

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE TASK FORCE MEMBERS  
**FROM:** JOHN EICK, TASK FORCE DIRECTOR  
**DATE:** June 25, 2014  
**RE:** 35-DAY MAILING—ANNUAL MEETING

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The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) will host its Annual Meeting on July 30 – August 1 in Dallas, TX at the Hilton Anatole. If you have not yet registered for this meeting, please [click here](#) for registration information or go to [www.alec.org](http://www.alec.org).

The following meetings are of interest to members of the Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force:

**Wednesday, July 30**

8:00 AM - 9:20 AM – Energy Subcommittee Meeting  
9:30 AM - 10:10 AM – Environmental Health and Regulation Subcommittee Meeting  
10:20 AM - 11:00 AM – Agriculture Subcommittee Meeting

**Thursday, July 31**

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM – Breakfast Plenary Session: Attorney General Scott Pruitt (Oklahoma) on EPA Overreach  
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM – EPA Overreach Workshop  
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM – Endangered Species Act (ESA) Workshop  
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM – Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Meeting

**The following materials are attached:**

- Agenda for the Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Meeting
- Agenda for the Energy Subcommittee Meeting
- Agenda for the Environmental Health and Regulation Subcommittee Meeting
- Agenda for the Agriculture Subcommittee Meeting
- Attendee Registration Form
- Spouse/Guest Registration Form
- Annual Meeting Agenda-at-a-Glance
- Meeting Reimbursement Policy
- ALEC Mission Statement
- Model Legislation

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please contact me at (571) 482-5008 or by e-mail [jeick@alec.org](mailto:jeick@alec.org).

Sincerely,  
John Eick

**ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE  
TASK FORCE MEETING**

2014 ANNUAL MEETING

DALLAS, TEXAS

JULY 31, 2014

2:30PM – 5:30PM

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 2:30 Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions  
*Rep. Tom Lockhart, Wyoming*  
*Paul Loeffelman, American Electric Power*
- 2:35 Presentation: The Implications of the Proposed “Waters of the U.S.” Rule on the Energy Industry
- 2:50 Model Policy: Resolution Regarding Clean Water Act Regulations and EPA’s Definition of “Waters of the U.S.”
- 3:05 Presentation: Nuclear Matters
- 3:25: Presentation: Current State of Transmission Pipeline System
- 3:40 Model Policy: Weights and Measures and Standards for Dispensing CNG and LNG Motor Fuels
- 3:55 Presentation: Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change (NIPCC) Update
- 4:15 Model Policy: Resolution Concerning EPA’s Proposed Guidelines for Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants
- 4:30 Presentation: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Exports
- 4:45 Model Policy: Resolution in Support of Expanded LNG Exports
- 5:00 Presentation: Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs
- 5:15 New Member Introduction
- 5:25 For the Good of the Order
- 5:30 Adjournment



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## **ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE**

2014 ANNUAL MEETING

DALLAS, TEXAS

JULY 30, 2014

8:00 AM-9:20 AM

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 8:00 Welcome and Introductions  
*Rep. Bette Grande, North Dakota*  
*Kyle Rogers, American Gas Association*
- 8:05 Model Policy: Weights and Measures and Standards for Dispensing CNG and LNG Motor Fuels
- 8:20 Model Policy: Resolution Concerning EPA's Proposed Guidelines for Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants
- 8:35 Model Policy: Resolution in Support of Expanded LNG Exports
- 8:50 Presentation: Energy Use in the Technology and Communications Sectors
- 9:15 For the Good of the Order
- 9:20 Adjournment



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## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND REGULATION SUBCOMMITTEE

2014 ANNUAL MEETING

DALLAS, TEXAS

JULY 30, 2014

9:30AM-10:10AM

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 9:30 Welcome and Introductions  
*Rep. Andrea Lea, Arkansas*  
*Jenn Mendez, Carpet and Rug Institute*
- 9:35 Presentation: Waste Disposal and Recycling TBA
- 10:05 For the Good of the Order
- 10:10 Adjournment



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## **AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE**

