

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4654

To delay implementation of the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2014

Mr. YODER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Standards, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lower Electric Bill
5 Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Certain Environmental Protection Agency
9 environmental regulations are issued without any
10 economic impact analysis that takes into consider-

1 ation the costs to comply with such regulations and
2 the impact of such regulations on the local economy
3 and jobs.

4 (2) Certain Environmental Protection Agency
5 environmental regulations are issued without any
6 analysis of the feasibility of compliance with dead-
7 lines.

8 (3) It will cost local communities billions of dol-
9 lars to comply with the Mercury and Air Toxics
10 Standards.

11 (4) Communities throughout the Nation will
12 therefore face large increases in their electric utility
13 bills, on top of rising water and wastewater bills,
14 and in some cases these increases in electricity bills
15 could be nearly 20 percent.

16 (5) The economic impact of such Standards has
17 the potential to be devastating, especially in commu-
18 nities with a high percentage of residents living at
19 or below the poverty line, a factor which is not con-
20 sidered in cost/benefit analyses.

21 (6) Higher energy costs also threaten all types
22 of businesses, including manufacturing and other in-
23 dustries that employ thousands throughout the Na-
24 tion.

1 **SEC. 3. DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MERCURY**
2 **AND AIR TOXICS STANDARDS.**

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Ad-
4 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency may
5 not implement, administer, or enforce the emission stand-
6 ards for hazardous air pollutants from coal- and oil-fired
7 electric utility steam generating units established pursuant
8 to section 112 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7412) and
9 promulgated in the final rule entitled “National Emission
10 Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Coal- and
11 Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units and
12 Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Electric
13 Utility, Industrial-Commercial-Institutional, and Small In-
14 dustrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating
15 Units”, published at 77 Fed. Reg. 9304 (February 16,
16 2012), or any revisions or supplements thereto before the
17 later of—

18 (1) the date that is 5 years after the date of en-
19 actment of this Act; and

20 (2) the date on which the Administrator com-
21 pletes a study on the economic impacts of such
22 standards on local communities.

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