

Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence Energy Watch

A snapshot of state and national energy issues

Mining company cuts 200 workers in eastern Kentucky

A mining company says it has cut about 200 jobs from sites in eastern Kentucky. Blackhawk Mining Vice President Jesse Parrish told WYMT-TV that market-driven conditions led to the decision to idle the Blue Diamond Buckeye Prep Plant and two supporting mines in Perry County. He said some employees at another operation also were affected. (www.wbko.com November 19, 2015)

Greenup War Memorial Saves Energy and Money with Kentucky Power Program

Supporters of the Greenup County War Memorial on Tuesday received nearly \$1,200 in incentives and matching funds from Kentucky Power after installing energy-saving lighting at the site. (www.wsaz.com November 10, 2015)

Kentucky Power customers to see small refund in November

Kentucky Power customers will see a familiar line item return to their bills for November only as the company refunds nearly \$26,000. The Asset Transfer Rider (ATR) will appear as a one-time credit, not as a charge. (<http://hazard-herald.com> November 3, 2015)

Henderson-area 2014 power rates among state's lowest [The Gleaner, Henderson, Ky.]

Henderson-area electricity users enjoyed some of the lowest power rates in the state last year, although ongoing rate increases are changing that. Henderson Municipal Power and Light boasted the state's cheapest residential and commercial rates in 2014, according to a new report, "Kentucky Energy Profile," from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. (www.bloomberg.com November 17, 2015)

Toyota's Georgetown plant, nearby landfill join forces to generate electricity, reduce carbon footprint

After announcing its intent "to virtually eliminate CO2 emissions from its factories and vehicles, Toyota is about to flip the switch on a tangible example of this effort. Toyota's Georgetown manufacturing plant will begin generating electricity from methane, a byproduct of trash decomposition at the nearby Central Kentucky Landfill on Nov. 23. (www.kyforward.com November 17, 2015)

LG&E, KU Looking to Add Ability to Install, Operate Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company filed requests with the Kentucky Public Service Commission to allow the companies to own and operate electric vehicle charging stations within their two service territories. (www.surfky.com November 14, 2015)

Elliott County schools recognized for energy efficiency

All four schools in the Elliott County School District have earned the prestigious U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ENERGY STAR certification, a national symbol for protecting the environment through superior energy performance. (www.lanereport.com November 18, 2015)

Judge denies bid to block deposition of EPA chief in coal case

A federal judge has ruled that U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy will be deposed in a lawsuit about coal mining regulations despite a bid by the agency to block it. On Nov. 12, Judge John Preston Bailey ruled that McCarthy's involvement with Clean Air Act regulations means she is relevant enough to be deposed. (<http://www.wvrecord.com> November 13, 2015)

Energy efficiency lacking in West Virginia

Nearly every West Virginia resident and business has seen their electricity bills go up significantly in recent months, and the rate increases are expected to keep coming. (www.wvgazetteemail.com October 25, 2015)

Kentucky Retail Fuel Prices (Dollars per gallon)

Product	11/19/2015	11/12/2015	11/5/2015	10/29/2015	Year Ago
Gasoline (State avg.)	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.21	\$ 2.19	\$ 2.86
Ashland	\$ 2.04	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.24	\$ 2.18	\$ 2.91
Covington	\$ 2.19	\$ 2.32	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.30	\$ 2.93
Lexington	\$ 2.02	\$ 2.21	\$ 2.21	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.80
Louisville	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.21	\$ 2.30	\$ 2.24	\$ 2.83
Owensboro	\$ 1.98	\$ 2.15	\$ 2.11	\$ 1.98	\$ 2.77
Diesel (State avg.)	\$ 2.46	\$ 2.48	\$ 2.49	\$ 2.49	\$ 3.62
Ashland	\$ 2.46	\$ 2.47	\$ 2.53	\$ 2.54	\$ 3.68
Covington	\$ 2.57	\$ 2.66	\$ 2.64	\$ 2.64	\$ 3.71
Lexington	\$ 2.52	\$ 2.57	\$ 2.59	\$ 2.59	\$ 3.67
Louisville	\$ 2.51	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.56	\$ 2.58	\$ 3.67
Owensboro	\$ 2.42	\$ 2.46	\$ 2.48	\$ 2.45	\$ 3.76

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,

Product	11/16/2015	11/9/2015	11/2/2015	10/26/2015	Year Ago
Heating Oil (dollars per gallon)	\$ 2.04	\$ 2.17	\$ 2.17	\$ 2.16	\$ 3.46
Propane (dollars per gallon)	\$ 1.66	\$ 1.69	\$ 1.66	\$ 1.59	\$ 2.21

http://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet_pri_wfr_dcus_SKY_w.htm

Spot Prices	11/16/2015	11/10/2015	11/4/2015	10/26/2015	Year Ago
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>West Texas Intermediate, fob</i>	\$ 41.68	\$ 44.23	\$ 46.12	\$ 43.19	\$ 75.64
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	\$ 2.02	\$ 1.92	\$ 2.15	\$ 2.18	\$ 4.05
Coal Price (dollars per short ton) <i>Central Appalachia</i>	\$ 43.50	\$ 49.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 56.30
Coal Price (dollars per short ton) <i>Illinois Basin</i>	\$ 32.60	\$ 32.75	\$ 32.75	\$ 32.75	\$ 44.70

Sources: <http://www.infomine.com/investment/metal-prices/coal/1-year> http://ycharts.com/indicators/natural_gas_spot_price
<https://www.quandl.com/data/DOE/COAL-US-Coal-Prices-by-Region> <http://markets.ft.com/research/Markets/Tearsheets/Summary?s=1069936>

Futures		December 2015	January 2016	February 2016
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>Light Sweet Crude Oil</i>	11/18/2015	\$ 40.75	\$ 41.95	\$ 43.09
	11/11/2015	\$ 42.93	\$ 44.20	\$ 45.13
	11/4/2015	\$ 46.32	\$ 47.21	\$ 47.99
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	11/18/2015	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.54
	11/11/2015	\$ 2.26	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.49
	11/4/2015	\$ 2.26	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.47
Propane (Dollars per gallon) <i>Mt Belvieu (OPIS)</i>	11/18/2015	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.42
	11/11/2015	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.44
	11/4/2015	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.47

Source: http://www.cmegroup.com/daily_bulletin/current/Section61_Energy_Futures_Products.pdf

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