2014 ANNUAL MEETING

DALLAS, TEXAS

JULY 30, 2014

10:20 AM-11:00AM

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 10:20 Welcome and Introductions  
*Rep. Sal Esquivel, Oregon*  
*Jeff Case, CropLife America*
- 10:25 Model Resolution: Resolution Regarding Clean Water Act Regulations and EPA's Definition of "Waters of the U.S."
- 10:40 Presentation: Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Food Labeling in the States
- 10:55 For the Good of the Order
- 11:00 Adjournment

# ATTENDEE

## REGISTRATION/HOUSING FORM

# 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting

## July 30 – August 1, 2014



Early registration deadline: June 13, 2014  
Standard registration deadline: June 27, 2014  
Housing Cut-off deadline: June 27, 2014

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### ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Prefix \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix(s) : \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ Organization (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address:  Business  Home \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone  Work  Home  Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone  Work  Home  Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email (confirmation will be sent by email) \_\_\_\_\_

On-site Emergency Information Name of Person to Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special physical, dietary (for example, vegetarian, kosher), or other needs:  Yes  No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

This is my first time attending an ALEC event.

**\*Spouse / Guest:** If registering a spouse or guest, please complete the spouse/guest registration form. Spouse / guest registration is meant to accommodate legal spouses and immediate family members. Attendees from the same organization must register independently.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

\*\* Please note that member fees are subject to verification

	EARLY ending June 13	STANDARD ending June 27	ON-SITE beginning June 28	DAILY
<input type="checkbox"/> ALEC Legislative Member	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$295
<input type="checkbox"/> Legislator / Non-Member	\$600	\$700	\$750	\$395
<input type="checkbox"/> ALEC Private Sector Member	\$890	\$980	\$1149	\$595
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector / Non-Member	\$1025	\$1115	\$1400	\$695
<input type="checkbox"/> ALEC Non-Profit Member (501(c)(3) status required)	\$685	\$760	\$835	\$395
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Non-Member (501(c)(3) status required)	\$800	\$875	\$950	\$495
<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Staff / Government	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$295
<input type="checkbox"/> ALEC Alumni	\$550	\$650	\$750	\$345
<input type="checkbox"/> ALEC Legacy Member	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCE Public Sector Member	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$295

### METHOD OF REGISTRATION PAYMENT

**Credit Card:** Credit cards will be charged immediately.

Amer Express  Visa  MasterCard

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION CANCELLATION / REFUND INFORMATION

Registrations cancelled prior to 5pm EST June 27, 2014 are subject to a \$100 cancellation fee. Registrations are non-refundable after 5pm EST June 27, 2014.

For Daily Registration, select which day:  Wed  Thur  Fri REGISTRATION FEES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Registration forms with enclosed payments must be received by 5pm EST on the following dates to be eligible for discounted registration rates: June 13, 2014, for early registration rates, or June 27, 2014, for standard registration rates. Forms and/or payments received after June 27, 2014 will be subject to the on-site registration rate.

### REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Online registrants will receive immediate email confirmation. If registering by form, confirmation will be emailed, faxed, or mailed within 72 hours of receipt of payment.

### HOUSING

### RESERVATION CUTOFF FOR ALEC DISCOUNTED RATE IS June 27, 2014

Hilton Anatole – Dallas, TX Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing with: (Maximum 4 guests per room ) \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type	Special requests
<input type="checkbox"/> Single (1 person – 1 bed) \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA room required:
<input type="checkbox"/> Double (2 persons – 1 bed) \$180	___ Audio ___ Visual ___ Mobile
<input type="checkbox"/> Double/ Double (2 persons – 2 beds) \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> Rollaway / crib _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Triple (3 persons – 2 beds) \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Quad (4 persons – 2 beds) \$180	

All rates DO NOT include state and local tax currently 15.3% (subject to change)

Note: Cutoff for reservations at the ALEC rate is June, 27, 2014. After June, 27, 2014, every effort will be made to accommodate new reservations, based on availability and rate. Room types and special requests are not guaranteed. The hotel will assign specific room types at check in, based upon availability.

### HOUSING CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Online reservations will receive immediate email confirmation. Reservations received by form will be confirmed via email, fax, or mail within 72 hours of receipt.

