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Kentucky’s Electric Cooperatives Seek Fair and Reasonable Climate Change Legislation; Oppose Pending Waxman-Markey Bill in U.S. House

The Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives today issued a call for the defeat of the “Waxman-Markey bill” pending in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Also known as H.R. 2454 or the “American Clean Energy and Security Act”, the Waxman-Markey bill would dramatically increase electricity costs for Kentucky homes, farms, and businesses.

“Over 90% of Kentucky’s electricity is generated from coal,” said Ron Sheets, KAEC president. “The Waxman-Markey bill, in its current form, seeks to address climate change by unfairly and dramatically increasing the cost of coal-fired electricity.”

“Although the current language of the bill is marginally better than its original form, it is still terrible for Kentucky electricity consumers,” Sheets said.

“We have worked with Kentucky’s six congressmen for months to help them understand the negative impacts of this legislation,” Sheets continued. “On behalf of the nearly two million Kentuckians we provide with electricity, Kentucky’s electric co-ops encourage each of our U.S. representatives to stand up and do what’s right for their constituents by voting against this expensive and unfair bill.”

The Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives is the statewide service organization that represents the interests of Kentucky’s 26 consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives. Collectively, Kentucky’s electric cooperatives provide retail electric service to nearly two million Kentuckians in 117 of Kentucky’s 120 counties. To learn more about KAEC, visit www.kaec.org.

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