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## MAJOR COMMODITY COST COMPARISONS

6/29/2006

### BETWEEN 2004 AND PRESENT

#### STRUCTURAL STEEL

The following U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics are provided to indicate steel commodities increases:

WPU1017-- Metals and metal products -- Steel mill products  
May 2006/Jan 2004 = 167.2/115.4 = 45% increase

WPU101 -- Metal and metal products -- Iron and Steel  
May 2006/Jan 2004 = 183.7/134 = 37% increase

PCU332312332312121 -- Fabricated structural metal manufacturing -- Iron and steel for industrial buildings  
May 2006/Jan 2004 = 190.6/143.1 = 33% increase

#### PIPE

The following U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics are provided to indicate pipe commodities increases:

WPU101706 -- Metals and metal products -- Steel pipe and tube  
May 2006/Jan 2004 = 198.1/118.8 = 67% increase

PCU332996332996 -- Fabricated pipe & pipe fitting mfg -- Fabricated pipe & pipe fitting mfg  
May 2006/Jan 2004 = 214.3/159.1 = 35% increase

From London Metal Exchange:  
Nickel Metal Monthly Buying Price \$/CWT, London Metal Exchange  
June 2, 2006/January 1, 2004 = \$1,011.34/\$757.26 = 34% increase

#### CABLE AND WIRE

From COMMODITY ASSESSMENT, FILE NO. 142662.42.0100 SYSTEM ANALYSIS for BIG STONE II POWER PLANT  
Copper Metal Monthly Buying Price \$/CWT, London Metal Exchange  
May 06/Dec 04 = \$354.13/\$148.77 = 138% increase

The following U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics are provided to indicate wire and cable commodities increases:

PCU3359293359291 -- Other communication and energy wire mfg -- Power wire and cable, made in plants that draw wire  
May 2006/Jan 2004 = 194.8/118.6 = 64% increase



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**Producer Price Index-Commodities**

Series Id: WPU1017													
Not Seasonally Adjusted													
Group: Metals and metal products													
Item: Steel mill products													
Base Date: 8200													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
1996	116.6	115.2	114.7	114.9	115.2	115.6	115.5	115.9	116.3	116.0	115.7	115.6	115.6
1997	115.9	116.1	116.1	116.4	116.2	116.3	116.6	116.6	116.8	116.6	116.6	116.2	116.4
1998	115.9	115.9	115.5	115.4	115.1	115.1	114.8	114.3	113.3	111.8	110.2	108.7	113.8
1999	107.1	105.7	105.4	105.3	104.6	105.2	104.7	104.7	104.7	105.0	105.4	106.1	105.3
2000	107.3	107.9	108.5	109.7	110.2	110.0	109.9	108.9	108.6	107.6	106.2	105.5	108.4
2001	103.8	102.7	102.6	101.9	101.6	101.3	101.3	100.9	100.6	100.0	99.6	99.1	101.3
2002	98.3	98.3	99.6	101.0	102.3	104.5	106.0	107.3	109.7	110.4	110.4	110.1	104.8
2003	109.5	109.8	109.4	109.6	109.0	108.8	108.4	108.4	108.7	110.1	110.7	112.0	109.5
2004	115.4	122.5	129.6	139.1	146.8	147.0	151.1	157.9	161.1	163.3	165.7	166.7	147.2
2005	169.6	169.9	166.3	164.1	161.0	156.2	152.7	148.1	152.0	155.6	160.2	160.4	159.7
2006	163.5	160.6 (P)	161.1 (P)	162.6 (P)	167.2 (P)								
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**Producer Price Index-Commodities**

