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The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is unlikely to introduce legislation establishing a "clean energy" standard until next month, the panel chairman said. New Mexico Democrat Jeff Bingaman said Democratic and Republican committee staffers are reading 150 comments submitted on the CES white paper he wrote with the committee's ranking Republican, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. Last night was the deadline for written comments on the CES paper. "We're just now ... trying to figure out if there is any consensus among those who commented on our white paper and then see whether or not we can come up with a proposal that both Senator Murkowski and I would be willing to support and that a majority of our committee would be willing to support," Bingaman said at a Washington, D.C., event sponsored by *The New Republic*. "That's the initial challenge and we're working on that now."

While the panel is unlikely to have enough time to sift through the comments before the Senate leaves for a two-week recess this weekend, Bingaman said the CES would probably top its agenda after the break. Bingaman has said previously the committee would need to report a bill by early summer for it to have a chance of passing the full Senate this Congress.

President Obama has thrown his support behind a CES that would require utilities to source a certain percentage of their electricity from low-carbon sources that would include renewables, nuclear and "clean coal." But the administration did not submit comments to the committee, the White House's top environmental adviser said.

"It's an important priority for us, but I think it's important to get the details right so it's a process of understanding what all the issues are," said Nancy Sutley, chairwoman of the Council on Environmental Quality. "The energy committee's interest is a very good sign and a good place to be."

Extended Temp Forecast: Chicago Area

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
36 - 38	31 - 43	40 - 47	46 - 48	43 - 53

Electricity Pricing Areas – On Peak May 2011

	April 19, 2011	Per kWh
Cinergy	Hub Peak Swap Monthly	\$.03798
PJM Hub	Electricity Monthly	\$.04702
PJM	No. Illinois Peak LMP	\$.03644
PJM	Western Peak LMP	\$.04702

ComEd Average Day Ahead LMP Electric Price

Time Period	Average per Kwh
May 1-May 31, 2010	\$.03389
Jun 1- Jun 30	\$.04184
Jul 1 - Jul 31	\$.04741
Aug 1 -Aug 31	\$.04628
Sep 1 - Sep 30	\$.02934
Oct 1 - Oct 31	\$.02702
Nov 1 - Nov 30	\$.02778
Dec 1 - Dec 31	\$.03545
Jan 1 -Jan 31, 2011	\$.03871
Feb 1 - Feb 28	\$.03581
March 1- Mar 31	\$.03668
April 1 - April 18	\$.03278

Weather - Tue: Windy with rain. Cold. Temps in the mid to upper 30s. Winds ENE at 20 to 30 mph. Rainfall around a half an inch. **Wed:** Cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 43F. Winds NW at 15 to 25 mph. **Thu:** Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 40s. **Fri:** Cloudy with rain. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 40s. **Sat:** Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.

