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Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality/Arkansas Public Service Commission Joint Statement on the Clean Power Plan Stakeholder Process

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The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and Arkansas Public Service Commission (collectively “Agencies”) issued a March 8th communication titled “Joint Statement on the Clean Power Plan Stakeholder Process” (“Statement”).

The Statement notes that on February 9th the Supreme Court of the United States issued an Order staying the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Power Plan (“CPP”).

The Agencies state that they will not hold the Clean Power Plan stakeholder meeting that had previously planned for March. The reason for the cancellation of the meeting is stated to be the absence of Clean Power Plan deadlines (during the stay) and the elimination of the need to make an “Initial Submittal” by September 6th.

The Statement also notes in part:

The Agencies, in consultation with Stakeholders, will continue to evaluate the impacts of potential environmental and energy policies in the State. However, this evaluation will occur on a timeline and in a context that makes sense for Arkansas. The State will not implement a state plan to comply with the CPP during the stay.

The Statement is signed by the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (Becky Keogh) and Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission (Ted Thomas) on behalf of the Agencies.

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