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Commission calls Supreme Court decision to put Clean Air Plan Enforcement on Hold a Win

(Phoenix) The Supreme Court ruled today to temporarily freeze a federal regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Power plan that would force states to drastically reduce carbon emissions by 2030.

Arizona is one of 27 states that filed suit against the EPA arguing the plan will devastate the coal industry resulting in job losses and skyrocketing electricity bills for customers. The Rule requires states to reduce carbon emission from electric-generating plants by 32 percent below the 2005 levels by 2030. It is estimated that rule could cost over \$25 billion annually and consumers could see a 10 percent or more increase in their bills.

"Today's decision by the Supreme Court to stay the implementation of the Clean Power Plan represents a stunning defeat for the EPA and the Obama Administration," said Chairman Doug Little. "The stay underlines the broadly held perception of EPA overreach and confirms that the rule, as written, would cause irreparable harm. The EPA should not be in the business of setting energy policy using the guise of reducing carbon emissions. Implementation of this rule would have cost Arizonans billions of dollars and would have wreaked havoc on rural communities that rely on clean-coal power generation. Arizona ratepayers would have seen electric rates skyrocket had this rule gone into effect. I applaud the work of our Attorney General and the Commission's legal team in representing Arizona in the lawsuit we filed against the EPA with West Virginia and 25 other states."