

Opposition to Measures to Arbitrarily Increase the Cost of Coal-Fired Generation

- NREA opposes regulatory and legislative proposals which would artificially increase the cost of coal-based electricity, or measures that would inhibit the use of coal-based electricity without providing a commensurate benefit through the funding of research and development of new technologies that would provide economic and/or environmental benefits to electric consumers and ensure all citizens have access to affordable, reliable and safe electric power.

Climate Change/Global Warming

- NREA supports continued research into global warming theories and the development of cost-effective technologies to reduce or mitigate any harmful contributions by the electric power industry. Any plan should cover emission from all sectors of the economy and address fuel diversity, including nuclear generation, allowing a variety of fuel sources to meet the energy needs of the country.

- We support voluntary greenhouse gas initiatives that are consistent with objectives to ensure adequate and reliable supplies of reasonably priced power.

- We support a proposal that includes provisions, such as an economic safety-valve, to protect the U.S. economy from significant negative impacts. Both urban and rural consumers should be protected from negative impacts from climate change legislation.

- We support a proposal that recognizes that conservation and energy efficiency are among the most cost effective methods of mitigating greenhouse gas emissions at this time.

- We support a proposal that recognizes new technologies, including the capture and sequestration of carbon dioxide from power plants, will be critical to addressing this issue, but cost-effective, commercially-available technologies are still in development and are years or decades away from large-scale commercial application. Every effort must be made, and appropriate funding provided, to accelerate the research, development, demonstration, and commercialization of these technologies.

- We support a proposal that encourages cost-effective reductions and provides incentives available to all segments of the utility industry, including rural electric systems, to develop and deploy advanced electric generation, transmission, and distribution technologies.

- We oppose any international agreements to limit greenhouse gas emissions unless such agreement includes limitations on emissions from developing countries.

- We support a proposal that continues to ensure all citizens have access to affordable, reliable, and safe electric power.