

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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In April 2009 the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association commissioned a national poll regarding global warming/climate change legislation. The poll found the following:

- 58% oppose paying more than they currently pay in their electricity bills to combat climate change.
- 50% oppose enacting a carbon tax to fund energy research.
- 55% (and 69% of working/lower class families) say a \$20 increase in their monthly electric bill would cause financial difficulty for their household.
- 68% disagree with the idea that Congress should enact a carbon tax to encourage consumers to cut back on their electricity usage.

The poll was conducted by Lauer Johnson Research and had a sample size of 807 with a +/- 3.5% sampling error rate. Full survey results can be found at <http://www.globalwarming.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/05/ecamemo1.pdf>