

**The Clean Energy Group's Clean Air Policy Initiative Urges Members of the House of Representatives to Oppose Efforts to Prevent the Implementation of the Clean Air Act Regulations on the Interior Appropriations Bill**

**July 27, 2011** – The Clean Energy Group's Clean Air Policy Initiative urges Members of the House of Representatives to oppose any efforts to prevent the timely implementation of the air quality regulations required by the Clean Air Act through the FY2012 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill currently pending consideration in the House. Both the Utility Toxics Rule and the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule will achieve important air quality, health, and economic benefits. Our companies' experience complying with air quality regulations demonstrates that regulations can yield important economic benefits while maintaining reliability.

The industry has long anticipated the release of these rules and many companies have already begun to install the necessary controls. Additionally, the Clean Air Act provides the electric sector sufficient time to comply with the rules. To the extent that additional time is required for the control of mercury and other air toxics, the Clean Air Act provides EPA and the states the authority to provide extensions to those units needing more time to install controls.

Regulatory certainty is critical for the electric power industry to be able to make long-term capital investments, and these rules provide the incentives needed for investment in a modern electric power system. As demonstrated in the recent PJM and ISO-New England forward capacity market auctions for 2014 and 2015, companies are already factoring in the capital expenditures that will be required to comply with both the Utility Toxics Rule and Cross-State Air Pollution Rule.

We are committed to working with EPA to ensure the regulations are implemented in a timely manner and consistent with the Clean Air Act, and we urge Members of the House of Representatives to oppose any provisions that prevent EPA from implementing these important regulations.

The Clean Energy Group's Clean Air Policy Initiative is a coalition of electric power companies dedicated to responsible energy and environmental stewardship. The member companies are some of the nation's largest generators of electricity, with over 170,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity (including 110,000 megawatts of fossil generating capacity) throughout the U.S., and serve nearly a fifth of all U.S. electric customers.

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