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over rising electric bills at a time when prices have risen sharply across the country. Over the last two years the commission has approved six rate increases for Georgia Power the largest electric provider in Georgia. The obscure but powerful commission is ordinarily an electoral afterthought. In 2020 however a federal lawsuit contended that the statewide elections for commission seats which represent geographic districts were unfair to Black voters. An appeals court eventually ruled against the plaintiffs but **the legal battle delayed elections for the commission**. That set the stage for races on Tuesday **the only statewide elections in Georgia this year**. According to the Georgia secretary of state office Peter Hubbard a Democrat defeated Fitz Johnson the Republican incumbent who was appointed by Governor Brian Kemp in the race for the seat representing greater Atlanta. In the other contest between candidates from northeastern Georgia Alicia Johnson a Democrat defeated Tim Echols the Republican incumbent who has held office since 2011. Democrat Hubbard is a clean energy consultant Democrat Doctor Johnson is a health management and community development executive. Energy costs rose sharply around the country in 2022 driven by a spike in natural gas prices when Russia invaded Ukraine. In Georgia additional factors in the high utility bills in Georgia have included 17 billion dollars in **cost overruns from nuclear generators** and new infrastructure to support an anticipated surge in electricity demand from data centers. Governor Kemp and the utility commission praised a deal this year with Georgia Power to freeze base rates for three years. Critics though contended that ratepayers would still have to cover hundreds of millions of dollars in fuel and storm damage costs. **Democrats criticized Republicans for embracing fossil fuels to generate electricity for data centers** as well as for **backing away from clean energy** in lock step with the Trump administration. Heading into Tuesday **Republicans had fretted over turnout given that municipal elections in Atlanta and other Democratic strongholds were also being held**. Republicans were also anxious that **a Democratic victory in even one of the utility races could be a harbinger for 2026** when elections will be held for governor the US Senate seat held by Jon Ossoff a Democrat the Republican controlled state legislature and **in 2026 there will be elections for two more seats on the 5 seat utility commission**. Those anxieties prompted attempts by Governor Kemp and other Republican officials to rally the party faithful.

**3 Idaho** **As Idaho Grows Ever Redder Boise Worries About Its Isolation** **The New York Times**. As Idaho Grows Ever Redder Boise Worries About Its Isolation. Two city councilors won election again on Tuesday though their support for a pride flag at City Hall had sparked challenges from the right. Still the Idaho deep embrace of Trump has the city worried. The Idaho State Capitol in Boise where fiercely conservative lawmakers are passing laws that encroach on the Boise independence. **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization**. **The New York Times**. November 7 2025. Amid the hoopla over gains that Democrats made across the country voters in Boise Idaho registered their own modest form of defiance this week. They are elected two City Council members who had helped raise a rainbow pride flag outside City Hall a small sign for now that the Idaho biggest blue dot can remain independent as the deep red expanse grows around it. A year into the second Trump administration Boise has become a front line of sorts an island surrounded by a state that is growing ever more Trump tinged crimson. The two councilors Colin Nash the council president and Jimmy Hallyburton faced opponents on Tuesday who had accused them of needlessly antagonizing the conservative state legislators working just two blocks down North Capitol Boulevard. The challengers lost badly. But that does not mean the Boise moderates and liberals feel secure. The grandfather of my wife was in the Idaho Legislature in the 1950s and when you read his journal it is so eerie how the same conversations played out except then they were talking red scares said Nash a former member of the Idaho House of Representatives. Maybe now it is just a little more visible. Idaho is a case study in geographic sorting of self a trend across the country. In this land of sagebrush and reliance on self that means a state that was already solidly red is becoming a magnet for fans of The Trump political movement and a laboratory for his policies. I hear people moving here talking about themselves as political refugees especially people

