

## **Clean Energy Group Praises House Introduction of Four-Pollutant Legislation**

The Clean Energy Group (CEG) today welcomed the introduction in the U.S. House of Representatives of The Clean Air Planning Act (H.R. 1873), proposed federal legislation that seeks to substantially reduce harmful air emissions from the nation's power plants. Congressmen Charles Bass (R-NH), Jim Davis (D-FL), Jeb Bradley (R-NH) and Jim Cooper (TN) introduced the legislation.

The Clean Air Planning Act, or CAPA, would establish comprehensive national standards governing air emissions from power plants. The result would be significant new reductions in harmful air emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), sulfur dioxides (SO<sub>2</sub>), mercury, and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). "CAPA provides a common sense alternative to the piece meal regulatory approach of the past and will achieve significant human health and environmental benefits, while also providing regulatory certainty as the electric industry plans future investments," said Michael Bradley, the group's Executive Director.

Currently, electric generating companies are faced with a patchwork of different federal and state standards and compliance schedules. Bradley noted that a comprehensive strategy with firm caps on emissions will create a stable environment for capital investment by providing relatively long-term certainty about the industry's future emission reduction obligations. With a clear understanding of future compliance obligations, companies can then target investments in new and existing electric generation capacity to reduce emissions and enhance electric system reliability.

"The Clean Energy Group companies have long supported a multi-pollutant approach," Bradley noted. "And we continue to believe this legislation represents an achievable, balanced middle ground in the debate over clean air legislation," he continued.

The Clean Energy Group is a coalition of electric generating and distribution companies that share a commitment to responsible environmental stewardship. Members conduct business in 28 states and operate a diverse mix of clean and efficient electric generating assets, including coal, oil, gas, nuclear, hydroelectric, and renewables. Established in 1997, CEG advocates policies to balance the nation's economic, energy, and environmental needs. More information is available at <http://www.thecleanenergygroup.com>, click on "Clean Air Policy Initiative".

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