

While some power companies have complained about the EPA proposal, take a closer look at what major power companies are saying to their investors. Below we summarize statements by power company executives in recent briefings with the investment community and in the pages of the Wall Street Journal. **The bottom line: numerous power companies are well positioned to save lives by providing cleaner, healthier air for America.**

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NextEra Energy: “In March, the Environmental Protection Agency released its proposed rule tightening limits on how much mercury and other toxic air pollutants power plants are permitted to release. And in the months and years ahead, the agency will be moving forward with regulations on coal ash, particular matter, SO_x, and NO_x. I don’t believe that replacing 50-year-old fossil plants with new, more efficient units will be the train wreck we’ve been hearing so much about. Nor do I believe that putting pollution controls on many of the remaining plants is all that terrible.” Lewis Hay, Chief Executive Officer, Investor Meeting (April 29, 2011).

Xcel Energy: “Pursuing emission reductions for several years positions us to meet future environmental goals, and we have a variety of tools which we can do that with. . . . So we feel that we do have the foundations for a very, very successful future and we’re ready to build on that foundation to move forward.” Dick Kelly, Chief Executive Officer, Investor Meeting (December 1, 2010).

Exelon: “There has been a lot of noise about these rules and there will continue to be noise as people fight them. I don’t think the noise will go away, but I don’t expect Congress to do anything to change the rules. The EPA is simply enforcing the requirements of the existing Clean Air Act as the Act has been interpreted by the courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States. The last major amendments to that Act are now over 20-years old. Neither the rules nor their implementation should be a surprise to anyone. . . . If the Senate didn’t choose to block carbon regulation, it is not going to pass legislation that most people believe will negatively impact the health of babies, children and pregnant women.” John Rowe, Chief Executive Officer, Investor Meeting (April 27, 2011).

FirstEnergy: “I know that all of you are aware of these pending Environmental Protection Agency regulations. I would draw your attention to two that probably present the largest challenge to our industry. And they are the transport rule and the maximum achievable control technology regulation. . . . We will continue to study these new regulations, and as they evolve, we are confident that we are well positioned to handle the final requirements that will come from them.” James Lash, Chief Nuclear Officer, Investor Meeting (May 3, 2011).

Dominion: “But your takeaway should be on environmental, really on unregulated side, we’re done. And on the regulated side, we’re going to have some work to do, but it’ll either be recovered through a rider for environmental improvements with a premium, or it’ll be recovered through a rider to replace some existing coal with gas plants, at a premium” Mark McGettrick, Chief Financial Officer, Investor Meeting (February 8, 2011).

PG&E, Calpine, NextEra, PSEG, National Grid USA, Exelon, Constellation Energy: “The electric sector has known that these rules were coming. Many companies, including ours, have

already invested in modern air-pollution control technologies and cleaner and more efficient power plants. For over a decade, companies have recognized that the industry would need to install controls to comply with the act's air toxicity requirements, and the technology exists to cost effectively control such emissions, including mercury and acid gases. . . . Contrary to the claims that the EPA's agenda will have negative economic consequences, our companies' experience complying with air quality regulations demonstrates that regulations can yield important economic benefits, including job creation, while maintaining reliability. The time to make greater use of existing modern units and to further modernize our nation's generating fleet is now. Our companies are committed to ensuring the EPA develops and implements the regulations consistent with the act's requirements." Peter Darbee, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Gas & Electric Corp.; Jack Fusco, President and Chief Executive Officer, Calpine Corp.; Lewis Hay, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, NextEra Energy, Inc.; Ralph Izzo, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc.; Thomas King, President, National Grid USA; John Rowe, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Exelon Corp.; Mayo Shattuck, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Constellation Energy Group; Larry Weis, General Manager, Austin Energy; "Letter to the Editor," Wall Street Journal (December 8, 2010).