#### ORAL ARGUMENT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2, 2016

No. 15-1363 (and consolidated cases)

# IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

#### STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, ET AL.,

Petitioners,

V.

#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, ET AL.,

Respondents.

On Petitions for Review of Final Action by the United States Environmental Protection Agency

UNOPPOSED MOTION BY CURRENT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND BI-PARTISAN FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR LEAVE TO PARTICI-PATE AS *AMICI CURIAE* IN SUPPORT OF RESPONDENTS

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Pursuant to Fed. R. App. Pro. 29(b) and D.C. Circuit Rule 29(b), *amici curiae* ae respectfully move for leave to participate as *amici curiae* in support of the Respondents. Counsel for *amici curiae* sent notice of their proposed participation to all parties in these consolidated cases on March 24, 2016. The parties either consented to *amici curiae*'s participation or took no position; no party objected.

In support of this motion, *amici* state:

- 1. Amici are current and former members of Congress who are familiar with the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q (CAA), and the authority it confers on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Many amici were sponsors of CAA legislation, participated in drafting the 1990 CAA amendments, serve or served on key committees with jurisdiction over the CAA and EPA, and supported the passage of the CAA. A full listing of amici appears in the appendix to this motion.
- 2. Amici wish to participate in this case because they know, based on their experience serving in Congress, that the CAA not only specifies meaningful criteria for developing and implementing emission standards for pollutants, but also gives EPA, as the delegated expert agency, the discretion necessary to elaborate on those criteria, resolve ambiguities in them, and apply them to specific new problems as they arise. They further know that Congress intentionally used broad language in certain provisions of the CAA so EPA could play a key role in shaping

the approach to developing and setting standards for specific sources and pollutants. Amici recognize that EPA's ability to promulgate regulations pursuant to the discretion granted in the CAA is critical to the law's effective operation.

- 3. Amici also wish to participate in this case to respond to the assertion made by *amici* members of Congress in support of petitioners that the Clean Power Plan rule "seek[s] to usurp the role of Congress to establish climate and energy policy for the nation," Members of Congress Amici Br. in support of Pet'rs at 1, as well as their arguments about the purpose and effect of the 1990 amendments to the CAA. Amici know that, contrary to the assertion made by members of Congress in support of petitioners, the Clean Power Plan rule is one means by which EPA effectuates the robust clean air and public health policy that Congress established in the CAA. In addition, *amici* (some of whom were serving at the time of the 1990 amendments) are well-positioned to respond to the arguments made by amici members of Congress in support of petitioners about the purpose and effect of the 1990 amendments.
- 4. Amici's proposed brief is attached to the motion and complies with the Court's prescribed word limits. It is also timely filed under the scheduling order issued by this Court on January 28, 2016.

WHEREFORE, amici respectfully request leave to file the proposed brief of amici curiae.

# Respectfully submitted,

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# **APPENDIX** LIST OF AMICI

# **U.S.** House of Representatives

Pallone, Jr., Frank Representative of New Jersey

Huffman, Jared Representative of California

Pelosi, Nancy Representative of California

Hoyer, Steny H. Representative of Maryland

Clyburn, James E. Representative of South Carolina

Becerra, Xavier Representative of California

Crowley, Joseph Representative of New York

Conyers, Jr., John Representative of Michigan

Cummings, Elijah E. Representative of Maryland

DeFazio, Peter A. Representative of Oregon

Engel, Eliot L. Representative of New York

Grijalva, Raúl M.
Representative of Arizona

Johnson, Eddie Bernice Representative of Texas

Levin, Sander
Representative of Michigan

Lewis, John
Representative of Georgia

Lowey, Nita M.
Representative of New York

McDermott, Jim
Representative of Washington

Neal, Richard E.
Representative of Massachusetts

Price, David
Representative of North Carolina

Rangel, Charles B.
Representative of New York

Rush, Bobby L.
Representative of Illinois

Serrano, José E.

Representative of New York

Slaughter, Louise M.
Representative of New York

Adams, Alma S.

Representative of North Carolina

Aguilar, Pete Representative of California

Bass, Karen
Representative of California

Bera, Ami Representative of California

Beyer, Jr., Donald S.
Representative of Virginia

Blumenauer, Earl Representative of Oregon

Bonamici, Suzanne Representative of Oregon

Boyle, Brendan F.
Representative of Pennsylvania

Brady, Robert A.