from Democratic states on the Pacific Coast said Jason Monks the Idaho House majority leader and a Republican from Meridian Idaho. It is hard to overstate Republican dominance in Idaho even with the victories on Tuesday by the incumbents in Boise. A Democrat has not been elected to statewide office since 2002 or to the governorship since 1990 and Republicans have held supermajorities in both legislative chambers since 1993. Marchers many in Trump branded clothing or holding American flags rally before a sign that reads Jesus Loves You. We are all Charlie now. After the Kirk assassination Idahoans converged on Boise for a the God Country March. Idaho is also by most statistical measures booming. Incomes are rising state finances are sound and the population jumped 17 percent from 2010 to 2020 and by another 8 percent since 2020. A lot of those people are coming from other parts of the West and they are bringing to Idaho a different kind of conservatism. For generations the Republican Party in Idaho was dominated by two types of figures farmers who practiced a good fences make good neighbors form of frontier libertarianism and transplants from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints whose commitment to smaller government and family values made room for funding public schools. An annual Boise State University survey shows that people who have moved to Idaho in the last decade more often describe themselves as strongly conservative than longer term residents do. These newcomers often aligned with evangelical movements are pressuring state leaders to stay on the cutting edge of conservative policymaking. We have weighed on certain issues Do we want to be the first ones here because this is going to be litigated? We are a small state with a small budget so should we just let Tennessee run with this? Monks said. A growing number of his members he continued are saying I do not care. We are going to do it. Monks noted that Idaho Governor Brad Little perhaps apocryphally had been credited with coining the acronym COWs to describe these newcomers people from California Oregon and Washington who are trading firmly blue states for a red one. A chapter leaders at Boise State of the conservative youth group Turning Point USA fit that description.

4 Trump being Trump How the Trump Administration Is Giving Even More Tax Breaks to the Wealthy The New York Times How the Trump Administration Is Giving Even More Tax Breaks to the Wealthy The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service are issuing rules that provide hundreds of billions of dollars in tax relief to big companies and the ultrarich. Congressional Republicans celebrated the signing of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act in July. The legislation provided roughly 4 trillion dollars in tax cuts. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The New York Times November 8 2025 With little public scrutiny the Trump administration is handing out hundreds of billions of dollars in tax cuts to some of the most profitable companies and wealthiest investors in the US. The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service through a series of new notices and proposed regulations are giving breaks to giant private equity firms crypto companies foreign real estate investors insurance providers and a variety of multinational corporations. The primary target The administration is rapidly gutting a 2022 law intended to ensure that a sliver of the most profitable corporations in the US pay at least some federal income tax. The provision the corporate alternative minimum tax was passed by Democrats and signed into law by President Biden. It sought to stop corporations like Microsoft Amazon and Johnson & Johnson from being able to report big profits to shareholders yet low tax liabilities to the federal government. It was projected to raise 222 billion dollars over a decade. But the succession of notices the Treasury and I R S have issued beginning this summer means the tax could bring in a fraction of that. These breaks come in addition to the roughly 4 trillion dollar package of tax cuts that Trump signed into law in July. The legislation passed entirely by Republicans heavily benefits businesses and the ultrawealthy. It is projected to add trillions of dollars to the federal deficit and came with steep cuts to health care for the elderly and food stamps for the poorest Americans. With its various tax relief provisions the administration is now effectively adding hundreds of billions of dollars in new breaks for big businesses and investors. The Treasury is empowered to write rules to help the IRS carry out tax laws passed by Congress. But the aggressive actions of the Trump administration raise questions.

