



## A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE OVER-REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN UTAH

WHEREAS, States have traditionally reserved the important and critical right to regulate their own public utilities,

WHEREAS, Utah's public utilities have provided affordable, reliable power to our ratepayers,

WHEREAS, Power plants are not solely responsible for ozone depletion,

WHEREAS, Power plant emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> have decreased significantly in Utah and nationwide, even as power generation has increased as the ozone layer has recovered,

WHEREAS, heavy-handed regulation will result in the degradation of our public utilities and power generation economy,

WHEREAS, Utah will be required to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by 12% of the national total when we contribute just 1.4% of the national total,

WHEREAS, the EPA's Federal Implementation Plan for Cross State Air Pollution Standards will hamstring public utilities and will:

- Force premature closures of power plants due to unrealistic goals, impractical timelines and increased costs due to compliance
- Decrease power grid stability and reliability
- Increase ratepayer costs across the state
- Create job losses in the power sector
- Effectively transfer the state power of public utility regulation to the Federal Government

WHEREAS, nationally, according to the EPA's 2020 Air Trends Report, found at <https://gispub.epa.gov/air/trendsreport/2020/#home>, concentrations of air pollutants have dropped significantly since 1990, even though during this same period, the U.S. economy continued to grow, Americans drove more miles, and population and energy use increased:

WHEREAS, since 1970, implementation of the Clean Air Act, technological advances from American innovators have dramatically improved air quality in the U.S. Since that time, the combined emissions of criteria and precursor pollutants have dropped by 77% and

WHEREAS, the Federal Implementation Plan for Cross State Air Pollution Standards does not account for air pollution that originates in other countries. Heavy-handed federal regulations will do nothing to reduce air pollution in countries (predominately in Africa and Asia) where large populations and lower environmental standards result in combustion of the heaviest polluting fuels, generating air pollutants that are circulated worldwide.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the undersigned do hereby fully oppose the EPA's Federal Implementation Plan of the Cross State Air Pollution Standards. And further urge other states to join Utah and to consider legal action to stop the FIP from being implemented in their own states.

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