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EKPC applauds EPA repeal of greenhouse gas rules for power plants

East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) President & CEO Don Mosier today applauded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's repeal of greenhouse gas requirements for U.S. power plants.

"By striking down these regulations, Administrator Lee Zeldin and the U.S. EPA are protecting the reliability and affordability of electricity for America's homes, businesses and industries," Mosier said. "These rules were designed to raise costs and drive reliable power plants into retirement, so our cooperative thanks EPA for acting responsibly to repeal them."

Mosier appeared Monday alongside Administrator Zeldin as the EPA leader announced the repeal during the G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial meeting in Houston.

EKPC and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) have supported legal challenges to the carbon rules, which were finalized in 2024 under the Biden administration. The rules relied on carbon capture and sequestration technology that is unproven and unaffordable at utility scale.

EKPC estimates the rule's main compliance method, carbon capture and sequestration, would have cost nearly \$11 billion to implement at one of the cooperative's power plants, which would nearly double electric rates.

"EKPC is strongly committed to environmental excellence," Mosier said. "EKPC has reduced greenhouse gas emissions and has set common-sense targets to continue those reductions over the next two decades, while ensuring electric service remains reliable and rates are affordable."

In the past two decades EKPC has invested \$1.8 billion to reduce environmental impacts of its fossil plants. Over the period, EKPC reduced nitrogen oxide emissions by 78 percent, sulfur dioxide by 95 percent and particulate matter by 96 percent using proven technology.

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East Kentucky Power Cooperative is a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative providing wholesale electricity to 16 owner-member distribution cooperatives that serve 1.2 million Kentucky residents at 579,000 homes, farms, businesses and industries across 89 counties. EKPC provides power through coal-fueled plants located in Mason and Pulaski counties; natural gas-fueled plants in Clark and Oldham counties; renewable energy plants in Barren, Boone, Clark, Greenup, Hardin and Pendleton counties; and nearly 3,000 miles of transmission lines. Together, EKPC and its 16 owner-member cooperatives are known as Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. Visit EKPC at www.ekpc.coop.

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