about whether it is exceeding its legal authority. Trump and congressional Republicans have attacked federal workers as instruments of the deep state exercising power beyond anything authorized by the law. Now the administration is doing the same thing several tax experts said undermining laws that hit the ultrawealthy and big companies. Treasury has clearly been enacting unlegislated tax cuts said Kyle Pomerleau, a tax economist at the American Enterprise Institute, a right leaning think tank. Congress determines tax law. Treasury undermines this constitutional principle when it asserts more authority over the structure of the tax code than Congress provides it. The Treasury and IRS have rolled back a crackdown on an aggressive tax shelter used by big companies including Occidental Petroleum and AT and T. That amounts to another 100 billion dollars in cuts, and likely far more according to tax advisers. **Changes like these are not widely publicized by the Treasury but are closely followed by tax planners for the biggest corporations** in the US who are applauding the new guidelines in the regulations to administer the minimum tax. This summer Blackstone succeeded. Much of the recent guidance grants the Blackstone requests giving private equity firms enormous flexibility to calculate their bills. A Blackstone spokeswoman declined to comment. The regulations also provide new flexibility for insurance companies in using so called tax losses. For one the new rules permit some insurers to use those losses to reduce their bills under the minimum tax even for prior years. They are effectively repealing the statute said Monte Jackel, a tax lawyer and former IRS official referring to the minimum tax law.

**5 Trump Versus Clean Energy Trump Can Reconsider Permit for Offshore Wind Farm Judge Rules**  
**The New York Times** Trump Can Reconsider Permit for Offshore Wind Farm Judge Rules The decision dealt a setback to the developers of South Coast Wind, a 141 turbine project off Nantucket, Massachusetts. The White House had ordered federal agencies to draft plans to thwart offshore wind power, a source of renewable energy that Trump has criticized. **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates, a 501C3 nonprofit organization.** The New York Times, November 4, 2025. A federal judge in Washington ruled on Tuesday that the Trump administration may reconsider the Biden era approval of South Coast Wind, a wind farm planned off the coast of Nantucket, Massachusetts. The decision dealt a setback to the developers of the project, a joint venture between the energy companies EDP Renewables and ENGIE. And it handed a victory to the White House, which has ordered a half dozen federal agencies to draft plans to thwart offshore wind power, a source of renewable energy that Trump has criticized as ugly, expensive, and inefficient. The decision would effectively allow the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management at the Interior Department to evaluate again its approval of the construction and operations plan of the project. The agency had approved the plan on January 17, 2025, three days before the Trump second term began. As proposed, South Coast Wind would include 141 turbines in federal waters about 23 miles south of Nantucket. When completed, it would generate up to 2400 megawatts of energy, enough to power more than 840,000 homes in New England. The project is being developed in two phases and has not yet started construction. The first phase, known as South Coast Wind 1, would provide power to both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Michael Brown, the chief executive of South Coast Wind, said in a statement that the company was disappointed by the ruling. We are currently assessing the implications of the decision and will consider all appropriate next steps, including the pursuit of legal remedies, he said. In an earlier filing in the case, Brown said the company had already spent more than 600 million dollars on the project. When making these investment decisions, South Coast Wind understandably expected that the federal government would follow valid statutes and regulations setting out criteria for issuance of permits, he wrote. Soon after returning to the White House, Trump issued a sweeping order to halt all leasing of federal lands and waters for new wind farms. His administration has since gone after several wind farms that had been given federal permits by the Biden administration and were either under construction or about to start. In April, the Interior Department ordered that work be stopped at Empire Wind, a 5 billion dollar wind farm off the coast of New York that had received all necessary approvals.

from the Biden administration and was 30 percent completed. After several weeks and negotiations with Governor Kathy Hochul, Democrat of New York, the administration allowed Empire Wind to proceed. White House officials suggested they had relented only after Ms. Hochul agreed to approve new gas pipelines in the state. Ms. Hochul denied that any such deal had been made. Senator Ed Markey, Democrat of Massachusetts, said that the ruling on Tuesday could set a dangerous precedent that future administrations could use to block other energy infrastructure. If the government can come back and invalidate projects that have already gone through a rigorous permitting process by establishing new bizarre hoops to jump through, it opens up a box of Pandora for all energy projects looking for federal permits, Markey said.

