



Utah files lawsuit to stop EPA rule that could increase energy costs

SALT LAKE CITY (June 20, 2023) – Today, the Utah Attorney General filed a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) recently released Ozone Interstate Transport Rule. Regarding the lawsuit, Utah’s elected leaders – Gov. Spencer Cox, Attorney General Sean Reyes, Senate President J. Stuart Adams, House Speaker Brad Wilson, U.S. Sens. Mike Lee and Mitt Romney, and Congressmen Chris Stewart, John Curtis, Burgess Owens, and Blake Moore – issued the following statement:

“Utah’s measured, all-of-the-above energy policy has powered decades of prosperity by providing some of the country's most reliable and affordable energy. This balanced and commonsense approach has powered our state, fueled our economy, and maintained a high quality of life for Utahns. We have also dramatically decreased emissions and ozone on our own. However, the Biden administration has turned to executive rulemaking to enact policies that will force early closures of Utah power plants, putting reliable, affordable, and dispatchable power significantly at risk – and only in a few years.

“The Ozone Interstate Transport Rule released by the Environmental Protection Agency harms Utahns and threatens our ability to provide affordable and reliable baseload energy to our state. We will not stand by as the administration encroaches on Utah’s reasonable, responsible, and realistic approach to powering our state.

“As Utah’s elected state leaders, we stand united in pushing back against the administration’s egregious power grab that harms Utahns. We will each fight for a responsible energy policy that embraces efficiency and is based in reality because keeping the lights on is the only option.”

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