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Your Help Needed On Proposed Regulations

Otero County Electric Cooperative is asking for your continued support on the proposed emissions regulations that will greatly impact OCEC and you, as a member/consumer of the Cooperative.

Currently, the State Environmental Improvement Board is considering two proposals that could devastate our economy. Both proposals – one filed by the New Mexico-based, non-profit group New Energy Economy, the second filed by the state Environment Department itself – would put a cap on greenhouse gas emissions.

A move such as this would raise electricity rates throughout New Mexico and possibly cause businesses to move out of the state which in turn would reduce jobs available in the state, while doing very little to reduce global emissions. No other state is considering such a cap.

Higher prices for energy, goods and services would result from having to comply with the greenhouse gas cap.

Having these costs applied only to New Mexico would make it hard for any business to justify choosing this state over others as a place to locate and grow.

We can better achieve environmental goals as a nation with federal legislation that has realistic time frames and targets for the development and deployment of technology to help meet the challenge of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, while at the same time ensuring our energy is as clean and affordable as possible.

Have your voice heard! Choose one of the methods below:

1. Return a letter (one included for your convenience on the back of this publication) to OCEC at PO Box 227, Cloudcroft, NM 88317, Attn: Clint Gardner, Manager of Member Services **before Sept. 30, 2010**. We will hand-deliver or fax your letter to the state Environmental Improvement Board administrator to be included in public comment.
2. Mail the letter directly to the EIB at the return address listed on back.
3. Fill out an online comment card by visiting the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association at www.nmelectric.coop

Thank you in advance for your support.

INFORMATION YOU CAN FIND AT OUR WEBSITE WWW.OCEC-INC.COM

- Make a payment with your credit card, debit card, or pay by e-check.
- Check your balance, payment history, consumption history and a detailed copy of your billing information.
- Online Energy Audit
- Kids Corner for educational purposes.
- Regulatory Information
- Existing Rates
- Products and Services offered by OCEC.
- Job Opportunities
- Net Metering Information
- Contacts at OCEC



NEW OCEC OFFICE HOURS

8 AM - 4 PM
MONDAY-FRIDAY
Excluding Holidays, which
will be posted separately.

INFORMATION REQUESTED BY COOPERATIVE

When you as a member of Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. perform some type of improvements around your home or property and you add electrical load, please notify OCEC so we can be assured that the equipment we have at your location is sized properly. Failure to do so may result in damage to your equipment and also the cooperative's equipment. So to avoid unnecessary outages or damages to equipment, please contact the cooperative office when you add a load your location.

(Sample Letter for EIB)

September 11, 2010

Board Administrator
New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board
1190 St. Francis Dr., N2153
Santa Fe, NM 87502

RE : Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade Provisions Petition (Case Number 10-04)
New Energy Economy Petition (Case Number 08-19)

Dear Board Administrator:

As a resident of New Mexico and member of Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc., I oppose the petitions mentioned above that propose a statewide cap on greenhouse gas emissions.

I am concerned the petitions could raise electricity costs throughout New Mexico. And, the Environmental Improvement Board is moving too quickly and hasn't yet conducted thorough economic analyses of the two petitions.

In addition, these proposed state programs would do very little, if anything, to address the global challenge of climate change.

Our state should instead focus on a multi-faceted approach to manage emissions, while investing in technologies that preserve affordable electricity.

I respectfully urge the Environmental Improvement Board to use its influence to protect New Mexico from these two petitions.

Respectfully,

(Please sign your name below)

A consumer/member of Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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- Office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. If service is interrupted, check your fuses and circuit breakers. If all your service is off, check with your neighbors.
- Report promptly if you think the trouble is on Otero County Electric Cooperative, Incorporated lines.
- When problem is on consumers side of the meter, the consumer will be charged for a false call for service.
- Please examine this bill carefully as it will be considered correct if we are not notified within 30 days.
- The statement enclosed does not include payments made after billing date.
- If you desire information on the use of electricity for any job, large or small, do not hesitate to call your Cooperative, come by the office, or write for information at any time.
- FOR EMERGENCIES OR POWER OUTAGES CALL (800) 548-4660.