



Momentum Continues for America's Clean Power Plan: Power Sector Statements

Supportive of Clean Power Plan and/or Securing Carbon Reductions

Calpine Corporation

Calpine Corp. spokesman Brett Kerr said the move wasn't something the market actually anticipated. "We'll continue to be supportive of the Clean Power Plan," he said, pointing to a "natural evolution of the market anyway" away from less efficient coal plants. "So it won't really dictate us to change our strategy too much, which is to focus on being the premier operator of gas-fired plants in the United States." He said it's not in anybody's interest to have a federal implementation plan that dictates compliance for Texas.

DTE

"Despite being surprised by the U.S. Supreme Court's Feb. 9 decision to stay the Clean Power Plan, DTE Energy Co. Chairman and CEO Gerry Anderson said in a Feb. 10 earnings call that he does not expect much to change in the short term for the company's DTE Electric Co. utility, which serves 2.1 million customers in southeastern Michigan... Anderson said the company is going full steam ahead on the investments to replace retiring plants, even with the stay of the EPA's Clean Power Plan. 'There might be people who don't like the Clean Power Plan and say 'slow down, stop,' but [state Sen.] Mike Nofs won't be one of them, and neither will we,' he said. Nofs is the primary advocate for the comprehensive energy reform in the state Legislature."

Edison Electric Institute

"Electric utilities are investing in clean energy and pursuing energy efficiency," Tom Kuhn, president of the Edison Electric Institute, the largest trade association of electricity providers, told a gathering of Wall Street investors less than a day after the Supreme Court announced its stay on the Clean Power Plan.

Exelon

Exelon Corp., the nation's largest nuclear operator, said, "Regardless of this procedural development, the Supreme Court already has ruled that carbon is a pollutant the EPA must

regulate. Our customers want reliable, clean and affordable electricity, and Exelon remains committed to helping drive the national transition to a low-carbon future."

Great River Energy

Lancaster noted that Great River was not among the utilities challenging the CPP because it believed the rule is consistent with earlier Supreme Court rulings on EPA's standing to regulate carbon dioxide under the Clean Air Act. "It was not our point of view that the rulemaking was contrary to existing law, so we were a little surprised," he said.

- Additional statement: "As far as work being done by utilities, Great River Energy has contracted with California-based nonprofit Electric Power Research Institute to study the economic affect the rule would have, said Vice President and Chief Generation Officer Rick Lancaster.

Lancaster said GRE also has hired a Kansas City-based engineering firm to look for ways to make the company's power plants more efficient.

"We're still continuing those things," Lancaster said. "The stay is just a delay; it's not going to make the rule go away."

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

LA Mayor Eric Garcetti (via Twitter): "Climate change is the most critical threat of our time. It is already warming the earth, raising our sea levels, and affecting our food supply - and it is our responsibility to stop it. Last year, Los Angeles made a firm commitment in our Sustainable City pLAN to end our dependence on coal by 2025, and we know that the future of our planet, economy, and children's health depends on cities across the world moving forward with us. I am disappointed that the Supreme Court is taking a step backwards by putting a hold on President Obama's sensible clean power plan. But here's the good news: no matter what happens on the federal level, local leaders will not ignore the danger of complacency, or the urgent need for immediate action."

National Grid

"Despite the Supreme Court's decision, National Grid still strongly supports EPA's Clean Power Plan," said Dean Seavers, president of National Grid, U.S. "We stand by our belief that the CPP is not only reasonable and achievable, but imperative to meeting the nation's greenhouse gas reduction commitment established at COP21."

"As we continue to stress with our customers and industry partners, tomorrow's power grid and energy supply chain must look different than today's," Seavers went on to say. "Climate change is a global imperative, and we must find ways to transition our energy industry into a decarbonized future. That means every player—including system operators, generators, distributors, and policy makers—must collaborate at a level our country has never seen before."

[PacifiCorp](#)

"We're still going to continue to look to ways to cost-effectively expand our commitment to renewable resources," said Ry Schwark, a spokesman for PacifiCorp, which... intends to "continue to work with states as they develop their plans."

