

FEDERAL UPDATE

California Lawmaker Introduces Bill to Make PG&E a Public Owned Utility

A California lawmaker has introduced a bill aimed at making PG&E Corp a publicly owned utility, a year after liabilities from wildfires traced back to some of its equipment pushed the power producer into bankruptcy.

Democratic Presidential Candidate Bernie Sanders Calls for Federal Takeover of Electricity Production

Sen. Bernie Sanders has put nationalizing health insurance at the center of his presidential campaign, but his proposal to fight climate change also calls for a government takeover of a fundamental segment of the economy — electricity production. A Sanders administration would pour funding into the four existing "power marketing administrations" that are overseen by the Energy Department, as well as the Tennessee Valley Authority and one newly created entity, to vastly expand their solar, wind and geothermal power production. Those organizations currently provide power from hydroelectric dams to 33 states and would be able to sell the increased green energy to local utilities nationwide — creating a sort of "public option" that would compete with the coal, natural gas and nuclear plants owned by privately owned power generators.

STATE UPDATE

IUB Opens Investigation into Disposal of Wind Turbine Blades and Other Equipment

The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) recently opened an investigation into the disposal of wind facilities owned by rate-regulated utilities in Iowa. The order indicates that since the IUB has regulatory authority over MidAmerican Energy and Interstate Power and Light (IPL) operations, the IUB is opening the investigation to consider what options or alternatives are available to address the removal and disposal of wind turbine blades and other equipment. MidAmerican and IPL are required to provide additional information so the IUB can determine if further action is necessary to ensure proper handling of the wind turbine blades and other equipment as part of the repowering process.

Upcoming Activities

NRECA Director Education Program – New Orleans, LA	February 27-March 1, 2020
NRECA Annual Meeting – New Orleans, LA	March 1-4, 2020
NRECA New Director Orientation – Arlington, VA	March 17-19, 2020
REC Day on the Hill – Des Moines, IA	March 19, 2020
CIPCO Reception & Annual Meeting – Altoona, IA	March 24-25, 2020
NRECA New CEO Orientation – Arlington, VA	March 31-April 3, 2020
NRECA Directors Conference – Kansas City, MO	April 4-7, 2020
Good Friday – CIPCO Offices Closed	April 10, 2020

Wapello Solar Groundbreaking – Wapello, IA
IAEC Managers’ Spring Conference – West Des Moines, IA
CIPCO Board Committee Meetings – Des Moines, IA
CIPCO Board Meeting – Des Moines, IA
NRECA Legislative Conference/Spring Fly-in – Washington, DC

April 14, 2020
April 14-15, 2020
April 20, 2020
April 21, 2020
April 26-29, 2020

Consumer Price Index

Month	Seasonally Adjusted Change from Previous Month
January 2020	0.1%
December 2019	0.2%
November 2019	0.3%
October 2019	0.4%
September 2019	0.0%
August 2019	0.1%
Unadjusted Rolling 12 Month Average: 2.5%	