6 Brazil Foward Climate COP30 Begins in Brazil The New York Times Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The New York Times November 8 2025 World leaders have gathered in Brazil for COP30 2025 global climate summit. Basically it is the World Cup of negotiations over global warming. The venue is still under construction. Belém, Brazil, is a city on the edge of the Amazon where the talks will unfold over the next two weeks. It was 10 years ago at COP21 near Paris that nearly every country committed to the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius or 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit compared with preindustrial times. Today the 1.5 degree target is all but out of reach. Even two degrees is looking less and less likely. So what is in store for the 2025 negotiations? In short, the leaders of Brazil are hoping to wrangle funding commitments from wealthy nations to help address climate change in developing countries. The broader goal, as ever, is to turn various climate pledges into action. One conspicuous absence from the 2025 talks is the United States, which has moved to exit the Paris Agreement for a second time. But some say that is not such a bad thing at least from a productivity perspective. Without Trump administration delegates leaning on other countries to abandon their plans to phase out fossil fuels, the thinking goes, the talks could go rather smoothly this year. The Trump team's approach to another global climate negotiation, the International Maritime Organization's plan to price carbon emissions in the shipping industry, was diplomatic hardball. Last month, diplomats from around the world were poised to approve a years-in-the-making deal to reduce pollution from cargo ships. Then Trump officials showed up and swiftly killed the deal. US representatives threatened and told Caribbean diplomats that they could be blacklisted from entering the United States. Other threats to nations ranged from tariffs to sanctions to the revocation of diplomatic visas, according to nine diplomats. It worked. But the hardball tactics stunned the delegates in attendance. This is really using a cruise missile, you know, to address a traffic violation. The United States has always thrown its weight around in global negotiations. But the tone and tenor of the behavior of Trump America, in particular, the use of personal intimidation, seem to represent an escalation unique to the Trump second term. No top Trump administration officials are expected at COP. Even Democratic lawmakers who had planned on attending are struggling to get to Brazil because the government shutdown is preventing them from using federal funds. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, the most outspoken climate hawk in the Senate, said it was just as well that the Trump administration was skipping the conference. It is somewhat of a relief that at least they are not going down there to bully and torment people who are trying to do good work, he said. With that, the negotiations will soon begin. Morning mist in Carajás National Forest in Brazil. The Brazil proposal is a new type of fund to protect tropical forests. To mow down a forest is usually lucrative. You can sell the wood and then clear areas for animals to graze or to mine for valuable ores or to grow corn or other crops year after year. This is how most of the tropical rainforests in the world have vanished in the past 25 years, including in Brazil. But the country is trying to change that. At COP30 in Belém, Brazil plans to announce an ambitious new fund designed to pay countries to keep their tropical forests standing. As many as 74 countries with tropical forests stand to gain a total of 4 billion dollars per year if they leave their forests alone.