Representative of Pennsylvania

Brown, Corrine
Representative of Florida

Brownley, Julia Representative of California

Bustos, Cheri Representative of Illinois

### LIST OF AMICI - cont'd

Butterfield, G.K. Representative of North Carolina

Capps, Lois Representative of California

Cárdenas, Tony Representative of California

Carney, Jr., John C. Representative of Delaware

Carson, André Representative of Indiana

Cartwright, Matt Representative of Pennsylvania

Castor, Kathy Representative of Florida

Castro, Joaquin Representative of Texas

Chu, Judy Representative of California

Cicilline, David N. Representative of Rhode Island

Clark, Katherine M. Representative of Massachusetts

Cleaver, II, Emanuel Representative of Missouri

Cohen, Steve Representative of Tennessee

Connolly, Gerald E.

Representative of Virginia

Courtney, Joe Representative of Connecticut

Davis, Danny K.
Representative of Illinois

Davis, Susan A.

Representative of California

DeGette, Diana L.
Representative of Colorado

Delaney, John K.
Representative of Maryland

DeLauro, Rosa L.
Representative of Connecticut

DelBene, Suzan K.
Representative of Washington

DeSaulnier, Mark Representative of California

Deutch, Theodore E.

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Dingell, Debbie
Representative of Michigan

Doyle, Michael F. Representative of Pennsylvania

Duckworth, Tammy Representative of Illinois

Edwards, Donna F. Representative of Maryland

Ellison, Keith Representative of Minnesota

Eshoo, Anna G. Representative of California

Esty, Elizabeth H. Representative of Connecticut

Farr, Sam Representative of California

Fattah, Chaka Representative of Pennsylvania

Foster, Bill Representative of Illinois

Frankel, Lois Representative of Florida

Gallego, Ruben Representative of Arizona

Garamendi, John Representative of California

Grayson, Alan Representative of Florida

Gutierrez, Luis V. Representative of Illinois

Hahn, Janice Representative of California

Hastings, Alcee L. Representative of Florida

Heck, Denny Representative of Washington

Higgins, Brian Representative of New York

Himes, Jim Representative of Connecticut

Honda, Michael M. Representative of California

Israel, Steve Representative of New York

Jackson Lee, Sheila Representative of Texas

Jeffries, Hakeem Representative of New York

Johnson, Henry C. "Hank" Representative of Georgia

Keating, William R. Representative of Massachusetts

Kelly, Robin L. Representative of Illinois

Kennedy, III, Joseph P. Representative of Massachusetts

Kildee, Daniel T. Representative of Michigan

Kilmer, Derek Representative of Washington

Kuster, Ann McLane Representative of New Hampshire

Langevin, James R. Representative of Rhode Island

Larson, John B. Representative of Connecticut

Lawrence, Brenda L. Representative of Michigan

Lee, Barbara Representative of California

Lieu, Ted W. Representative of California

Lipinski, Daniel Representative of Illinois

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Lujan Grisham, Michelle Representative of New Mexico

Lynch, Stephen F. Representative of Massachusetts

Maloney, Carolyn B. Representative of New York

Maloney, Sean Patrick Representative of New York

Matsui, Doris Representative of California

McCollum, Betty Representative of Minnesota

McGovern, James P. Representative of Massachusetts

McNerney, Jerry Representative of California

Meeks, Gregory W. Representative of New York

Meng, Grace Representative of New York

Moore, Gwen Representative of Wisconsin

Moulton, Seth Representative of Massachusetts

Murphy, Patrick E. Representative of Florida

Nadler, Jerrold Representative of New York

Napolitano, Grace F. Representative of California

Norcross, Donald Representative of New Jersey

Norton, Eleanor Holmes Representative of District of Columbia

O'Rourke, Beto Representative of Texas

Pascrell, Jr., Bill Representative of New Jersey

Payne, Jr., Donald M. Representative of New Jersey

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Polis, Jared Representative of Colorado

Quigley, Mike Representative of Illinois

Rice, Kathleen M. Representative of New York

Richmond, Cedric L. Representative of Louisiana

Roybal-Allard, Lucille Representative of California

Ruiz, Raul Representative of California

Ruppersberger, C.A. Dutch Representative of Maryland

Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho Representative of Northern Mariana Islands

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Sarbanes, John P.
Representative of Maryland

Schakowsky, Jan Representative of Illinois

Schiff, Adam B.
Representative of California

Schrader, Kurt Representative of Oregon

Scott, Robert C. "Bobby"
Representative of Virginia

Sherman, Brad Representative of California

Sires, Albio Representative of New Jersey

Smith, Adam
Representative of Washington

Speier, Jackie Representative of California

Swalwell, Eric Representative of California

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Takai, Mark Representative of Hawaii

