

June 22, 2016

The Honorable Stephen G. Handy
Utah House of Representatives
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Rep. Handy,

Below is a Report on EPSC Activities since last summer. Links to the presentations mentioned below at the EPSC Summer Meeting can be found [here](#) or below in the meeting notes.

EPSC Summer Meeting in Vail

On July 27, 2015 the Energy Producing States Coalition held its Summer Meeting at the Vail Cascade Ballroom the day before CSG-West's Annual Meeting in Vail, Colorado. The meeting was run by EPSC Chair Senator Cathy Giessel of Alaska and members/attendees heard presentations on the following topics:

EPA's Section 111(d) Rulemaking: State Implications, Grid Reliability, and Consumer Impacts

- Matt Larson, Associate, Wilkinson, Barker, Knauer, LLP

"Waters of the U.S." Briefing and Update on Public Lands and Agriculture

- Dustin Van Liew, Executive Director of the Public Lands Council at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Sage Grouse Conservation Plans and Impacts to States

- Jerimiah Rieman, Natural Resources Policy Director, Office of Wyoming Governor Matt Mead

Opportunities for States in ESA Proposals

- David Bernhardt, Natural Resources Department Co-Chair, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP

Each session featured a robust question and answer session with speakers and the subject matter experts. The next portion of the program featured a legislative and policy exchange between attendees led by EPSC Chair-Elect Senator Chuck Winder (Idaho) which focused on best practices for delivering messages to the public, strategies for oversight of agencies implementing complex rulemakings, and a proposed resolution that Rep. Norine Kasperick of Wyoming planned to offer at CSG-West's Energy and Environment Committee that would reassert the state's role in providing additional legislative review before the submission of Section 111d implementation plans to comply with EPA's Clean Power Plan.

The meeting came to a close with a review of previous action items and priorities EPSC has taken up in 2015 and a discussion on where the group would like to focus its future policy efforts. A request was made to collect more information on state responses to 111d as well as the potential consideration of action/collection of information on removing the ban on exporting crude oil.

Here is a Drop Box [link](#) to the presentations at the EPSC meeting as well as a compendium of state responses to the 111d rule and meeting materials.

EPSC Letters and Outreach

EPSC members have held numerous calls and briefings on a host of issues throughout the year on the Clean Power Plan and litigation briefings, Sage Grouse listing, as well as court updates on the Clean Water Act. Members have sent letters comment letters on the following topics:

- BLM's Venting and Flaring Rule
- The Administration's 5 Year Plan for Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing

EPSC Leadership Update

EPSC's chair, Senator Cathy Giessel, announced she would have to step down due to legislative commitments in Alaska with numerous time demands from special sessions. The new chair is Senator Chuck Winder from Idaho.

Please reach out to me anytime I can be of assistance to you or your colleagues in the furtherance of EPSC's goals and objectives.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brydon Ross".

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