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10 Brazil How thousands of fossil fuel lobbyists got access to UN climate talks – and then kept drilling Fossil fuels The Guardian **RAWSEP View** Coal plants are old and highly polluting although not as polluting as industrial wood burning plants Wood burning emits 2 point 8 times the PM 2 point 5 and CO2 as coal burning This is Burning Money Department of Energy Directs 100 million dollars to Modernize Declining Coal Plants The funding represents the Trump latest attempt at coal revitalization but updating the aging facilities of the nation would cost billions **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times November 3 2025 A Trump Order to Keep a Michigan Coal Plant Running Has Cost 80 Million dollars So Far A view of Consumers Energy JH Campbell coal fired power plant in West Olive Michigan The US Department of Energy has announced up to 100 million dollars in federal funding for projects modernizing the remaining coal plants in the nation **nearly half of which were slated to close by 2030** The investment a fraction of what would be needed for a comprehensive upgrade is unlikely to make coal power more affordable energy experts and advocates against coal say On Friday US Secretary of Energy Chris Wright issued the Notice of Funding Opportunity calling for applications to design implement or test refurbishments and retrofit systems that allow coal plants to operate more efficiently reliably and affordably The announcement outlined three key areas for development projects advanced wastewater management systems that enable plants to switch between coal and natural gas and advanced co firing systems that allow simultaneous combustion of both fuel types The funding comes just a month after the department announced 625 million dollars to expand and reinvigorate the coal industry of America That investment already included 350 million dollars to recommission closed coal power plants or modernize plants and 100 million dollars for the three development areas outlined in the announcement Friday The DOE did not respond to questions about why additional funds were announced just a month later The Trump investments in coal are a drop in the bucket of what would realistically be needed to revamp the plants said a manager in the electricity program at Energy Innovation a nonpartisan energy and climate policy research firm based in San Francisco Those types of retrofits for a single plant can cost hundreds of millions of dollars To do that for every plant in the coal fleet you are looking at billions of dollars And you would be putting those billions of dollars into clunkers Literally burning that money In April following the Trump Beautiful Clean Coal executive order the Department of Energy rolled out a series of actions intended to reinvigorate American coal production The department reinstated the National Coal Council as a federal advisory committee offered long term financing for coal infrastructure designated coal as a critical material and mineral and ended a moratorium prohibiting new coal mining leases on federal land The reliability of coal plants may be overstated by Trump Between 2013 and 2024 forced outage rates excluding planned outages for maintenance for coal exceeded those for other major sources of electricity including gas nuclear and hydroelectric power according to a report by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation Most coal plants in the U S were built before 1990 Keeping those plants running as they age requires more and more money leading utilities to schedule retirement dates for nearly half of all plants Solomon uses the analogy of car ownership to explain the decline of coal energy in the U S If you have a car that has 250000 miles on it very little is going to bring that car back to new she said You can only do so much when the infrastructure is that old

11 Brazil The Lula balancing act Cop30 Amazon summit juggles climate and social priorities Cop30 The Guardian **RAWSEP View** Halting the loss of forests will mean that less forests will be cut down to be burned and there will be less air pollution from wood burning **From the article headline** Cop30 The Lula balancing act Cop30 Amazon summit juggles climate and social priorities The president of Brazil

welcomes world leaders while navigating divided government promising action on deforestation and emissions How could the Tropical Forest Forever Facility tackle deforestation? Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The Guardian November 8 2025 The president of Brazil Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has welcomed world leaders to Belém for the first climate summit in the Amazon where conservationists hope he can be a champion for the rainforest and its people But with a divided administration a hostile Congress and 20th century developmentalist instincts this global figurehead of the center left has a balancing act to perform in advocating protection of nature and a reduction of emissions At the opening of the summit on Thursday he said his priority was social development but humanity had to make an energy transition and halt the loss of forests He said I am convinced that despite our difficulties and contradictions we need roadmaps to in a fair and planned way reverse deforestation overcome dependence on fossil fuels and mobilize the resources necessary for these objectives Those difficulties and contradictions have been starkly apparent in recent months in which the government has announced impressive progress in reducing deforestation while also pushing forward a number of projects that would open up the Amazon to extractivism First the good news Forest clearance in the Brazilian Amazon has fallen by 50 percent over the full three years of the Lula third term in office The latest annual government figures show the smallest area of clearance in 11 years This is largely thanks to the environment minister for Lula Marina Silva who has applied robust measures to counter land invasions illegal logging and wildcat mining As a result the Climate Observatory estimates the emissions of Brazil which are mainly determined by the health of its forests have fallen by 16 point 7 percent likely to be the steepest fall of any of the G20 economies These gains were front and center as Lula pitched for more nations to sign up to the Brazil flagship initiative at Cop30 the Tropical Forest Forever Facility which aims to raise 125 billion dollars which is 95 billion English pounds for the protection of standing forests So far the initiative has raised about 5 point 5 billion dollars with investments of 3 billion dollars from Norway 1 billion dollars each from Brazil and Indonesia and smaller sums from Portugal the Netherlands and other countries The money is desperately needed to stave off the rapidly growing danger that the biggest tropical forest in the world will decline beyond a point of no return after which it will be condemned to desiccate into a savannah Senior scientists have warned that this is already happening in wide areas of the Amazon particularly in the states of Matto Grosso where there has been a rapid expansion of soy plantations and Pará where the primary cause of destruction is the beef industry The weakening of the forest has also been accelerated by fire widely used for land clearance and the contamination of rivers with mercury which is used in gold mining Others spoke of mass fish deaths due to the heat contamination and low water levels and expressed fears that this will become worse when the river they depend on is privatized and turned into a canal for soy barges These uncomfortable topics and their politically difficult solutions were not raised during the speeches until the very end of the Lula visit when the environment minister Marina Silva asked for the microphone and reminded the president of Brazil why they were in the Amazon this month Cop30 is a place for us to say that Brazil will do its part eliminating deforestation And the world needs to do its part reducing emissions of coal oil and gas That is why I like it when sir you say it is necessary to stop depending on fossil fuels This was a reminder that in Belém Lula like many world leaders will have a good forest angel on one shoulder and a fossil fuel demon on the other The question is which will hold sway

