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COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL CYNTHIA H. COFFMAN TAKES LEGAL ACTION TO HALT OVERREACH BY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S CLEAN POWER PLAN

DENVER -- Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman will join a multi-state legal challenge to the Clean Power Plan, also called the 111(d) rule, which was issued by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on August 3, 2015.

"The rule is an unprecedented attempt to expand the federal government's regulatory control over the states' energy economy," said Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman. "The EPA appears unwilling to accept limits set by Congress in the Clean Air Act and instead is pushing its agenda forward through regulatory rewrites that overreach its legal authority."

The case will be filed in the United States Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia when the federal government formally publishes the rule in the Federal Register. The federal government has not stated when that publication will occur.

"There are immensely important legal questions at issue regarding the EPA's sweeping new regulation. The face of Colorado's economy could be forever changed and that will be reflected in lost jobs, higher utility rates, and an altered energy industry," said General Coffman. "Before untold sums of public and private monies are spent on compliance with the Clean Power Plan, we need to settle the matter of whether it is even legal."

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