

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 CONCURRENT
6 RESOLUTION NO. 39

By: Bingman, Aldridge, Allen,
Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Boggs,
Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley,
Brooks, Brown, Burrage,
Coates, Crain, Dahm, David,
Ellis, Fields, Ford,
Garrison, Griffin,
Halligan, Holt, Ivester,
Johnson (Rob), Jolley,
Justice, Loveless, Marlatt,
Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry,
Paddack, Schulz, Sharp,
Shaw, Shortey, Shumate,
Simpson, Sparks,
Standridge, Stanislawski,
Sykes, Treat and Wyrick of
the Senate

and

Schwartz of the House

18 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States
19 Environmental Protection Agency to allow states to
20 regulate carbon dioxide emissions from certain
21 electric generation facilities; and directing
22 distribution.

1 WHEREAS, a reliable and affordable energy supply is vital to
2 Oklahoma's economic growth, jobs and the overall interests of its
3 citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, fossil fuels provide affordable and reliable
5 electricity to the citizens of Oklahoma; and

6 WHEREAS, carbon regulations for existing fossil-fueled power
7 plants could threaten the affordability and reliability of
8 Oklahoma's electricity supplies, and therefore, threaten the
9 wellbeing of its citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, on June 25, 2013, the President of the United States
11 directed the Administrator of the United States Environmental
12 Protection Agency (EPA) to issue standards, regulations or
13 guidelines to address carbon dioxide emissions from new, existing,
14 modified and reconstructed fossil-fueled power plants; and

15 WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act requires EPA to establish a
16 "procedure" under which each state shall develop a plan for
17 establishing and implementing standards of performance for existing
18 sources within the state; and

19 WHEREAS, the EPA's existing regulations provide that states may
20 adopt "less stringent emissions standards or longer compliance
21 schedules" than EPA's guidelines based on factors such as
22 "unreasonable cost of control", "physical impossibility of
23 installing necessary control equipment" or other factors that make
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1 less stringent standards or longer compliance times "significantly
2 more reasonable"; and

3 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of electricity consumers in
4 this state to continue to benefit from reliable, affordable
5 electricity provided by fossil-based electricity generating plants.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
7 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

9 THAT Oklahoma urges the United States Environmental Protection
10 Agency (EPA), in developing guidelines for regulating carbon dioxide
11 emissions from existing power plants, to respect the primacy of
12 Oklahoma and other states and to rely on state regulators to develop
13 performance standards for carbon dioxide emissions that take into
14 account the unique policies, energy needs, resource mix and economic
15 priorities of Oklahoma and other states; and

16 THAT the EPA should issue guidelines and approve state-
17 established performance standards that are based on reductions of
18 carbon dioxide emissions achievable by measures undertaken at
19 fossil-fueled electric generation facilities; and

20 THAT Oklahoma and other states should be given maximum
21 flexibility by EPA to implement carbon dioxide performance standards
22 for fossil-fueled electric generation facilities within their
23 jurisdiction.

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1 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the members of
2 the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and Gina McCarthy,
3 Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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5 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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