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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
9 AGENCY'S PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR EXISTING FOSSIL
10 FUEL-FIRED POWER PLANTS.
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20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
21 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 WHEREAS, Arkansas currently enjoys electricity prices that are
24 significantly below the national average price of electricity; and
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26 WHEREAS, Arkansas has benefited from a diverse mix of electricity
27 sources that includes coal, nuclear, natural gas, renewable resources,
28 and other sources; and
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30 WHEREAS, maintaining a diverse, reliable, and affordable
31 electricity supply is vital to Arkansas's economic growth, jobs, and
32 the overall well-being of its citizens; and
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34 WHEREAS, on June 2, 2014, the United States Environmental
35 Protection Agency (EPA) issued proposed guidelines limiting carbon
36 dioxide emissions from fossil fuel-fired power plants in Arkansas and



1 other states under § 111(d) of the Clean Air Act; and

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3 WHEREAS, EPA’s proposal requires the State of Arkansas to reduce
4 the carbon dioxide emissions rate of its electric generating fleet by
5 more than forty percent (40%), the sixth-largest emission reduction
6 requirement of any state; and

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8 WHEREAS, EPA’s proposal is based on emission-reduction measures
9 that directly involve the regulation of electricity, which is the
10 prerogative of the states; and

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12 WHEREAS, EPA’s proposal will have a major impact on the electric
13 ratepayers of Arkansas, especially low-income and middle-income
14 families, and the economy of the State of Arkansas,

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16 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH
17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 THAT the Senate finds that EPA’s proposed guidelines for reducing
20 carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel-fired power plants under §
21 111(d) of the Clean Air Act interfere with the sovereign power of the
22 State of Arkansas to regulate electricity and to determine the mix of
23 energy resources that ensures reliable and affordable supplies of
24 electricity for its citizens. The Senate urges the Governor, the
25 Attorney General, the Arkansas Public Service Commission, and the
26 Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to provide comments to EPA
27 regarding the proposed guidelines and the adverse impacts of EPA’s
28 proposal on the economy of Arkansas and its citizens.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate urges EPA to withdraw the
31 proposed guidelines for reducing carbon dioxide emissions from fossil
32 fuel-fired power plants under § 111(d) of the Clean Air Act and propose
33 new guidelines that respect the primacy of the State of Arkansas to
34 determine the emission reduction requirements that are in the best
35 interest of its citizens.

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