[PNM Resources](#)

Pahl Shipley, director of corporate communications at New Mexico-based **PNM Resources Inc.**, said the stay doesn't affect the company's plan to lower the use of coal significantly by retiring two units at the San Juan Generating Station. "We'll monitor developments and continue to work with the state, but regardless of the outcome the company is moving forward to cut carbon emissions and add cleaner resources to our portfolio, including solar and natural gas," Shipley said.

[PG&E](#)

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. said it was "disappointed" by the ruling. "We believe EPA has ample legal authority to pursue the Clean Power Plan," said Vice President of Federal Affairs and Policy Melissa Lavinson, calling EPA's rule "measured and reasonable." "PG&E will continue to support the Clean Power Plan and will move forward with the many steps we are taking to support California's commitments to reduce greenhouse gases."

[PSEG](#)

PSEG "firmly believes that carbon emissions need to be reduced. We do believe that climate change is a serious issue; all the science points to that. It is real, and action needs to be taken; it's not going to wait for us to get our legal or political act together."

“[PSEG has](#)] always been a leader in energy efficiency and various other things that try to balance the need for providing electricity in as environmentally benign a way as possible while paying attention to customer bills. So we'll continue down that path. We've invested close to \$1 billion in solar energy as a company alone. In New Jersey we've invested over \$300 million in energy efficiency, just our company, and we'll just continue marching down that path.”

[Rocky Mountain Power](#)

“We've communicated pretty clear in recent years that we believe the transition away from coal is going to happen,” said Dave Eskelsen, a spokesman for Rocky Mountain Power, Wyoming's largest utility.

[Southern California Edison](#)

Southern California Edison expressed disappointment in the court's ruling but added that "SCE supports the Clean Power Plan and will maintain an active role in supporting California's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including support for renewable energy, transportation electrification, energy efficiency and innovative, clean energy technologies."

[Xcel Energy](#)

"While the Supreme Court's ruling is a significant development in this case, the merits of the case have not been decided and the legal proceedings will continue," Minneapolis-based Xcel Energy Inc. said in a prepared statement.

Regardless of the final outcome, Xcel said it will continue to work with states and stakeholders on plans "to create sustainable and affordable energy futures."

"This approach will not only ensure compliance with existing and new regulations, but also take advantage of new technologies, recognize evolving customer needs and continue to drive improvements in how we produce and deliver energy," the Fortune 500 utility said.

Commitment to Constructive Engagement on Compliance; Securing Carbon Reductions

[Ameren Corporation](#)

"**Ameren Corp.** is already making the transition to a cleaner and more diverse generation portfolio in a responsible manner," Ajay Arora, Ameren's vice president of environmental services and generation resource planning, said in a statement.

[American Electric Power](#)

For American Electric Power, an electricity provider and one of the country's top coal users, the court case "doesn't change our focus on the diversification of our generation fleet," said spokeswoman Melissa McHenry. Those diversification plans include more natural gas and renewables," she said.

[American Public Power Association](#)

"With the caveat that we don't 'advise' our members per se, but if asked, our suggestion would be to continue to participate in the state's process if they intend to continue with it."

Dominion Power

Dominion spokesman David Botkins, said "We will work constructively with the Commonwealth and other stakeholders on a compliance plan that has our customers as the first priority, ensures reliability, and maintains a diverse mix of electric generation."

FirstEnergy

FirstEnergy Corp. spokesman Todd Schneider: "While the legal challenges are addressed, we will work with our states if they chose to continue development of their compliance plans."

Minnesota Power

"In Minnesota, where utilities began working with state regulators on compliance strategies more than a year ago, officials expressed surprise at the stay. But utilities also indicated they would continue working to meet carbon reduction targets even as EPA stands down on CPP enforcement.

"Amy Rutledge, a spokeswoman for Minnesota Power, said the company welcomes the stay "since it allows time for the lower Courts to hear and resolve the many legal concerns" about the CPP. She said the Duluth-based utility "will continue to stay engaged in the process as the court determines the next steps for this complicated and impactful regulation."

Otter Tail Power Company

"Overall, we view the Supreme Court's decision favorably and believe it is prudent to stay implementation until all legal issues have been decided by the courts," Tollerson said last week in an email exchange.

Yet, he added, the company will remain at the negotiating table in Minnesota, since the current "planning process will form the foundation of future efforts -- regardless of whether the CPP ultimately moves forward."