

Co-ops Support House’s “Time Out” Legislation for Clean Power Plan

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(ARLINGTON, VA) —National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) CEO Jo Ann Emerson welcomed the House Committee on Energy and Commerce’s vote sending the Ratepayer Protection Act, H.R. 2042, to the House floor.

“This legislation appropriately provides a safe harbor period that delays the implementation of the EPA’s Clean Power Plan until after the courts have spoken. The 2020 goals set by the proposal would force many co-ops to make irrevocable and expensive decisions in the near-term. The ‘time out’ provision helps ensure that the decisions made are in the best interest of co-op consumer members and fully informed once the courts rule on the inevitable challenges,” said Emerson. “We thank Congressmen Ed Whitfield, Sanford Bishop, Morgan Griffith and Collin Peterson for looking out for the folks at the end of the line who would feel the pain from this ill-conceived set of regulations.”

The [National Rural Electric Cooperative Association](#) is the national service organization that represents the nation’s more than 900 private, not-for-profit, consumer-owned electric cooperatives, which provide service to 42 million people in 47 states.