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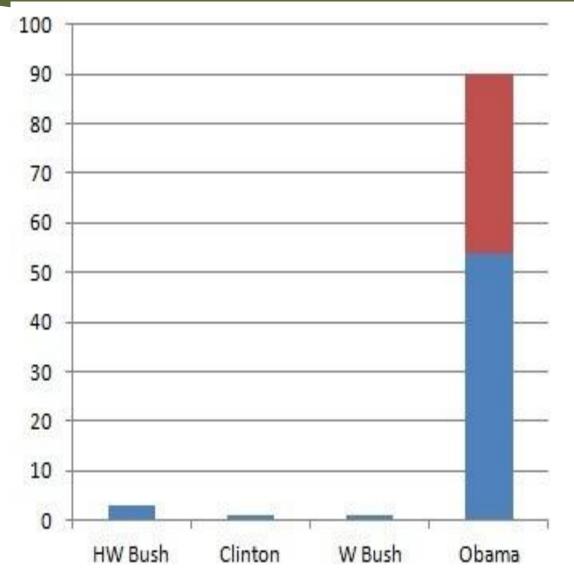
### **EPA Mandates for Arkansas**

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# Clean Air Act FIPs



State programs under threat of Clean Air Act federal takeover

Clean Air Actfederal takeovers of state programs

Source: William Yeatman – globalwarming.org

# Texas Regional Haze Victory

- EPA Regional Haze FIP targeted 15 coal-fueled plants (8 scrubbers and 7 upgrades)
- ERCOT predicted the closure of 3,000 8,400 MW of coalfueled power
- EPN joined with a small group of Balance Energy Texas members in filing an intervention in support of the State of Texas
- 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals **ruled in favor** of Texas
- The Court 'Stayed' the implementation of the rule