### HOUSING CANCELLATION / REFUND INFORMATION

Credit cards will be charged one night room and tax in the event of a no show or if cancellation occurs within 72 hours prior to arrival. Early departure fee is one night' room and tax. Please obtain a cancellation number when your reservation is cancelled.

### Credit Card Information/ Reservation Guarantee

Credit Card information is required at time of reservation to guarantee the reservation. Card must be valid through August 2014.

Please use the same credit card information as above.

Amer Express  Visa  MasterCard  Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE/ GUEST/ KIDS' CONGRESS  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting  
July 30 – August 1, 2014**

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**IMPORTANT: Please identify the ALEC attendee**

**ALEC ATTENDEE Profile Information**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email (Confirmation will be sent by email) \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE / GUEST / KIDS' CONGRESS  
Registration Fees**

	(#) x	EARLY ending June 13	STANDARD ending June 27	ON-SITE beginning June 28	Amount
A. Spouse / Guest / Child 18 yrs or older	( ) x	\$150	\$150	\$150	= \$ _____
B. Kid's Congress (6 months to 17 yrs) <b>for ALEC Members Full Conference Rate</b>	( ) x	\$250	\$350	\$550	= \$ _____
C. Kid's Congress (6 months to 17 yrs) <b>for Non-ALEC Members Full Conference Rate</b>	( ) x	\$350	\$450	\$650	= \$ _____
D. Kid's Congress (6 months to 17 yrs) <b>Day rate: Wed., Thurs., or Fri.</b>	( ) x	\$150	\$150	\$250	= \$ _____
<b>SPOUSE / GUEST / KID'S REGISTRATION FEE(S) TOTAL \$</b>					_____

**Spouse / Guest / Child Names** Please list the names of the spouse / guest / children below

Spouse / Guest / Child Name	Child Date of Birth	Registration Type A,B,C,D (above)	Spouse / Guest / Child Name	Child Date of Birth	Registration Type A,B,C,D (above)
1. _____	_____	_____	5. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	6. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	7. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	8. _____	_____	_____

**Payment Information**

**Credit Card:** Credit cards will be charged immediately. Please fax to the above number for processing.

American Express    Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Visa    Cardholder (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 MasterCard    Exp Date (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Check / money order:** Payment must be in U.S. currency drawn on a U.S. bank. Please make check payable to ALEC Registration and send to above address.

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**Confirmation Information**

Online registrants will receive immediate confirmation via email. If registering by written form, confirmation will be emailed (if address provided), faxed, or mailed within 72 hours of receipt of payment.

**Cancellation / Refund Information**

Registrations cancelled prior to 5:00pm EST June 13, 2014 are subject to a \$100 cancellation fee. Registrations are non-refundable after 5:00pm EST June 13, 2014. All refund requests must be made in writing and sent via email to [meetings@alec.org](mailto:meetings@alec.org).



## Tentative Agenda

Date & Time	Program
<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>	
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Leadership Reception (By Invitation Only)
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Leadership Dinner (By Invitation Only)
<b>Wednesday, July 30</b>	
<b>7:00am - 7:00pm</b>	<b>Registration</b>
7:00am - 7:00pm	On-site Registration
8:00am - 11:00am	Subcommittee Meetings
8:30am - 11:30am	State Chair Training
11:00am - 4:00pm	Media Check-In
<b>11:30am - 1:30pm</b>	<b>Opening Luncheon</b>
1:45pm - 3:00pm	Policy Workshops
1:45pm - 3:00pm	Task Force Chairs Meeting
3:15pm - 4:30pm	Policy Workshops
4:30pm - 5:30pm	National Chair's Reception (Members Only)
<b>5:30pm - 7:00pm</b>	<b>Texas Welcome Reception (Off-Site)</b>
Date & Time	Program
<b>Thursday, July 31</b>	
<b>7:30am - 5:30pm</b>	<b>Registration</b>
7:30am - 5:30pm	On-site Registration
7:30am - 4:00pm	Media Check-In
<b>8:00am - 9:15am</b>	<b>Plenary Breakfast</b>
9:30am - 10:45am	Policy Workshops
11:00am - 12:15pm	Policy Workshops
<b>12:30pm - 2:00pm</b>	<b>Plenary Lunch</b>
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Ice Cream Social
2:30pm - 5:30pm	Justice Performance Project Meeting
2:30pm - 5:30pm	International Relations Task Force Meeting
2:30pm - 5:30pm	Health and Human Services Task Force Meeting
2:30pm - 5:30pm	Energy, Environment, and Agriculture Task Force Meeting
2:30pm - 5:30pm	Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Meeting
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Surf's Up San Diego Reception (Preview of the 42nd Annual Meeting)
Date & Time	Program
<b>Friday, August 1</b>	
<b>7:30am - 3:00pm</b>	<b>Registration</b>
7:30am - 3:00pm	On-site Registration
7:30am - 4:00pm	Media Check-In
<b>8:00am - 9:30am</b>	<b>Plenary Breakfast</b>
9:30am - 10:45am	Policy Workshops
11:00am - 12:15pm	Policy Workshops
<b>12:30pm - 2:15pm</b>	<b>Plenary Lunch</b>



