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**RE: Proposed Rule - Carbon Pollution Standards for Modified and Reconstructed
Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units
EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0603**

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

The States of Ohio, Alabama, Alaska, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky respectfully request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency extend the deadline for submitting comments on the proposed rule to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from modified and reconstructed power plants.

On June 18, 2014, EPA proposed two independent, but interrelated, rules to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. See *Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units*, 79 FR 34829 (proposed June 18, 2014 (“Existing Source Proposed Rule”)) and *Carbon Pollution Standards for Modified and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units*, 79 FR 34959 (proposed June 18, 2014) (“Modified and Reconstructed Source Proposed Rule”). In both proposed rules, EPA announced October 16, 2014 as the deadline for submitting comments.

Recently, EPA extended the deadline for submitting comments on the Existing Source Proposed Rule until December 1, 2014. *Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units*, 79 FR 57492 (Sept. 25, 2014). However, EPA did not extend the deadline for submitting comments on the Modified and Reconstructed Source Proposed Rule.

Due to the interconnected nature of the two proposed rules and the anticipated overlap in the comments submitted in response to the proposed rules, the States of Ohio, Alabama, Alaska, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky respectfully request that EPA

extend the deadline for submitting comments on the Modified and Reconstructed Proposed Rule to December 1, 2014.

Very respectfully,



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