

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 HOUSE

5 RESOLUTION 1012

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution calling on the Attorney General to
10 oppose the Environmental Protection Agency's Federal
11 Implementation Plan of the Cross-State Air Pollution
12 Standards to reinforce Oklahoma's right to regulate
13 its own public utilities in a manner that best serves
14 the citizens of Oklahoma.

15 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's public utilities have provided affordable,
16 reliable power to Oklahoma ratepayers for over a century; and

17 WHEREAS, Power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen
18 oxide in Oklahoma have decreased by forty percent (40%) since 2011
19 without federal interference by the Environmental Protection Agency,
20 even as power generation has increased; and

21 WHEREAS, Oklahoma developed and submitted a State Implementation
22 Plan to further reduce greenhouse gasses that was summarily rejected
23 by the Environmental Protection Agency without expressing concerns
24 or opening a dialogue with state ratepayers or policymakers; and

1 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's Federal
2 Implementation Plan for Cross-State Air Pollution Standards will
3 cripple public utilities by forcing the premature closure of power
4 plants; decreasing power grid stability and reliability; increasing
5 ratepayer costs across the state; and creating job losses in the
6 power sector; and

7 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has filed suit to stop the Environmental
8 Protection Agency from establishing new standards for emissions that
9 will unfairly penalize our state; and

10 WHEREAS, the ability for a state to manage and regulate its
11 public utilities is critical to preserving states' rights.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives calls on the Attorney
15 General to make every legal effort to oppose the Environmental
16 Protection Agency's Federal Implementation Plan of the Cross-State
17 Air Pollution Standards in order to further reinforce Oklahoma's
18 right to regulate its public utilities in a manner that best serves
19 the citizens of Oklahoma.

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