12 Brazil Over 100 US leaders to attend Cop30 climate summit as Trump stays away Cop30 The Guardian Over 100 US leaders to attend Cop30 climate summit as Trump stays away Dozens of US state and local leaders will be at talks in Brazil with Trump team expected to send no representatives Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The Guardian November 7 2025 Nov 2025 The Trump administration appears to be sitting out the November 2025 United Nations climate talks

known as Cop30 The Trump administration will not deploy any high level representatives to the negotiations But dozens of US subnational leaders attend to promote their climate efforts This includes the New Mexico governor Michelle Lujan Grisham along with more than 100 other state and local US leaders Organized by the subnational climate coalitions America Is All In Climate Mayors and the US Climate Alliance the group will also include the **Wisconsin governor Tony Evers** Phoenix mayor Kate Gallego and others This is a mighty coalition representing some two thirds of Americans three quarters of our GDP and over 50 percent of greenhouse gas emissions said Todd Stern formerly special envoy for climate change under Barack Obama States in the US are competing in a friendly race to the top working to slash planet heating pollution while boosting their economies I hope that this is contagious Governor Grisham said The press call from Grisham came one day after elections across the US which delivered broad success for Democrats and progressives Over 30 climate mayors won last night said Gina McCarthy who served as a climate adviser to Joe Biden and environment chief under Obama On the call Grisham said New Mexico has in recent years increased oil and gas production but cut its methane output in half Her policy approach supports the development and use of renewables and fossil fuels alike which clean renewables Trump has turned away from Yet top United Nations climate experts have long warned that climate action requires the rapid phaseout of fossil fuels That is one reason Keanu Arpels Josiah lead organizer with youth led activist group Fridays For Future NYC was so excited by the Zohran Mamdani win in the New York City mayoral election this week Mamdani describes himself as an ecological socialist Mamdani has been a vocal backer of policies to phase fossil fuels out of buildings and **RAWSEP Interjection** there is hope that Mamdani can be a backer of ending indoor residential and restaurant wood burning in New York City **and back to the article** and efforts to stop the buildout of a gas pipeline At the climate talks his organization will highlight the Mamdani win as a sign that Americans are ready for true climate justice aligned policy that pushes towards the end of fossil fuel extractivism At Cop30 nations will discuss the implementation of the 2015 Paris climate agreement from which Trump pulled the US on his first day back in office this year In the days ahead of the negotiations the US interior secretary Doug Burgum appeared to have visited the second largest offshore oil field in the world while in the United Arab Emirates a signal that international climate efforts are not a priority Still concerns abound that officials will not ignore the climate talks completely with some fearing they will attempt to thwart climate action from afar But even if the Trump administration attempts to intervene it will not be successful said Stern I do not know whether they will try to intervene in any way but I honestly do not think countries here are going to care about it very much he said Countries of the world are in this agreement and they are not leaving

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