline (State avg.)</b>	\$ 3.69	\$ 3.73	\$ 3.69	\$ 3.71	\$ 3.53
Ashland	\$ 3.71	\$ 3.71	\$ 3.72	\$ 3.76	\$ 3.69
Covington	\$ 3.81	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.74
Lexington	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.74	\$ 3.64	\$ 3.76	\$ 3.47
Louisville	\$ 3.86	\$ 3.86	\$ 3.82	\$ 3.77	\$ 3.77
Owensboro	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.40
<b>Diesel (State avg.)</b>	\$ 4.01	\$ 4.02	\$ 4.03	\$ 4.04	\$ 3.91
Ashland	\$ 3.98	\$ 3.98	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.94
Covington	\$ 4.05	\$ 4.06	\$ 4.08	\$ 4.13	\$ 3.96
Lexington	\$ 4.05	\$ 4.07	\$ 4.08	\$ 4.10	\$ 3.92
Louisville	\$ 4.02	\$ 4.02	\$ 4.03	\$ 4.05	\$ 3.91
Owensboro	\$ 4.06	\$ 4.04	\$ 4.04	\$ 4.06	\$ 3.97

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	5/1/2014	4/24/2014	4/14/2014	4/7/2014	Year Ago
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>West Texas Intermediate, job</i>	\$ 101.13	\$ 104.35	\$ 104.50	\$ 100.43	\$ 93.70
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	\$ 4.71	\$ 4.70	\$ 4.72	\$ 4.64	\$ 4.31

Source: the Wall Street Journal

Futures		June 2014	July 2014	August 2014
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>Light Sweet Crude Oil</i>	4/30/2014	\$ 99.74	\$ 99.11	\$ 98.28
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	4/30/2014	\$ 4.82	\$ 4.84	\$ 4.84
Propane (Dollars per gallon) <i>Mt Belvieu (OPIS)</i>	4/30/2014	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.10
Coal (Dollars per ton) <i>Central Appalachian</i>	4/30/2014	\$ 61.33	\$ 62.25	\$ 62.25

Source: CME Group

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