2:30pm - 5:30pm	Education Task Force Meeting
2:30pm - 5:30pm	Communications and Technology Task Force Meeting
2:30pm - 5:30pm	Civil Justice Task Force Meeting
2:30pm - 5:30pm	Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development Task Force Meeting
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Incoming Chair's Reception (By Invitation Only)
9:00pm - 11:00pm	State Night (Contact Your State Chair)
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Program</b>
<b>Saturday, August 2</b>	
9:00am - 10:30am	Prayer Service



### **ALEC Annual Meeting Travel Reimbursement Policy**

State funds are available for reimbursement by approval of the ALEC State Chair. Expenses are reimbursed after the conference and may cover the cost of travel, room & tax, and registration. Receipts must be submitted to the State Chair who will approve disbursement. However, ALEC has ultimate authority over final disbursement. It is the responsibility of each member to mail their signed request form to the Coordinator of Corporate and Nonprofit Affairs, ALEC, 2900 Crystal Drive, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22202.



## **Mission Statement**

To advance free markets, limited government,  
and federalism.

## **Resolution Regarding Clean Water Act Regulations of EPA’s Definition of “Waters of the U.S.”**

**WHEREAS**, the Clean Water Act (CWA) and implementing regulations of the past four decades recognize the partnership between federal, state, and local governments to achieve the objectives of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 101(g) of the CWA expressly states that it is “the authority of each state to allocate quantities of water within its jurisdiction [that] shall not be superseded, abrogated, or otherwise impaired by this Act”; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have proposed a rule to redefine “waters of the U.S.” that could significantly increase the cost and regulatory requirements for state and local governments and ultimately the costs for state and local residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rule provides almost unlimited CWA federal jurisdiction, impairs state authority and therefore contravenes congressional intent and is not consistent with three distinct rulings by the Supreme Court regarding the limits of federal jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rule will apply to all programs of the CWA and therefore subject more activities to CWA permitting requirements, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses, mitigation requirements, and citizen suits challenging local actions based on the applicability and interpretation of new-found authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs of obtaining Corps wetlands permits are significant: averaging 788 days and \$271,596 for an individual permit; 313 days and \$28,915 for a nationwide permit—not counting costs of mitigation or design changes and the greatest burden will fall on small landowners and small businesses least able to absorb the costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposing agencies’ economic analysis for this rule did not consider impacts of the full range of CWA programs affected or of economic impacts to small businesses and the analysis relies on nearly 20-year old cost data that has not been adjusted for inflation and, in concluding that the proposed rule would increase the waters subject to permitting requirements by only 2.7 percent, the proposing agencies rely on a data base that is incomplete and not representative of those waters that are subject to jurisdiction under current regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, the justification for the scope of the proposed rule rests on a scientific analysis that is still under review and the proposing agencies decided to proceed with development of a proposed rule addressing issues associated with the connectivity of waters prior to being informed by the Science Advisory Board Review and the implications of its findings; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rule does not provide an explanation or clear understanding about how the proposed expansion of CWA jurisdiction and transfer of ultimate authority might affect other CWA programs, state laws and responsibilities, water rights, land use, governances, and regulated parties; and

**WHEREAS**, EPA and the Corps have failed to fully consult with the states thus undermining the cooperative federalism intent at the heart of the CWA;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as co-regulators of water resources, states should be fully consulted and engaged in any process that may affect the management of their waters; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the American Legislative Exchange Council urges the EPA and the Corps of Engineers to defer adopting any redefinition of the waters of the U.S. rule until:

- a) The Science Advisory Board concludes its review and the EPA and the Corps of Engineers incorporates the conclusions of the Science Advisory Board review; and
- b) An economic analysis is completed that addresses the full economic impact of the rule and uses properly updated data.

