

— *INSIDE HIGHLIGHTS* —

<p><b>Seeking to revive hopes for Senate action on some kind of clean energy legislation, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said in an Aug. 31 press call that “two Republican Senators have expressed an interest in legislation with a renewable portfolio standard”</b> ..... 2</p> <p><b>A report released Sept. 1 by the Illinois Commerce Commission questions the cost-effectiveness and ability of Tenaska’s Taylorville IGCC plant to meet a 500MW requirement for nameplate coal-fired capacity under the state’s Clean Coal Act.</b> ..... 3</p> <p><b>A new review of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is recommending fundamental reforms in its operating structure, while at the same time finding that the organization has been an overall success.</b> ..... 4</p> <p>Global carbon dioxide emissions dropped in 2009, according to a study prepared by a group of Norwegian researchers that was released Sept. 1. .... 5</p>	<p>Utilities in California could be required to add energy storage to their power grids to facilitate intermittent renewable generation under a bill the California state legislature approved Aug. 30. .... 5</p> <p>Exelon will purchase John Deere’s renewables arm for \$860 million in the fourth quarter, gaining its 735MW of existing wind generation capacity and the company’s wind development portfolio. .... 6</p> <p>The Department of Energy has chosen West Virginia University to head up a consortium of research facilities that will work with China on joint carbon storage and sequestration projects. .... 6</p> <p><b>Wrap Up</b> ..... 6</p> <p><b>Calendar</b> ..... 8</p>
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