Series Id: WPU101 Not Seasonally Adjusted Group: Metals and metal products Item: Iron and steel Base Date: 8200													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
1996	127.0	126.3	125.7	125.9	126.3	126.2	125.8	126.2	126.4	125.5	124.3	124.2	125.8
1997	125.5	126.6	126.2	125.8	126.0	126.1	126.7	126.8	126.8	126.8	127.2	127.0	126.5
1998	127.0	126.6	125.7	125.5	125.3	125.0	124.2	122.6	120.5	117.6	115.6	114.5	122.5
1999	113.9	113.8	112.9	112.8	113.1	113.8	113.4	114.0	113.9	114.3	115.5	117.1	114.0
2000	118.3	118.2	118.4	119.0	118.4	117.6	117.1	116.2	116.1	114.7	112.8	112.4	116.6
2001	112.1	110.6	110.6	110.2	109.9	109.7	110.0	109.9	109.6	108.6	107.6	107.3	109.7
2002	107.1	107.7	109.0	110.8	112.9	114.7	115.9	117.0	118.6	118.9	118.2	117.9	114.1
2003	118.6	120.1	120.7	120.7	119.8	119.2	119.4	120.8	122.0	123.2	125.0	128.4	121.5
2004	134.0	143.6	150.3	154.4	155.3	155.2	166.0	174.2	174.0	178.9	182.4	180.6	162.4
2005	181.2	179.8	176.4	176.9	170.7	162.0	160.0	161.8	169.2	168.0	173.9	173.8	171.1
2006	174.7	175.4 (P)	176.5 (P)	179.2 (P)	183.7 (P)								
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**Producer Price Index Industry Data**

Series Id: PCU332312332312121													
Industry: Fabricated structural metal manufacturing													
Product: Iron and steel for industrial buildings													
Base Date: 8206													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
1996	136.8	137.0	136.9	137.3	137.3	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3	137.4	137.4	137.3	137.2
1997	137.3	137.3	137.8	137.9	138.0	138.0	138.1	138.1	138.1	138.5	138.5	139.4	138.1
1998	139.4	139.7	140.3	141.1	141.6	142.8	142.8	142.9	143.1	143.0	142.9	143.9	142.0
1999	143.5	143.6	143.7	143.7	143.8	143.9	143.9	144.4	144.4	145.1	146.7	146.9	144.5
2000	146.9	146.7	146.9	146.9	146.9	148.5	148.4	147.7	147.7	147.7	148.4	146.7	147.4
2001	146.4	146.2	146.1	145.3	145.3	144.9	143.9	144.1	144.2	143.4	143.6	143.5	144.7
2002	143.4	142.6	142.3	142.8	142.6	142.4	142.1	141.8	141.7	141.3	140.7	140.4	142.0
2003	139.6	139.4	139.2	138.3	138.3	138.1	138.8	138.8	138.3	138.2	139.5	141.1	139.0
2004	143.1	149.2	152.3	162.1	161.6	171.5	171.8	172.5	172.6	177.6	177.8	177.8	165.8
2005	178.0	178.2	178.5	179.3	179.3	179.3	177.6	177.4	179.0	184.6	184.6	184.8	180.1
2006	186.9	191.6 (P)	190.6 (P)	190.4 (P)	190.6 (P)								
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**Producer Price Index-Commodities**

Series Id: WPU101706													
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Group: Metals and metal products													
Item: Steel pipe and tube													
Base Date: 8206													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
1996	102.9	102.8	103.3	102.9	103.5	103.0	103.2	103.3	103.3	103.7	103.6	103.4	103.2
1997	105.2	105.2	105.4	105.8	106.0	106.9	106.8	106.9	107.7	108.6	108.7	109.2	106.9
1998	108.6	111.7	111.5	111.3	111.0	111.0	110.0	109.5	109.1	108.2	106.8	104.5	109.4
1999	102.9	102.8	102.0	102.4	102.0	102.0	101.5	102.2	102.2	102.7	103.0	104.4	102.5
2000	104.8	104.8	105.6	106.4	107.1	107.5	108.0	107.1	107.6	107.7	106.2	106.0	106.6
2001	105.4	104.4	104.9	104.8	104.3	104.5	104.3	104.0	103.7	103.3	102.6	102.1	104.0
2002	101.2	100.4	101.7	104.7	104.0	107.2	108.2	108.1	110.5	111.1	111.2	111.4	106.7
2003	112.0	113.6	113.2	113.4	112.8	113.2	113.6	113.2	113.0	113.5	113.6	115.1	113.3
2004	118.8	126.2	136.4	152.6	163.4	173.3	179.1	183.9	188.6	191.1	191.5	191.1	166.3
2005	195.9	196.8	197.6	196.4	195.9	193.4	189.2	188.2	189.5	191.2	192.3	193.4	193.3
2006	196.2	194.2 (P)	195.0 (P)	197.1 (P)	198.1 (P)								
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**Producer Price Index Industry Data**