When this resolution is approved, copies of it shall be transmitted to the President, all members of Congress, the Administrator of the US EPA, and the leadership of the US Army Corps of Engineers and the ALEC staff is directed to advocate for policies that reflect these principles.

## **Weights and Measures and Standards for Dispensing CNG and LNG Motor Fuels**

### **Section 1: Legislative Findings**

The legislature does make the following findings concerning the use of compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas as motor fuels:

- (a) Gasoline and diesel fuel are the two dominant motor fuels currently in use in the U.S. and worldwide;
- (b) The transportation sector in the U.S. is almost totally reliant on gasoline and diesel fuel and as such there is very little competition from other motor fuels;
- (c) It is in the interest of this country and this state to encourage the use of alternative fuels in order to reduce reliance on imported petroleum from unstable regions of the world;
- (d) It is in the interest of this country and this state to promote the use of domestic motor fuel such as natural gas in order to increase competition in the motor fuels market and reduce reliance on petroleum motor fuels;
- (e) It is in the interest of this country and this state to ensure that consumers and businesses understand the economic value of using natural gas compared to gasoline and diesel fuel;
- (f) The best way to help consumers and businesses understand the potential economic advantages of using natural gas is to ensure that it is dispensed in units that allow ready comparison with gasoline and diesel fuel;
- (g) Selling natural gas in units that approximate the energy contained in gasoline and diesel fuel will accomplish this objective and help better inform businesses and consumers. Since compressed natural gas (CNG) can be used in both light duty and heavy duty vehicles and is capable of displacing gasoline and diesel fuel, retailers should have the option of selling it in gasoline gallon equivalent units or in diesel gallon equivalent units. Liquefied natural gas (LNG) however is primarily intended for heavy-duty motor vehicles and will mostly displace diesel fuel therefore it should be dispensed in diesel gallon equivalent units.

### **Section 2: Weights and Measures and Standard Used for Dispensing CNG and LNG for Motor Vehicle Fuel Use**

(a) In General- the weight and measure officials of this state shall adopt rules and procedures requiring that the retail sale of compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas used as a motor vehicle fuel are dispensed in the manner set out in this section.

(b) Compressed natural gas. Compressed natural gas shall be dispensed either in gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) units or diesel gallon equivalent (DGE) units. A GGE of CNG shall initially be

set at 5.66 pounds and shall remain at that level unless changed pursuant to a rulemaking. A DGE of CNG shall initially be set at 6.38 pounds and shall remain at that level unless changed pursuant to rulemaking.

(c) Liquefied natural gas. Liquefied natural gas shall be dispensed in diesel gallon equivalent (DGE) units. A DGE of LNG shall initially be set at 6.06 pounds and shall remain at this level unless changed pursuant to a rulemaking.

(d) Rulemaking Authority. The weights and measure authority shall conduct a rulemaking to establish procedures to carry out the provisions in this section and to adopt the values set out in this section. If it subsequently becomes necessary to revise such standards due to changes in the energy contents of motor fuels, the weights and measures authority shall take into consideration whether the National Conference on Weights and Measures has adopted similar standards for dispensing CNG and LNG and whether those standards use different values for GGE and DGE units. If the National Conference on Weights and Measures has adopted different GGE and DGE unit, it shall be presumed that such standards should also be adopted for this state unless good cause is shown otherwise.

