



Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce
101 W. Route 66
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

U.S. Chamber Amicus Brief
RE: Environmental Protection Agency greenhouse gas regulations
Statement of Support
December 10, 2013

The Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce represents the interests of more than 1,100 member businesses and their 27,000 employees throughout Northern Arizona. Advancing a strong business climate and vibrant economy is accomplished by being an advocate for business and a catalyst for community and economic development throughout the greater Flagstaff region.

In Northern Arizona we are witnessing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) impose harsh regulations on the Navajo Generating Station (NGS), a coal-fired power plant in Page, Arizona. A study commissioned by the Salt River Project (SRP) and the Navajo Nation shows the power station, along with the Kayenta coal mine, will provide over \$20 billion in economic benefit statewide over the next 30+ years. Over the same time period, \$13 billion will be directly attributed to the Navajo Nation itself. The power station and the mine are attributable to over 1,000 jobs as well which might never be replaced should these regulations force a shutdown or a cutback in production.

In addition to the jobs lost, residents and businesses in Northern Arizona will see their utility rates increase as a result of these regulations. Citizens throughout Arizona depend as well on NGS as it is the main power provider to the Central Arizona Project (CAP) which delivers water from the Colorado River throughout the state. The increase in electricity rates will adversely affect the water rates from CAP.

It is our belief that the new regulations being imposed by the EPA will ultimately be a detriment to the health and vibrancy of Arizona's economy, and should not be enforced further without the approval of the United States Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Pastrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Pastrick
President & CEO
Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce