

SUPREME COURT / CAA message –

Work at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is underway to address climate change and that may increase your electric bill in the future. It is difficult to know for certain what the outcome will be, but I expect there will be some increased cost.

EPA's work follows a 2007 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court declaring that under the Clean Air Act the EPA has the authority to control greenhouse gases, including the carbon dioxide emitted by power plants. The original Clean Air Act, however, was a response to acid rain not climate change. Controlling carbon dioxide is going to be far more difficult and potentially much more costly.

As you read this message, new regulations are being developed that will change the way we generate electricity. All of us are facing new costs as a result and we've been hard at work with other co-ops across the country to minimize any impact these new rules will have on future electric bills.

As part of my commitment to keep you informed, I wanted to provide a quick update on where things stand today. As we learn more about this and other issues, I will continue to pass that information along.

Sincerely,