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## HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE **CONNECTIONS DIGEST**

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## Standing up for Reliable, Affordable Energy.

Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative provides reliable and affordable electricity. However, Hancock-Wood is facing threats from new regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The regulations demand coal-fired power plants to eliminate carbon dioxide emissions by 2032 or face closure. However, these reductions are not feasible due to the development of carbon capture and storage technology. In the short term, Hancock-Wood will continue to provide affordable electricity, but the future of this vital and important service is threatened. The co-op supports environmentally responsible energy goals, including a well-planned transition to carbon-free electricity sources.

Leaders from Ohio and other cooperatives gathered in Washington, D.C., to educate legislators about the reliability threats and encourage congressional action to stop the implementation of the new rules. We expect the NRECA, our national trade group, and other reliable energy proponents to challenge the new regulations in court on behalf of all members. As a member, you can stand up for energy reliability by educating yourself on these issues, following Hancock-Wood, researching energy policies supported by elected office candidates, and joining Voices for Cooperative Power.

