



Management Report

REMA CEOs Conference

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EIS – What did we learn?

- If not regulation, then litigation
- Litigation shortens legislative/regulatory consideration
- 310 lawsuits
- Importance of AEP v. Connecticut
 - State-law-based claims for nuisance
 - Sided with the view that climate change will lead to rising sea levels and the near certainty of catastrophic harm.





EIS – What did we learn?

- Cost of regulation: 5 cents/KWH – 80,000 MW curtailed
- Meanwhile: Peak usage
- Oh, by the way: 83% reduction in criteria pollution (diminishing returns)
- Mike Bash: Capital Credits: “Gateway Drug to membership lawsuits”





Board Activity

- Yes to 2012 budget – 4.5% dues increase
 - CF to 7 like size SW, MN dues/member – lowest
- No decision on ND lawsuit to overturn MN coal moratorium (which hasn't been filed)
- Likely an op-ed piece





MREA Journey Lineworker Survey





Worries

- EPA observation “we want all the coal gone”
- \$50 million to Sierra Club to “close” 1/3 of nation’s coal fleet
- MPC – haze
- Litigation over legislation/regulation





2012 Legislative Session

- Phenomenal response to fundraising: ~\$14k
- September 29 meeting w/ lobbyists
- CIP, net metering, foreclosure notification
- 2012 Efforts – KCPA-style outreach, LEC funding to do-so?
- 2012 election worries





Questions?

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