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## **RAHALL: SOUTHERN WV COAL CHANGES IN DEMAND**

### *North Carolina Powerplants Largest U.S. Utility Market*

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Powerplants located in North Carolina are now the largest purchasers of steam coal produced in Fourth Congressional District counties, U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) said today. According to Rahall, North Carolina utilities bought 22% of all the steam coal produced in Logan and Mingo Counties and purchased by the domestic electric utility industry in 1989. During the previous year, powerplants in Ohio ranked first while in 1987 those in West Virginia--now 9th ranking--were the largest purchasers.

In 1989, 14,343,000 tons of steam coal produced from the Fourth Congressional District was purchased by 34 electric utility companies in 17 states. Powerplants in just five of those states accounted for 70% of the total purchases with utilities in North Carolina accounting for 3,203,000 tons, followed by those operating in Ohio (2,386,000 tons), Virginia (1,586,000 tons), Michigan (1,561,000 tons), and Georgia (1,355,000 tons). By comparison, powerplants in West Virginia purchased only 500,000 tons of coal produced from Fourth Congressional District counties.

Among electric utility companies, at 2,815,000 tons, Carolina Power and Light operating in North Carolina continued to be the single largest domestic utility market for Logan and Mingo County coal, followed by Georgia Power at 1,355,000 tons, Dayton Power and Light at 1,120,000 tons and Virginia Electric and Power at 1,118,000 tons.

#### **The Changing Face of Utility Coal Purchases By Year, State and Rank....**

**1989**

North Carolina  
Ohio  
Virginia  
Michigan  
Georgia  
Kentucky  
New York

**1988**

Ohio  
North Carolina  
West Virginia  
Michigan  
Georgia  
Virginia  
Kentucky

**1987**

West Virginia  
North Carolina  
Ohio  
Kentucky  
Virginia  
Michigan  
Georgia

#### **....And by Year, Company and Rank**

**1989**

Carolina Pwr. & Light  
Georgia Power  
Dayton Pwr. & Light  
Virginia Elec. & Pwr.

**1988**

Carolina Pwr. & Light  
Appalachian Power  
Georgia Power  
Dayton Pwr. & Light

**1987**

Carolina Pwr. & Light  
Appalachian Power  
Dayton Pwr. & Light  
Virginia Elec. & Pwr.