The EPA’s Proposed Clean Power Plan: State Impacts and Actions

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Up until now, power plants had a straightforward experience with the EPA
With EPA’s new Clean Power Plan, life’s a lot more complicated
Goal 30% reduction in Carbon Dioxide by 2030
43 states will see Double Digit rate increases.

Annual Compliance costs average $41 to $73 billion.

Consumers will spend $560 billion on ways to cut electricity use.

Source: NERA 2015
NERA projects the proposed CPP will cause a double digit increase in electricity prices for consumers in all Southern states.
Family Energy Cost
Southern States

Nearly a third of the families in the South have incomes less than $30,000 and take home $1,300 per month.

These families spend nearly a quarter of their take-home pay on energy.

In response to high energy bills,

» 24% of low-income households went without food for at least one day,
» 37% of low-income households went without medical or dental care,

EPA’s Proposal Will Have No Real Effect on Climate Change

CO₂ concentrations will be reduced by less than 0.5%

Global average temperature rise will be reduced by 0.016 degree F (less than 2/100ths of a degree)

Sea level rise will be reduced by 0.3 millimeter (1/100th of an inch or the thickness of three sheets of paper)
Officials from 32 States oppose the EPA’s proposed Clean Power Plan
So far, 18 States are expected to sue the EPA over the Clean Power Plan. More states are expected to sue after the Clean Power Plan is finalized.