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Thanks Bijit.

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Federal PG&E Team,

There was a good article in yesterday Post that indicates this Administration is going to push through everything it can before January 20 (Congressional Review Act, which could overturn any rule adopted as of May 2016, be damned). Bottom line expect to see dozens of final rules coming out the next 1.5 months. GOP-led Congress could overturn those rules, but procedurally they may have a tough time overturning all of the rules.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/in-a-race-to-the-finish-obama-administration-presses-ahead-with-ambitious-rules/2016/11/30/125867d0-b0bf-11e6-be1c-8cec35b1ad25_story.html?utm_term=.1400b2ba903d

Some key excerpts below:

- *A GOP Senate leadership aide... ..said every committee is working to identify what rules under its jurisdiction might be reversed. Given the fact that each rule reversal takes up 10 hours of floor time in the Senate and that senators must also confirm key political nominees and pass a budget, the aide estimated that Congress was likely to overturn between five and seven of Obama's last rules.*
- *Speaking to reporters recently, Obama said that he recognized that when Donald Trump takes office and a new, GOP-controlled House and Senate are sworn in next year, "they will have the option of trying to undo some of those rules and regulations that we've put in place. And that's their prerogative. That's part of how democracy works. **But I feel very strongly these are the right things to do, and I'm going to make sure I do them.**"*
- *The Energy Department is working to finalize nearly a dozen separate efficiency rules that will affect equipment including furnaces, commercial boilers and portable air conditioners. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the energy saved over the lifetime of these products would be equal to roughly one-fifth of the total energy consumed by the United States in a single year.*

- *Palmieri said that in regard to new rules such as tighter energy efficiency standards, many manufacturers “are extraordinarily concerned about what it means, and what they have to do.”*

Thanks,

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