Takano, Mark Representative of California

Thompson, Mike Representative of California

Titus, Dina Representative of Nevada

Tonko, Paul D. Representative of New York

Tsongas, Niki Representative of Massachusetts

Van Hollen, Chris Representative of Maryland

Vargas, Juan Representative of California

Wasserman Schultz, Debbie Representative of Florida

Waters, Maxine Representative of California

Watson Coleman, Bonnie Representative of New Jersey

Welch, Peter Representative of Vermont

Wilson, Frederica S. Representative of Florida

Yarmuth, John Representative of Kentucky

#### U.S. Senate

Baldwin, Tammy Senator of Wisconsin

Bennet, Michael F. Senator of Colorado

Blumenthal, Richard Senator of Connecticut

Booker, Cory A. Senator of New Jersey

Boxer, Barbara Senator of California

Brown, Sherrod Senator of Ohio

Cantwell, Maria Senator of Washington

Cardin, Benjamin L. Senator of Maryland

Carper, Thomas R. Senator of Delaware

Casey, Jr., Robert P. Senator of Pennsylvania

Coons, Christopher A. Senator of Delaware

Durbin, Richard J. Senator of Illinois

Feinstein, Dianne Senator of California

Franken, Al Senator of Minnesota

Gillibrand, Kirsten E. Senator of New York

Heinrich, Martin Senator of New Mexico

Hirono, Mazie K. Senator of Hawaii

Kaine, Tim Senator of Virginia

King, Jr., Angus S. Senator of Maine

Klobuchar, Amy Senator of Minnesota

Leahy, Patrick J. Senator of Vermont

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Markey, Edward J. Senator of Massachusetts

Menendez, Robert Senator of New Jersey

Merkley, Jeff Senator of Oregon

Murray, Patty Senator of Washington

Peters, Gary C. Senator of Michigan

Reed, Jack Senator of Rhode Island

Reid, Harry Senator of Nevada

Sanders, Bernard Senator of Vermont

Schatz, Brian Senator of Hawaii

Schumer, Charles E. Senator of New York

Shaheen, Jeanne Senator of New Hampshire

Stabenow, Debbie Senator of Michigan

Warner, Mark R. Senator of Virginia

Whitehouse, Sheldon Senator of Rhode Island

Wyden, Ron Senator of Oregon

# **Former Members of Congress**

Boehlert, Sherwood Representative of New York (retired)

Carr, Milton "Bob" Representative of Michigan (retired)

Daschle, Thomas A. Senator and Representative of South Dakota (retired)

Downey, Thomas Representative of New York (retired)

Durenberger, David Senator of Minnesota (retired)

Harkin, Tom Senator and Representative of Iowa (retired)

Hughes, Bill Representative of New Jersey (retired)

Kerrey, J. Robert Senator of Nebraska (retired)

Levin, Carl

Senator of Michigan (retired)

Lieberman, Joseph I.

Senator of Connecticut (retired)

Miller, George

Representative of California (retired)

Mitchell, George J.

Senator of Maine (retired)

Moran, Jim

Representative of Virginia (retired)

Waxman, Henry

Representative of California (retired)

Wirth, Timothy E.

Senator and Representative of Colorado (retired)

# CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 26.1 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, *amici cu*riae state that no party to this brief is a publicly-held corporation, issues stock, or has a parent corporation.

# **CERTIFICATE UNDER D.C. CIRCUIT RULE 28(a)(1)(A)**

Pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 28(a)(1)(A), *amici curiae* certify that in addition to the parties and *amici* listed in Respondents' Brief, the *amici* listed in the appendix to this motion may have an interest in the outcome of this case.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

This motion complies with Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 27(d)(1) & (2) and 29(b) and D.C. Circuit Rule 29(c) because it meets the prescribed format requirements, does not exceed 20 pages, and is being filed in a timely manner consistent with the briefing schedule set out by this Court. This motion also complies with the typeface requirements of Fed. R. App. P. 32(a)(5) and the type style requirements of Fed. R. App. P. 32(a)(5) & (6).

Executed this 31st day of March, 2016.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit by using the appellate CM/ECF system on March 31, 2016.

I certify that all participants in the case are registered CM/ECF users and that service will be accomplished by the appellate CM/ECF system.

Executed this 31st day of March, 2016.

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