

4. Right now, Renville-Sibley Co-op Power is trying to balance environmental goals with reliability and affordability. Are you concerned that the Clean Power Plan and additional proposed regulations in Minnesota will tip this balance away from affordability for our members?

**Newman:** I am very concerned. We have many years of coal reserves which will provide us with an affordable reliable energy source and with today's technology be environmentally safe. Further, I can't imagine energy sources like wind and solar, irrespective of the significant rate increases they will bring to consumers, can possibly provide us with the energy needed for our rural commercial enterprises. The clean power plan is an economic disaster for rural Minnesota and I do not support it.

**Wilde:** Hopefully it will not, At the end of the day, sustainability should benefit everyone.