NRECA CEO Remarks on the EPA Clean Power Plan

NRECA CEO Jim Matheson made a very compelling case for the co-ops’ position on the Clean Power Plan during a recent interview on E&E TV, and positioned NRECA and co-ops as the voice of the electric consumer.

- E&E TV Interview
- Contact for Questions: Tracy Warren

Engaging Members with Energy Use Data Tools

The interest and market for home energy management technology is growing. A new TechSurveillance article discusses the benefits of providing energy use data tools to meet member-consumer demand and encourage participation in efficiency programs, and provides examples of tools that cooperatives have deployed in conjunction with their billing and meter data.

- Article
- Contact for Questions: Brian Sloboda

Test Center for Carbon Announces XPRIZE Projects

The Wyoming Integrated Test Center – Carbon (ITC-C), located at Basin Electric Power Cooperative’s Dry Fork Station power plant, is the host site for testing NRG COSIA Carbon XPRIZE technologies. NRECA’s new technology advisory shares information on the teams from 47 countries who were announced by XPRIZE as competing for a $20 Million global prize to develop and implement breakthrough technologies to convert CO₂ emissions into valuable products.

- Advisory on ITC-C and XPRIZE
- Initial Advisory on ITC-C
- Contact for Questions: Dan Walsh

UPCOMING EVENTS

EUCI’s conference on UAS for Electric Utilities: October 18-19, 2016: Denver, CO. Brian Sloboda will discuss the business case for co-ops using unmanned aerial systems (UAS) for operations and maintenance. See our recent TechSurveillance article.

Webinar: Framework for Building a Technology Plan: November 2, 1-2 p.m. Technology experts will provide practical steps to building a technology plan roadmap for identifying technology needs, prioritizing technology initiatives, and managing technology deployments for success.

2016 Safety Leadership Summit: November 16-18, Fort Worth, TX. International safety experts will drive home the importance of following safety procedures. Breakout sessions by industry experts, experienced co-op safety professionals, and CEOs will offer diverse perspectives on transforming safety performance.
The Threat of Ransomware

NRECA’s new article reviews the growing threat of ransomware, provides insights into how these cyber attacks typically occur, and includes case studies on impacts within our industry. Free workshops on ransomware and additional cyber security resources are also available to cooperatives.

- Article
- Ransomware 101 Workshops
- National Cyber Security Awareness Month
- Toolkits for:
  - Students, Parents, Educators, Young Professionals and Older Residents
  - Small & Midsize Businesses
  - Small Business Resources
- Contact for Questions: Cynthia Hsu

NRECA Unveils Community Solar Playbook

To help cooperatives save time and resources, NRECA collaborated with the Clean Energy Collective to develop a Community Solar Playbook. This five-module resource provides decision tools to support community solar program design and implementation, and includes direct experiences of cooperatives for benefits of peer learning.

- Playbook
- Contact for Questions: Deb Roepke

Solar Technology Update

NRECA’s Renewable and Distributed Generation group is updating our Solar Fact Sheet. The most recent update provides information on Solar Technology, including answers to questions about construction, recycling, and safety. Find a link here too to our prior update on Solar Integration.

- Solar Technology
- Solar Integration to the Grid
- Contact for Questions: Andrew Cotter

EPRI Generation Advisory Meeting Minutes

At last month’s EPRI Generation Sector Advisory and Generation Council meetings, EPRI discussed ongoing research involving environmentally responsible electrical generation from fossil and renewable resources. NRECA has provided minutes to this meeting for cooperatives’ benefits, prepared by Dan Walsh, lead of NRECA’s Generation, Environment, and Carbon Dioxide work group.
● Minutes on GECO Website
● Contact for Questions: Dan Walsh