ISSUE 1

Greenhouse Gas Regulations

Electric co-ops have always supported a diverse portfolio of energy sources including coal, natural gas, nuclear, renewables, and energy efficiency. We are concerned with the EPA's recently proposed greenhouse gas regulations for existing plants. If the EPA's proposal is finalized, our power generation mix will become less diverse. As a result, we will end up relying on resources that have more volatile prices like natural gas, and resources that aren't always available (like wind and solar). We're not against those resources, but they must be part of a balanced portfolio. The EPA's proposal will increase costs, jeopardize reliability, and threaten thousands of American jobs without a significant impact on global CO2 emissions or climate change.

• More than half a million co-op member-consumers and others have already spoken out and asked the EPA to withdraw its misguided rules.
• We will continue to send messages to the EPA through action.coop and tellEPA.com.
• Thank members of your delegation who have already expressed concerns about EPA's proposal by participating in hearings or co-sponsoring legislation.
• Ask your delegation, especially Democrats, to convey your concerns directly to the Administration.

ISSUE 2

Water Heaters

Co-ops save their consumers money and reduce energy use during peak periods, using water heaters in "demand-response" programs. They also help integrate renewable resources into the grid. But impending Department of Energy rules will threaten our successful programs by prohibiting manufacturer of the water heaters we use. Bipartisan, non-controversial legislation would avoid this scenario, and we need it passed. Time is running out for us; by April of next year, manufacturers will no longer be able to produce these water heaters.

• Senator, please co-sponsor S. 1739 (Hoeven-Pryor) and contact Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell and urge them to bring the bill to a vote ... NOW.
• We thank the House of Representatives for passing similar legislation in March.

ISSUE 3

Rural Broadband Experiments and the Connect America Fund

In the 1930s, electric co-ops brought electricity to rural America when for-profit utilities would not. Today, that scenario is being replayed as we deploy broadband in rural America. Over 100 co-ops filed expressions of interest with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for their Rural Experiments program. Separately, the FCC also published the notice of further proposed rulemaking for the Connect America Fund Phase II (CAF II) which could allow electric co-ops to compete for these funds. This Recess is a perfect opportunity to educate your Delegation about your efforts to bring broadband to your members and to explain how access to CAF II will aid your efforts. Ask your member of Congress to:

• Support your electric cooperative's efforts to bridge the digital divide
• Encourage the FCC to increase the minimum broadband speeds
• Encourage the FCC to ensure that CAF II gives all eligible providers a chance to compete for support when offering effective solutions to close the digital divide.