



Discussion guide for *Kilowatt Ours*:

The following questions were prepared to move groups beyond the technical and scientific issues raised in *Kilowatt Ours* to consideration of the moral, spiritual and faith dimensions. We welcome additional suggestions, which can be sent to info@ncipl.org.

1. What was one of the strongest images in the film for you? Can you identify what you were feeling?
2. Name one thing in *Kilowatt Ours* that surprised you, or that is new information for you—something you did not know before.
3. What is your comfort level with the film and the issues of global warming and pollution it raises? Do you trust the information? Where else could you seek comparable information?
4. What does the film say to you about how we use resources, about consumerism? About how one's lifestyle can affect unseen others?
5. The issues Barrie raises: Are they only technical and scientific issues? Or are they political as well? How so? Would you go so far as to say they are also moral or ethical issues? If so, how so? What changes in your thinking if you approach them from a moral perspective?
6. Do these issues have anything to do with your faith? With your relation to the Creator? Are there biblical passages or spiritual teachings that come to mind that inform your perspective?
7. What is the responsibility of the faith community to provide leadership in addressing these issues of pollution and global warming? What should your congregation be doing?
8. The film makes several suggestions for action that individuals, organizations, businesses and schools can take, such as: replacing light bulbs with CFLs; switching off electronic devices when not in use; upgrading appliances to Energy Star products; weatherizing and sealing windows, doors, etc; buying green power; adjusting the thermostat; using renewable power sources like solar, wind, geo-thermal; and more. Brainstorm realistic steps that you and/or your congregation can take.

We at North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light believe that protecting God's creation is a moral responsibility, and that by responding to global climate change, we are practicing stewardship for Creation and recognizing our commitment to those who come after us.

We invite you to join your prayers, intentions, and actions to those of other individuals and congregations in North Carolina who are dedicated to preserving the health of our people and protecting the integrity of North Carolina's ecosystems.

As a sign of your commitment, we encourage you to take the pledge on the accompanying card to reduce your energy use by 10% within one year. To calculate energy usage, go to one of the following websites: www.cool-it.us; or www.ncgreenpower.org; or take the pledge at www.kilowattours.org. To track your reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, please use our document entitled *Ten Simple Things You Can Do To Reduce Global Warming*.