

SCCAABE Energy Policy Newsletter – May 2022

South Carolina

Duke Energy Faces Showdown with Regulators in Coal Plant Fight



<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/duke-energy-wants-quit-coal-120048344.html>

Overview: Duke Energy Corp. is set for a showdown with regulators on Tuesday (May 31) on its case for accelerating closures of its last six coal-fired power plants in the Carolinas—a plan already rejected by South Carolina’s utilities regulator.

South Carolina Public Service Commission rejects solar program that would save all utility customers \$18 million

<https://www.southernenvironment.org/press-release/south-carolina-public-service-commission-rejects-solar-program-that-would-save-all-utility-customers-18-million/>

Overview: South Carolina’s Public Service Commission voted to deny Duke Energy’s petition to reconsider its application for a solar program that was expected to save South Carolinians \$18 million.

SC, NC offshore wind-energy sites attract 2 bids for \$315M

https://www.postandcourier.com/business/sc-nc-offshore-wind-energy-sites-attract-2-bids-for-315m/article_4e156176-d209-11ec-8d76-6b97e76a2605.html

Overview: Two energy companies bid a combined \$315 million in an auction for the rights to produce power from wind energy in two areas off the coasts of South Carolina and North Carolina, the U.S. Department of the Interior said.

Work begins to remove coal tar from South Carolina River

<https://www.wltx.com/article/money/business/work-begins-to-remove-coal-tar-from-columbia-south-carolina-congaree-river/101-e534278e-c913-4f5d-9612-8e3511590c76>

Overview: The removal of 40,000 tons of coal tar from the Congaree River in Columbia, South Carolina is expected to take three years to complete.

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Duke Energy, North Carolina solar installers reach agreement on net metering case



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<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/duke-energy-north-carolina-solar-net-metering/624247/>

Overview: Three of North Carolina's largest rooftop solar installers have reached an agreement with Duke Energy to put off the implementation of a new time-of-use rate until at least 2026, according to a settlement filed Thursday with the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

FERC to monitor gas, power markets for manipulation as forward summer electricity prices jump up to 233%



<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/ferc-gas-power-electricity-markets-prices-manipulation-/624120/>

Overview: With wholesale electricity prices set to soar this summer, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will closely monitor the natural gas and power markets for possible market manipulation, according to FERC Chairman Richard Glick.

California drought could halve summer hydropower generation, leading to more natural gas, EIA finds

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/california-drought-could-halve-summer-hydropower-share-leading-to-more-nat/624489/>

Overview: California's extended drought could nearly halve its summer hydropower generation from 15% of the state's electricity under normal conditions to only 8%, according to a new analysis by the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

DOE Awards \$3.6 Million to Promote Equity And Diversity in Clean Energy Innovation

<https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-awards-36-million-promote-equity-and-diversity-clean-energy-innovation>

Overview: DOE's "Inclusive Energy Innovation Prize" Winners Receive Cash Awards to Implement Strategies Prioritizing Climate Solutions for Underrepresented Communities.

Cybersecurity threat extends to utility credit ratings: Fitch

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/cybersecurity-utility-credit-ratings-fitch/624346/>

Overview: Electric utility companies could face “negative ratings actions” if their operations are disrupted by hackers or if their security practices are lax, Fitch Ratings warned the industry in a May 23 special report.

Bottling the Sun

<https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2022/05/world/iter-nuclear-fusion-climate-intl-cnnphotos/>

Overview: The world has been trying to master this limitless clean energy source since the 1930s. We’re now closer than ever.

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News from the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission

<https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2019/>

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