# **Big Bend National Park**



# New Battleground - Arkansas

#### White Bluff – 1,657 MW

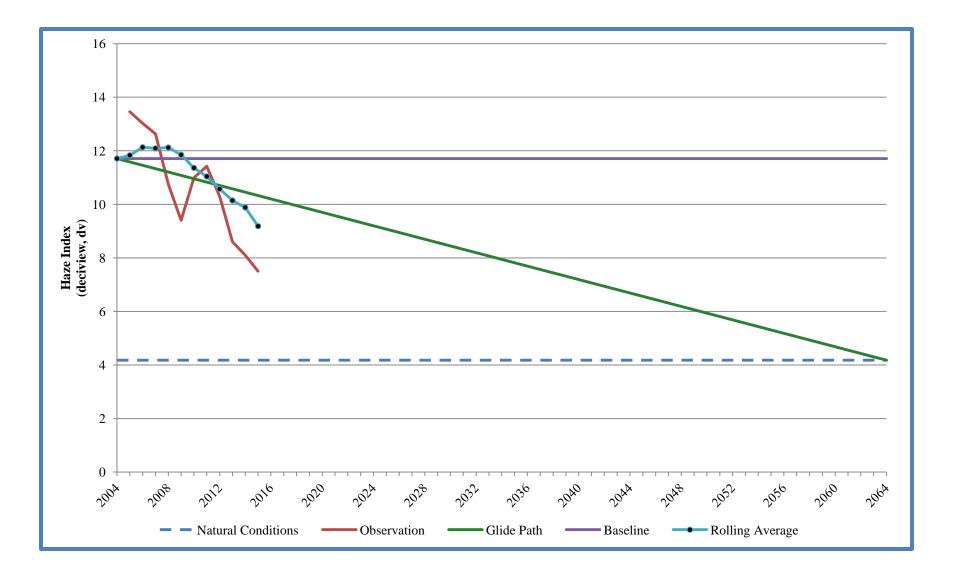


#### Independence – 1,678 MW

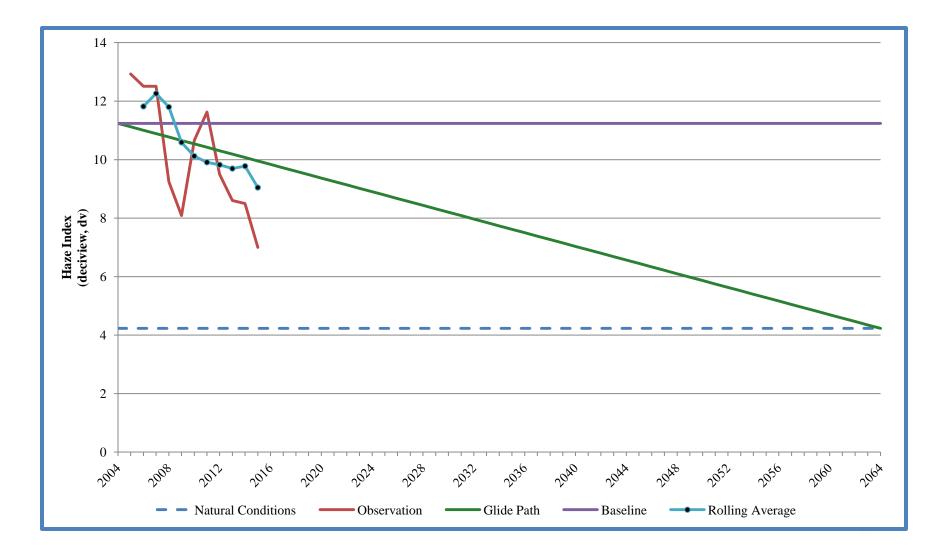


- U.S. EPA issued a Regional Haze FIP calls for Scrubbers on all four units
- CAA sets a **deadline of 5 year** for the power plant to come into compliance
- Estimated cost **\$2 billion**

### Reasonable Progress Assessment - Upper Buffalo Wilderness Area



### Reasonable Progress Assessment - Caney Creek Wilderness Area



## Arkansas's Response

# Strong response from both the Governor and ADEQ



"EPA's mandates to impose billions of dollars in economic costs without clear health or environmental benefits is questionable at best and irrational at worst."

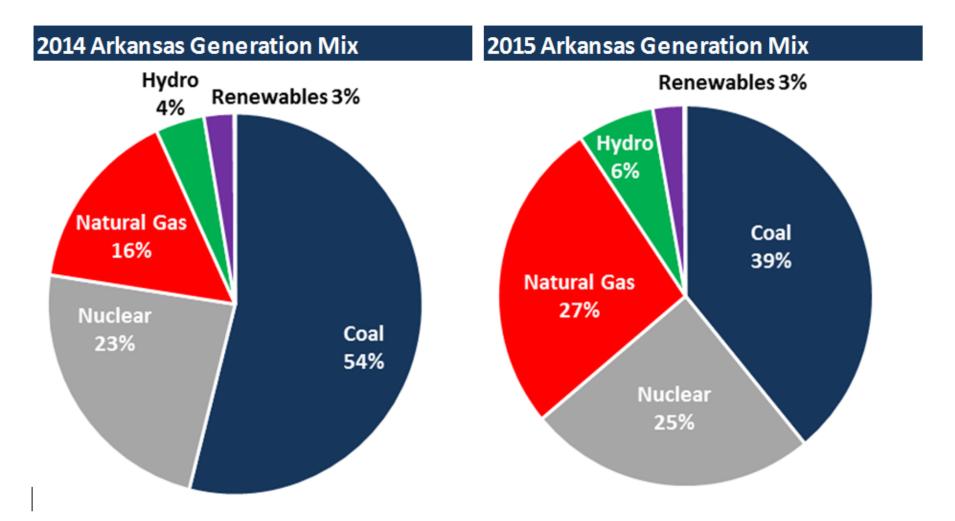
"I am mindful of litigation in surrounding states regarding their haze plans and I have directed ADEQ to work with the Arkansas Attorney General to pursue all available legal remedies."

Gov. Asa Hutchison

"This Federal Plan mandates controls that are both unnecessary and costly and does not take into account the real progress Arkansas has made...

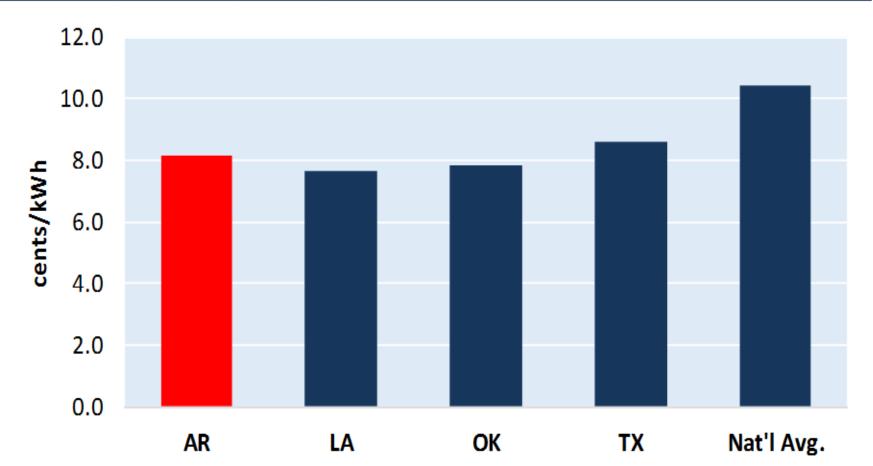
Dir. Becky Keogh

### Arkansas Fuel Mix



### 22% Below National Average

### 2015 Average Electricity Rate by State









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