

1 INTERIM RESOLUTION 2013-007

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3 RESOLVING THAT THE INTERIM SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND
4 COMMERCE AND THE INTERIM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND
5 COMMERCE OPPOSE THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.S.
6 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S PROPOSED RULE FOR PERFORMANCE
7 STANDARDS FOR REDUCING CARBON DIOXIDE (CO2) EMISSIONS FROM
8 EXISTING POWER PLANTS UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ACT SECTION 111(D)
9 ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 2, 2014.

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11 INTERIM SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND COMMERCE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH
12 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INTERIM SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND COMMERCE AND
14 THE INTERIM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND COMMERCE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH
15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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17 WHEREAS, the joint meeting of the Interim Senate Committee on Insurance
18 and Commerce and the Interim House Committee on Insurance and Commerce on
19 August 12, 2014, heard presentations from various regulatory and industry
20 representatives concerning the impact of the U.S. Environmental Protection
21 Agency's Clean Power Plan Proposed Rule on Arkansas's Electric Rates; and

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23 WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced its
24 proposed rule for performance standards for reducing carbon dioxide (CO2)
25 emissions from existing power plants under the Clean Air Act Section 111(d)
26 on June 2, 2014; and

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28 WHEREAS, the proposed rule requires each state to reduce its CO2
29 emissions rate from existing fossil fuel plants to meet state-specific
30 standards (in pounds per MWh) starting in 2020, with a final rate for 2030
31 and beyond; and

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33 WHEREAS, the proposed rule will be devastating to the state's economy
34 and energy industry and is therefore contrary to the public policy of the
35 State of Arkansas,

1 NOW, THEREFORE,
2 BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE INTERIM SENATE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND
3 COMMERCE AND THE INTERIM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND COMMERCE OF THE
4 EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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6 THAT the Interim Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce and the
7 Interim House Committee on Insurance and Commerce oppose the adoption and
8 implementation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule
9 for performance standards for reducing carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from
10 existing power plants under the Clean Air Act Section 111(d) announced on
11 June 2, 2014.
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14 Respectfully submitted,
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18 Senator Jason Rapert, Chair
19 District 35
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23 Representative Tommy Wren, Chair
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28 Representative Kim Hammer, Non-voting member
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33 Representative Joe Jett, Non-voting member
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