(e) Effective Date – This section shall apply to any sale or use of compressed natural gas or liquefied natural gas no later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**Resolution Concerning EPA's Proposed Guidelines for Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants**

**WHEREAS**, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and its member states supports an all-the-above energy strategy because it is in the best interest of the Nation and the states; and

**WHEREAS**, A reliable and affordable electricity supply is vital to the Nation's and each state's economic growth, jobs, and the overall interests of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the prerogative of each State to ensure a reliable and affordable supply of electricity for its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the regulation of electricity is a sovereign State function that federal agencies have a legal obligation to respect and preserve; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 25, 2013, the President issued a memorandum to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) directing the EPA to develop guidelines to control greenhouse gas emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired power plants under Section 111(d) of the federal Clean Air Act and to seek input from states;

**WHEREAS**, on June 2, 2014, the EPA issued proposed guidelines limiting carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired power plants under Section 111(d) of the federal Clean Air Act and published them for comment in the Federal Register on June 16, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed guidelines are based on EPA's assessment of each State's ability to improve the efficiency of coal-fired electric generating units, retire or operate differently coal-fired electric generating units, substantially increase the generation of electricity from natural gas, significantly increase reliance on renewable energy sources, and substantially reduce the use of electricity by consumers, all in a plan and on a schedule that is not achievable and workable; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed guidelines and plan, by EPA's own estimates have a major impact on the economy of each State and significant consequences for how electricity is generated, transmitted, distributed, and used within State.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ALEC recommends to its state legislators to work with their other policymakers to provide comments to EPA on the legal, reliability, affordability, achievability, timing, implementation scheduling and other issues that need to be more appropriately considered for individual state to eliminate or minimize the aforementioned risks; and



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution are to be transmitted to the same persons as the previous resolution including the President of the United States, relevant department heads in his Administration, members of Congress, leadership in state policymaker associations, and state's legislative leadership and staff are directed to advocate for the provisions in this resolution, and collaborate with the aforementioned parties to educate and achieve the goals in this resolution.

DRAFT

## **Resolution In Support of Expanded Liquefied Natural Gas Exports**

**WHEREAS**, plentiful natural gas supplies and unprecedented advances in technology have provided a historic opportunity for the U.S. to achieve energy self-sufficiency while creating jobs and wealth for our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, pioneering exploration and extraction methods have opened such vast natural gas resources to development that demand on U.S. natural gas markets can grow with little impact to domestic prices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Energy estimates natural gas production levels by 2035 will be 55 percent more than the Department estimated only four years ago, a growth trend that can support all domestic demand while allowing the U.S. to capitalize on the economic benefit of exporting abundant natural gas to other nations; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) is a key component to helping the United States realize its potential as a global energy leader while creating hundreds of thousands of jobs and strengthening the U.S. economy; and

**WHEREAS**, global demand for LNG is expected to grow significantly over the next two decades; and

**WHEREAS**, LNG exports will create tens of thousands of construction and operations jobs and will support fifty thousand jobs in the exploration and production sectors for every two billion cubic feet per day of exports; and

**WHEREAS**, according to recent studies, expanding markets for LNG is expected to generate as much as \$86 billion in net benefits to the U.S. economy, could create more than 450,000 American jobs and help reduce the U.S. trade deficit by as much as \$60 billion by 2038.

**WHEREAS**, expanded LNG exports would promote stability in natural gas pricing and spur increased investments by the natural gas industry, providing more jobs and revenue for roads and schools in natural gas producing regions; and

**WHEREAS**, creating additional markets for U.S. natural gas is also consistent with national trade and security policy because failure to do so would force our allies to continue to rely on regimes hostile to U.S. interests for their energy needs; and

**WHEREAS**, construction and operation of LNG export facilities would incentivize new direct infrastructure investments worth billions of dollars and generate royalties and local tax revenues directly into communities across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 30 LNG production facilities have applied to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for licenses to export, yet only one project has received final permitting approval;

**WHEREAS**, a diverse coalition of LNG producers, energy and petroleum companies, business groups, service companies, elected officials and others have expressed their support for LNG exports.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) endorses expanded markets for LNG exports from the United States and encourages regulatory and legislative policies designed to streamline and simplify the permitting process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Members of the United States Congress as an expression of ALEC's support for expanded LNG exports and the streamlining of permit approval for pending export facilities so that the economic benefits of LNG exports can be magnified throughout the United States.