



**A million here, a million there....** A three-judge panel at the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit says no, **Nevada** can't get more money than Congress earmarked to assist state lawsuits delaying a spent nuclear fuel repository planned since 1982. The Department of Energy has spent millions bankrolling Nevada officials' fight against the project the Department of Energy is trying to build, and no, that is not a typo. Congress OK'd \$1 million for 2004 and Nevada sued, seeking \$4 million more. Nevada won't appeal. **A penny saved** and maybe lots more, as **Wisconsin** lawmakers advance a measure allowing utilities building or buying power plants to lock in the rate of cost recovery in advance. Bipartisan supporters say the added certainty will cut interest costs, curbing infrastructure-related rate hikes. The senate agrees, 32–0. **Sound of one hand *not* clapping?** The *Wall Street Journal* status report on retail electric competition shows it's a dud in five big states (MI, NY, OH, PA, TX). Most have few or no power providers seeking residential customers; TX has "lively" competition only because incumbent utilities' rates—from 9+ to almost 14¢ per kilowatt-hour are easy to beat, by a little.