Throwing Big Coal Under the Busbar

by Protecting Clean Water, Clean Air and Public Health

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Powder River Basin Coal Mine

Virginia Coal Mine



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70% of Coal Plants Scheduled to Retire between 2010 and 2020 Consume Appalachian Coal

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Plants Scheduled to Retire Between 2010 and 2020

- Plants Consuming 75-100% CAPP Coal
 - Plants Consuming 25-75% CAPP Coal
 - Plants Consuming 1-25% CAPP Coal
 - Plants NOT Consuming CAPP Coal

50_{MW} → 1,500_{MW} Capacity (MW) Scheduled to Retirel

Sources: Retirement Data from CoalSwarm; coal consumption and location data from 2008-2010 EIA Forms 923 & 860 Mappoing and processing by OpenSourceCoal.org; Analysis by Appalachian Voices, March, 2013

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Brattle coal plant retirement screening tool – details



Note: Dashed lines and boxes represent factors and feedback effects that are planned to be incorporated into the model.

The Brattle Group

Delivered Cost of Coal to Regulated Utilities from 3 Major Coal-Producing Regions over the Last 25 Years



Sources: EIA Form 923 (and predecessor forms); Conversion to 2011 dollars from US Budget Section 10 - Gross Domestic Product and Implicit Outlay Deflators Analysis by Appalachian Voices, March, 2013

Cost of Coal Sales Reported by Arch Coal, 2001-2012



Source: 2012, 2009, 2007, 2005 and 2003 SEC Form 10-K Filings by Arch Coal, Inc. and US Budget FY2013, Section 10: "Gross Domestic Product and Implicit Outlay Deflators." Analysis by Appalachian Voices - March, 2013

Displacement of Coal by Gas for Electricity Generation between 2008 and 2012 (Jan-Jun only)



8 Monthly Net Generation (million MWh) 7 6 5 4 Modernized Plants (9,459 MW) 3 Plants Scheduled to Retire (3,033 MW) 2 1 0 Jan-04 Jan-05 Jan-06 Jan-07 Jan-08 Jan-09 Jan-10 Jan-11 Jan-12

Monthly Net Generation in North Carolina from 6 Coal Plants Scheduled to Retire vs 6 Plants Upgraded with Pollution Controls

2008 Average Dispatch Order for Southern Co. Plants



Sources: data from SNL Briefing Book; Graphics and analysis generated by the SimpleDispatch model produced by Appalachian Voices.

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Simplified Appalachian Coal Mine Cost Curve



Million tons/yr productive capacity

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Impending Rules that Could Impact the Life-Cycle ("Busbar") Cost of Coal



+ Lawsuits!!!

GOP Gained in 95% of Coal Counties From 2008 to 2012