Series Id: PC0332996332996													
Industry: Fabricated pipe & pipe fitting mfg													
Product: Fabricated pipe & pipe fitting mfg													
Base Date: 8106													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
1996	146.3	147.4	147.9	147.9	148.4	148.4	148.5	148.3	149.0	148.7	148.7	148.4	148.2
1997	150.1	150.2	150.5	151.1	151.2	151.6	152.1	152.3	152.5	152.8	152.5	152.3	151.6
1998	152.0	151.9	151.4	151.1	151.6	151.5	150.2	149.9	148.9	149.0	148.5	147.8	150.3
1999	146.1	145.3	144.8	145.1	144.8	145.3	146.4	146.3	146.8	147.2	148.3	148.7	146.2
2000	149.7	149.9	151.5	151.4	151.5	151.2	151.2	151.3	151.2	152.2	152.3	152.4	151.3
2001	152.8	152.6	153.4	152.7	153.0	152.8	153.2	153.1	152.8	152.3	152.5	153.0	152.9
2002	152.5	152.0	152.5	152.7	153.1	152.9	154.0	154.7	154.3	154.9	155.6	155.1	153.7
2003	155.1	155.2	156.3	156.8	157.8	156.0	155.2	155.5	156.2	155.8	154.7	156.5	155.9
2004	159.1	165.7	175.7	184.8	189.0	193.1	193.7	195.9	196.1	199.1	198.8	198.7	187.4
2005	202.7	202.8	204.8	205.6	206.4	206.4	205.9	205.1	204.9	205.9	210.1	212.4	206.1
2006	213.4	214.3 (P)	214.1 (P)	213.8 (P)	214.3 (P)								
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# Nickel

London Metal Exchange		
	\$/Metric Tonne	\$/CWT
1/1/2004	\$16,690	757.26
1/6/2004	\$17,770	806.26
2/2/2004	\$15,610	\$708.26
3/1/2004	\$14,950	\$678.31
4/1/2004	\$13,885	\$630.00
4/28/2004	\$10,925	\$495.69
5/14/2004	\$10,765	\$488.43
5/28/2004	\$11,980	\$543.56
6/11/2004	\$12,630	\$573.05
6/28/2004	\$14,800	\$671.51
07/05/04	\$15,750	\$714.61
07/16/04	\$15,050	\$682.85
07/30/04	\$14,110	\$640.20
8/13/2004	\$13,250	\$601.18
8/30/2004	\$12,870	\$583.94
9/10/2004	\$12,275	\$566.54
9/24/2004	\$14,750	\$669.24
10/8/2004	\$16,585	\$752.50
10/22/2004	\$13,410	\$608.43
11/5/2004	\$14,030	\$636.57
11/19/2004	\$13,800	\$626.13
12/3/2004	\$13,075	\$593.72
12/17/2004	\$13,305	\$603.68
12/31/2004	\$15,200	\$689.66
1/14/2005	\$14,650	\$664.70
1/28/2005	\$14,625	\$663.57
2/11/2005	\$15,270	\$692.83
2/25/2005	\$16,130	\$731.85
3/11/2005	\$16,205	\$735.25
3/25/2005	\$16,850	\$764.52
4/8/2005	\$16,420	\$745.01
4/22/2005	\$16,245	\$737.07
5/6/2005	\$16,795	\$762.02
5/20/2005	\$16,740	\$759.54
6/3/2005	\$17,290	\$784.48
6/17/2005	\$16,650	\$755.44
7/1/2005	\$14,350	\$651.09
7/15/2005	\$14,705	\$667.20
7/29/2005	\$14,450	\$655.63
8/12/2005	\$15,550	\$705.54
8/26/2005	\$15,015	\$681.26
9/8/2005	\$14,800	\$671.51
9/23/2005	\$13,810	\$626.59
10/7/2005	\$13,090	\$593.92
10/21/2005	\$11,800	\$535.39
11/4/2005	\$11,550	\$524.05
11/18/2005	\$11,925	\$541.06
12/2/2005	\$12,670	\$574.86
12/16/2005	\$13,500	\$612.52
12/30/2005	\$13,375	\$606.85
1/13/2006	\$14,400	\$653.36
1/27/2006	\$14,700	\$666.97
2/9/2006	\$15,270	\$692.83
2/24/2006	\$14,760	\$669.69
3/10/2006	\$14,650	\$664.70
3/24/2006	\$15,060	\$683.30
4/7/2006	\$16,650	\$755.44
4/21/2006	\$19,150	\$868.87
5/5/2006	\$19,945	\$904.95
5/19/2006	\$21,070	\$955.99
6/2/2006	\$22,290	\$1,011.34

