February advocate update

**Subject: New Year, Same Old EPA**

Dear neighbor,

In January, the [EPA announced it would delay](http://www.ect.coop/public-policy-watch/energy-environment/epa-delays-carbon-dioxide-rule-til-mid-summer/76991) plans to finalize their new rules on the power plants that light our homes.

That tells us EPA is starting to recognize how many people are really uncomfortable with their ideas. Make no mistake, your voice helped drive that message home. Thank you for standing with us!

While a delay is good news, we are still determined to highlight how these rules will impact American families and businesses. The bitter cold impacting the Midwest and East Coast reminds us that electricity is a vital service for families across the nation. If the EPA continues on its current path, it will shut down many plants. That means it will be harder to keep electricity affordable and reliable.

[embed the attached reliability graphic]

In recent weeks, several Members of Congress have taken up your rally cry and asked EPA to stop pursuing these new rules. Moving forward, state governments will also be able to ask EPA tough questions. We’ll keep you informed about opportunities to lend your voice again.

Make sure to check out the new and improved [www.action.coop](http://www.action.coop) and learn how you can stay involved in keeping your electric rates affordable. It may be a new year, but our mission continues - making sure we work with you to promote common sense solutions in Washington.

Sincerely,

America’s Electric Cooperatives