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Stop Tenaska's Overpriced Power The FACTS about Illinois' Electricity Future

Claims made by supporters of the Taylorville Energy Center (TEC) do not line up with the facts

MYTHS	FACTS
<i>Building the Taylorville Energy Center (TEC) will result in lower prices for businesses and consumers.</i>	The TEC would mean a \$9 BILLION rate hike over the next 30 years . This plan would lock Illinois businesses and families into paying higher prices for the next three decades, regardless of whether the plant is even built.
<i>Capacity charges will increase by 354% beginning in 2014. We need the TEC to keep energy prices down.</i>	Illinois consumers will be paying about the same for capacity charges in 2014 as they are now. What <i>would</i> cause Illinois' electricity rates to "spike" would be approving the TEC – a \$286 million annual rate hike on consumers and a guaranteed annual profit of 11.5% for Tenaska .
<i>The TEC will increase supply of electricity using advanced clean coal technology.</i>	Underground storage of carbon dioxide is a still unproven technology. Further, it's unlikely the Denbury pipeline to remove CO ₂ from the site will get built. In the event TEC cannot sell CO ₂ to Denbury or sequester the CO ₂ underground, the costs to consumers will increase by an additional \$121 million annually .
<i>The project would provide economic development and jobs for Illinois.</i>	The number of jobs created by the TEC would pale in comparison to the jobs lost because of higher energy prices absorbed by Illinois employers due to the TEC . Employers won't be hiring and new companies won't be coming to Illinois with the higher electricity prices as a result of the TEC.
<i>Enhanced consumer and business protections will limit any rate impact, and address businesses' concerns about the long-term contractual costs of coal gasification.</i>	Proposed consumer and business protections are ineffective , leaving no real protection at all. Illinois businesses would still be hit with cost overruns and TEC would still impose a 30-year rate hike on consumers.
<i>This legislation should be supported by those who want Illinois to help demonstrate clean coal technology.</i>	The technology is unproven and the environmental benefits are speculative at best. Also, the FutureGen project is smaller, cleaner and less costly; it represents a much better demonstration project for Illinois.
<i>The TEC is needed because of expected Illinois coal plant retirements.</i>	Illinois does not need new electric capacity , even if some older coal plants now operating in the state are retired. Illinois is part of the two largest regional energy markets in the country (MISO and PJM), both of which have substantial generation supply surpluses. When new capacity is required, natural gas will be a much less expensive option than clean coal technology.

**Taylorville Energy Center = Increased Electricity Costs + Loss of Jobs
+ Unproven Technology**

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