



## A Unified Voice for Reasonable Energy Regulations

The Partnership for a Better Energy Future is a coalition of over 175 stakeholder organizations, representing nearly every segment of the U.S. economy, unified in our support for responsible energy regulations. The Partnership's fundamental mission is to promote an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that ensures the continued availability of reliable and affordable energy for American families and businesses.

### U.S. Competitiveness Threatened: The True Costs of the EPA's "Clean Power Plan"

- \$366 to \$479 billion in total compliance costs that will be passed on to businesses and households in the form of a 12 to 17 percent increase in electricity rates.<sup>1</sup>
- EPA's own analysis shows its rule will force the closure of 46 to 49 gigawatts (GW) of coal-fired power plant capacity.<sup>2</sup> This is equal to about 15 percent of all U.S. coal-fired generation capacity.
- Higher energy costs and threats to the reliability of the electric grid from power plant closures will negatively impact U.S. manufacturers' and other businesses' ability to compete. This will severely disadvantage energy intensive, trade-exposed industries, and is likely to increase carbon emissions in other countries that have not implemented similar restrictions.

### A Majority of States Oppose the Rule

- Officials from 28 states have said that EPA should withdraw its proposal, citing concerns such as higher energy costs, threats to reliability and lost jobs. Officials from at least 29 states have said that EPA's proposed rule goes well beyond the agency's legal authority under the Clean Air Act, and 14 states have joined in a lawsuit against the rule.
- 40 states have questioned the achievability of at least one of the technological "building blocks" upon which the rule is based.
- Under the rule, purported "state flexibility" is illusory, and EPA provides no exceptions for hardship, even in cases where the rule would threaten electricity reliability or severely harm a state's economy.
- The EPA's complicated and far-reaching proposal and its uncertain legal future have left states and businesses in a state of regulatory uncertainty, which delays investment decisions and slows economic growth.

### A More Balanced Approach

Representative Whitfield's (R-KY), Ratepayer Protection Act offers a balanced approach to EPA's proposal that would restore regulatory certainty for businesses while giving states a greater say in the process. The draft legislation allows the judicial review process to conclude before requiring states to develop implementation plans, and prevents states from being forced into implementing the rule if doing so would have significant adverse impacts to ratepayers.

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<sup>1</sup> NERA Economic Consulting, Potential Energy Impacts of the EPA Proposed Clean Power Plan, October 2014.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regulatory Impact Analysis for the Proposed Carbon Pollution Guidelines for Existing Power Plants and Emission Standards for Modified and Reconstructed Power Plants, June 2014.