



KEEPING CURRENT

WITH **MARYLANDERS FOR RELIABLE POWER**

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HIGH LINES

Welcome to *Keeping Current*, a bi-weekly update for members of Marylanders for Reliable Power. In the weeks ahead, you'll receive this every other Wednesday. Regular features will include news of the coalition's activities and media coverage and information about and for use by members. We want to make this tool as useful as possible, so please feel free to suggest content or coverage by contacting us at KeepingCurrent@gmail.com. If you'd like to add recipients to the mailing list, or receive *Keeping Current* by fax, please let us know. You can also reach us at 410/295-2959.

MEET THE SPOKESMAN

One of the reason MDRP is becoming a leading authority on the state's electricity shortage is [H. Russell Frisby](#), the coalition spokesman. Russell represents the coalition throughout the state, carrying our message through numerous speaking engagements before chambers of commerce, civic clubs and economic development organizations. In addition, he authors opinion pieces for publication, conducts broadcast interviews and responds to media inquiries.

Currently a partner with the Washington DC-based law firm Fleischman and Harding, Russell's more than 20 years of practice has been concentrated in communications, energy and technology. He served as chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission from 1995 to 1998.

Russell's civic and cultural involvement has includes founding the Baltimore City Chamber of Commerce and service on the boards of the Baltimore Urban League, the Baltimore Museum of Art, the B&O Railroad Museum and the United Way of Central Maryland. Russell is a graduate of Swarthmore College and Yale University Law School.

CONSERVATION TIP

Encourage energy conservation through company policy, education and incentives; designate an "energy savers team" to encourage other employees and monitor participation in energy conservation.

SHOCKING FACT

This year's electricity consumption in Maryland is estimated at more than 70 million kilowatts – nearly 300 percent more than the state's electricity usage in 1980.



MEET THE MEMBERS

One thing is for certain: there is no typical member of MDRP. Despite the diversity, they all share a concern for the imminent shortage of electricity faced in Maryland and solid reasons for wanting to ensure that the public is aware of the solutions to this shortage. Since announcing the coalition in May, MDRP has welcomed [35 Members](#), ranging from business associations to labor unions and individual businesses of all sizes. Some members have statewide customers and constituents, while others are local or regional. Interests range from professional services to manufacturing and distribution. Health care, utilities, construction, and retail sales are part of the mix. In the coming weeks, we'll profile members to better acquaint others with membership and keep readers posted as new members join the coalition.

UPCOMING MARYLANDERS FOR RELIABLE POWER PRESENTATIONS

(To request a presentation call 410/295-2959 or email KeepingCurrent@gmail.com)

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| 9/22/08 | Southern Maryland Tri-County Council |
| 9/26/08 | Maryland Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives |
| 10/2/08 | Cecil/Kent County Chamber of Commerce |
| 10/7/08 | LaVale Lions Club |

10/14/08 Fredericktowne Rotary Club

MDRP IN THE NEWS

[Md.'s energy future bleak, ex-regulator tells Hagerstown crowd](#) (Hagerstown Herald-Mail), 9/11/08

[Coalition pushes for more power](#) (Gazette Newspapers), 9/5/08

[State Braces for Possible Brownouts, Seeks Answers](#) (The Business Monthly), September Issue

[Facing a dim future?](#) (Baltimore Sun), 8/14/08

FLASHES FROM THE WIRE

[Lights Out](#) (Carroll County Times) 9/7/08

[Thinking about renewable energy](#) (New York Times), 9/6/08

[Across State Lines](#) (Washington Post), 9/2/08