Structural Steel & Copper Pricing Trends

	Structural Steel Monthly Buying Price \$/ton			Mill Charges	Mill Price to Fabricators
	Auto Scrap Baseline	Auto Scrap Surcharge	Total Scrap Price		
Dec '03	\$162	\$0	\$162	\$278	\$440
Dec '04	162	143	305	333	638
Dec '05	162	103	265	418	683
Jan '06	162	88	250	433	683
Feb '06	162	63	225	458	683
Mar '06	162	88	250	433	683
Apr '06	162	88	250	433	683
May '06	162	96	258	445	703

	Copper Metal Monthly Buying Price \$/ton London Metal Exchange			NYMEX COMEX CWT
	Per Metric Ton	\$ Per Pound	CWT	
Dec '03	\$2,700.0	\$0.90	\$90.15	\$108.50
Dec '04	3,279.0	1.49	\$148.77	148.70
Dec '05	4,584.0	2.08	\$207.99	199.00
Jan '06	4,942.0	2.24	\$224.23	223.40
Feb '06	4,965.0	2.25	\$225.27	220.80
Mar '06	5,260.5	2.39	\$238.68	239.45
Apr '06	6,706.0	3.04	\$304.26	310.50
May '06	7,805.0	3.54	\$354.13	349.10



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**Producer Price Index Industry Data**

Series Id: PCU3359293359291													
Industry: Other communication and energy wire mfg													
Product: Power wire and cable, made in plants that draw wire													
Base Date: 8212													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
1996	119.7	120.0	120.3	121.0	123.4	120.1	116.2	116.1	115.7	117.6	116.0	117.2	118.6
1997	118.0	118.1	120.2	118.6	119.9	119.5	119.6	119.3	117.7	116.5	115.5	114.0	118.1
1998	112.7	112.6	112.7	113.6	112.1	111.8	111.4	111.0	111.6	112.3	112.0	110.8	112.1
1999	110.2	110.0	111.2	110.9	110.1	109.9	110.7	109.6	112.8	113.3	114.4	112.6	111.3
2000	113.6	115.9	120.7	122.3	124.0	120.9	118.3	118.4	118.9	118.1	118.8	117.3	118.9
2001	117.7	117.8	116.5	114.5	113.2	113.8	109.6	112.3	111.5	110.2	109.9	108.8	113.0
2002	110.4	110.2	111.2	110.4	112.4	111.9	110.0	109.4	108.6	107.6	106.4	108.1	109.7
2003	110.6	108.2	110.8	110.2	116.9	118.3	114.2	119.5	119.2	116.4	116.8	115.5	114.7
2004	118.6	120.1	119.6	128.3	123.7	122.8	122.5	122.0	125.0	134.1	137.3	132.8	125.6
2005	132.9	137.7	139.5	139.3	137.1	142.2	151.9	146.4	153.9	155.1	168.3	177.4	148.5
2006	176.1	170.8 (P)	175.2 (P)	183.2 (P)	194.8 (P)								
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