

A NUCLEAR BAILOUT WILL BURDEN PENNSYLVANIA RATEPAYERS

The nuclear industry wants to ram through a potential multibillion-dollar bailout, forcing Pennsylvanians to pay more for electricity to subsidize corporations that continue to post multimillion-dollar profits.

A ratepayer-funded bailout amounts to a regressive tax on electricity and would mean higher energy costs for all Pennsylvania consumers.

The cost of a nuclear bailout in Pennsylvania largely would be dependent on the mechanism by which the federal or state government approaches the issue.

For comparison, the recent bailout in Illinois is projected to cost ratepayers \$2.3 billion over 10 years. In New York, the nuclear industry will receive a projected \$7 billion over 12 years. The recently enacted bailout in New Jersey will cost ratepayers an estimated \$300 million per year.

PENNSYLVANIANS OVERWHELMINGLY OPPOSE A NUCLEAR BAILOUT

According to a recent poll, Pennsylvanians do not support paying higher electricity costs to bail out the nuclear industry. They stand in opposition to any legislation to enact a nuclear bailout.

63 percent are not willing to pay more for electricity to keep uncompetitive nuclear plants profitable and in operation.

73 percent of voters agree that competition and consumers should determine Pennsylvania's electricity market.

52 percent of voters are less likely to vote for candidates for governor, state senator or state representative if they support legislation requiring ratepayers to subsidize nuclear power generators. (Only 12 percent said they would be more likely.)

"Older people on fixed or low incomes already struggle just to make ends meet," said William Johnston-Walsh, state director, AARP Pennsylvania. "It's plainly inappropriate to ask them to unnecessarily hand over more of their hard-earned money to large, already profitable power companies."

Despite claims by Exelon and others, nuclear power will continue to be part of Pennsylvania's power generation mix even if Three Mile Island is decommissioned, and it will take several years and hundreds of employees to complete the decommissioning process.

PJM Interconnection has confirmed that Pennsylvania's electricity grid will remain reliable and resilient, even with the closure of the plants in our nuclear fleet that are not cost-efficient.

EVEN EXELON CEO CHRISTOPHER CRANE ADMITS THERE IS NO EMERGENCY. CRANE RECENTLY TOLD UTILITY DIVE, "IT'S HARD TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY IN PJM WHEN YOU HAVE A HIGH RESERVE MARGIN."

HIGHER COSTS PROJECTED FOR HOSPITALS AND MANUFACTURERS

The nuclear power industry has benefited from Pennsylvania's electricity market deregulation by receiving billions of dollars to transition to competition, with revenues much higher than projected. During the transition, energy costs drove manufacturing jobs out of the state.

Recently, more affordable, new generation resources have lowered electricity prices for consumers.

"More efficient and affordable power generating resources have lowered energy costs and are providing a new lifeline to Pennsylvania's manufacturers," said Rod Williamson, executive director, Industrial Energy Consumers of Pennsylvania. "Now that Pennsylvania's manufacturers are experiencing a competitive advantage based upon energy costs, we cannot afford subsidies to nuclear generation owners that will risk tens of thousands of good manufacturing jobs."

A nuclear bailout would greatly impact Pennsylvania's largest manufacturers, including steel and metals, chemical, and refining and plastics. All are significant electricity consumers.

WHEN ELECTRICITY COSTS MORE, EVERYTHING COSTS MORE

Large-scale users of electricity, including our schools, transit systems and city governments, will feel the brunt of a nuclear bailout.

In New York, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority estimated its electricity costs would increase by \$9 million in 2017 alone.

A study by the New York Public Interest Research Group found that public institutions will see their electric bills rise by as much as \$112 million a year for the first two years of the bailout.

In Illinois, IMPLAN modeling projects that the nuclear bailout will cause Chicago's city government, public schools and transit authority to incur additional costs of nearly \$250 million over the next 23 years.

Citizens Against Nuclear Bailouts is a diverse coalition of Pennsylvania citizens' groups, power generators, and energy, business and manufacturing associations launched to oppose any legislative effort to require consumers to pay higher energy rates to bail out uncompetitive nuclear power plants.

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