

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION 1012

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's Federal Implementation Plan for Cross-State Air Pollution Standards will

1 cripple public utilities by forcing the premature closure of power
2 plants; decreasing power grid stability and reliability; increasing
3 ratepayer costs across the state; and creating job losses in the
4 power sector; and

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

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

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

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

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