

# Senator Manchin Weekly Energy Report

October 30, 2017\*

## COAL

Spot prices (dollars/short ton) for thermal coal for the week ending October 27, 2017.

- \$57.85 in Central Appalachia (increased \$2.35)
- \$45.45 in Northern Appalachia (increased \$0.05)
- \$11.75 in Powder River Basin (unchanged)

For the week ending October 21, 2017, EIA's coal production estimates for the U.S. are:

- Approximately 14.9 million short tons (mmst). This estimate is about the same as last week's estimate and 1.3% lower than the comparable week in 2016.
- East of the Mississippi River: 5.6 mmst
- West of the Mississippi River: 9.3 mmst
- National year-to-date coal production totaled 635.6 mmst which is 10.4% higher than the year-to-date production in 2016.

## MET COAL\*\*

**Average price:** \$127.29 (August 2017)

## WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL PRODUCTION

2009	2016	2017
158 million short tons (peak)	80 million short tons	Projected at up to 88 million short tons (approx.)

## NATURAL GAS

Average weekly prices for report week (October 19<sup>th</sup> to October 25<sup>th</sup>):

South Louisiana (Henry Hub)	Appalachia (Dominion South)
\$2.93/mmbtu (up \$0.12)	\$1.23/mmbtu (up \$0.22)

## GASOLINE

**Today's average retail price:** \$2.46 per gallon

## ELECTRICITY\*\*\*

National Average	West Virginia Average
13.19 cents/kwh (up \$0.07)	11.67 cents/kwh (up \$0.07)

Note: In EIA's most recent Short-Term Energy Outlook, the share of US total utility-scale electricity generation from coal is predicted "to rise from 30% last year to 31% in 2017. The projected generation share for natural gas and coal in 2018 average 31% and 32% respectively."

\*Sources: Energy Information Administration, GasBuddy

\*\*EIA reports metallurgical coal price averages on a monthly basis.

\*\*\*According to EIA's October 2017 monthly report with data for August 2017.