

Progress made in getting wind farm issue to JPC

An agreement was reached Tuesday between opponents of a possible wind turbine farm in May's Lick and county officials on how to proceed in getting the wind farm issue before the Maysville-Mason County Joint Planning Commission. Prior to the beginning of the regular meeting of Mason County Fiscal Court, Judge-Executive James L. "Buddy" Gallenstein, County Attorney John Estill and May's Lick resident Joe Pfeffer, who also serves as the spokesperson for Citizens Voice of Mason County met to discuss a proposal to hire an outside, unbiased consultant to draw up a plan of action, which would in turn be given to the JPC. (www.maysville-online.com October 15, 2013)

IEA Says Coal is Still the Fuel of Choice

Two years ago, Saudi Arabia started mulling the prospects of shale natural gas as it faced the possibility of running short on energy supplies. The largest oil exporter in the world said it's now ready to replicate the shale gas success in the United States and use its own unconventional reserves to keep the lights on. The shale boom in the United States has turned the global energy market on its head. The director of the International Energy Agency said, however, coal was still the fuel of choice. The United States is on pace to pass Russia as the leading natural gas producer in the world. (www.oilprice.com October 14, 2013)

Pipeline has secured land deals in 9 Ky. counties

A company planning to build a natural gas pipeline in Kentucky says it has secured land-use deals in parts of nine counties along the pipeline's proposed path. Officials with the Bluegrass Pipeline say they have reached easement agreements with private landowners in nine of the 13 counties along the proposed route. The entire 500-mile pipeline route also stretches through Ohio and Pennsylvania. A spokesman for the Williams Co. of Oklahoma, one of the energy firms behind the project, said he did not know how many miles of the proposed route in Kentucky have been secured. (www.kentucky.com October 16, 2013)

Southern States Energy Board drafts resolution supporting coal

A group of lawmakers from 16 southern states this week created a resolution supporting the coal industry. Members of the Southern States Energy Board at their annual meeting passed the resolution, which asks the Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider new regulations on coal-fired power plants. "The regulations that were handed down...there's not technology that will allow new coal-fired power plants to meet the standards that the EPA is trying to pass and put in place," said Rep. Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook. Adkins is also the vice chair of the SSEB and majority floor leader of the Kentucky House. (www.wkyt.com October 16, 2013)

Parks Board endorses adding solar-powered lights to segment of Greenway

Adding some lights along Pigeon Creek Greenway will enable the city to get even more value from one of its best assets, Evansville Police Department Sgt. Scott Hurt told the Board of Park Commissioners Wednesday. Hurt is the department's liaison with the Parks and Recreation Department, and he's researched the cost of adding a series of solar-powered lights along the Greenway from Shirley James Plaza, near the Lloyd Expressway, northbound to Lamasco Park. Each tower would be 18-20 feet tall and have a battery pack, solar panel and LED light. (www.couierpress.com October 2, 2013)

Ky. Power agreement is official Big Sandy plant will close in 2015

Kentucky Power on Monday accepted the modified Stipulation and Settlement Agreement between Kentucky Power, Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers Inc. and the Sierra Club that allows transfer of a 50 percent interest in the Mitchell Power Plant, outside Moundsville, W.Va., to Kentucky Power. With acceptance of the modifications, Kentucky Power is authorized by the Kentucky Public Service Commission to acquire a 50 percent interest in the two Mitchell Power Plant generating units, along with the associated assets and liabilities, from AEP Ohio. The transfer is expected to close Dec. 31. (www.dailyindependent.com October 14, 2013)

Kentucky creates climate post as EPA rules loom

Kentucky, which usually posts the largest percentage of electricity generation from coal in the nation, clearly has a large carbon footprint, Profeta said, but those coal-fired power plants kick out cheap power, which attracts manufacturers. In 2010, Kentucky saw the lowest electricity price in the country at 5.07 cents per kilowatt-hour, compared with the national average of 6.79 cents, according to the Energy Information Administration. (www.politico.com October 2013)

Mississippi Coal Plant Overruns Show Risks of Carbon Rule

Coal's future is being built in rural Mississippi, and so far this is what it looks like: a \$1 billion cost overrun, a stew of legal battles, a revolt by ratepayers and a credit downgrade for the local utility. With all those challenges, Southern Co. (SO)'s \$4.7 billion project in Kemper County may still be coal's best hope to survive President Barack Obama's limits on greenhouse-gas emissions. "It's a transformative project," said John Thompson, a director of the Clean Air Task Force, a Boston-based environmental group. "It will be the largest and cleanest coal plant in the world, but I don't think it will hold that title for long." (www.bloomberg.com September 19, 2013)

Kentucky Retail Fuel Prices (Dollars per gallon)

Product	10/17/2013	10/10/2013	10/3/2013	9/26/2013	Year Ago
Gasoline (State avg.)	\$ 3.41	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.29	\$ 3.36	\$ 3.64
Ashland	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.40	\$ 3.69
Covington	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.54	\$ 3.65
Lexington	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.41	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.34	\$ 3.59
Louisville	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.44	\$ 3.68
Owensboro	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.22	\$ 3.55
Diesel (State avg.)	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.93	\$ 4.06
Ashland	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.97	\$ 4.08
Covington	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.93	\$ 4.06
Lexington	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.96	\$ 4.07
Louisville	\$ 3.86	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.90	\$ 4.05
Owensboro	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.93	\$ 4.06

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	10/16/2013	10/9/2013	10/2/2013	9/25/2013	Year Ago
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>West Texas Intermediate, fob</i>	\$ 100.62	\$ 103.12	\$ 103.54	\$ 102.88	\$ 92.00
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	\$ 3.76	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.52	\$ 3.27

Source: the Wall Street Journal

Futures		November 2013	December 2013	January 2013
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>Light Sweet Crude Oil</i>	10/16/2013	\$ 102.29	\$ 102.49	\$ 102.33
	10/9/2013	\$ 101.61	\$ 101.43	\$ 100.97
	10/2/2013	\$ 104.10	\$ 103.64	\$ 102.77
MMBtu <i>Henry-Hub</i>	10/16/2013	\$ 3.77	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.99
	10/9/2013	\$ 3.67	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.94
	10/2/2013	\$ 3.54	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.80
Propane (Dollars per gallon) <i>Mt Belvieu (OPIS)</i>	10/16/2013	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.16
	10/9/2013	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.09
	10/2/2013	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.09
Coal (Dollars per ton) <i>Central Appalachian</i>	10/16/2013	\$ 54.98	\$ 55.50	\$ 56.68
	10/9/2013	\$ 53.69	\$ 53.78	\$ 55.00
	10/2/2013	\$ 52.70	\$ 52.81	\$ 54.58

Source: CME Group



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