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**[INSERT CO-OP NAME] Submits XX,XXX Comments to EPA**

Comments oppose new regulations that would increase price of electricity

[INSERT CO-OP NAME] CEO [INSERT NAME] announced that [XX,XXX] comments have been submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in opposition to the agency’s proposal to limit carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants. The comment period closed December 1. These comments combine with the [XX,XXX] comments submitted by co-op members opposing the previous rule regulating new power plants.

“Our top priority is keeping electric bills affordable for our members. Unfortunately, the EPA didn’t consider the real world impact this latest proposal will have on the budgets of families and businesses across America,” [CEO LAST NAME] said. “That’s why [XX,XXX/thousands/tens of thousands] of our members spoke out and told the EPA they couldn’t afford another all-pain-for-no-gain government regulation. It’s possible to balance affordability and environmental stewardship, but not under these latest rules.”

[INSERT CO-OP NAME] participated in a nation-wide effort from electric cooperatives that collectively submitted more than 1,000,000 comments to the EPA opposing new regulations for new and existing power plants.

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