

# Call To Action:

## New Mexico's electric cooperative members *Help keep our state's economy strong*

Currently, the state Environmental Improvement Board (EIB) is considering a proposal to cap greenhouse gas emissions from certain industries in New Mexico. If adopted, the proposal could devastate New Mexico's economy.

New Mexico's businesses cannot afford another set of regulations. In the end, it's the consumers who will pay.

- The petition being considered by the EIB, a seven-member board appointed by the governor, would implement a cap on greenhouse gas emissions in New Mexico only.
- The state's legislature has not granted the EIB the authority to consider such rules or regulations.
- The cap would apply to all New Mexico entities that require an air permit from the New Mexico Environment Department including electric utilities, oil and gas producers, refineries, manufacturers such as Intel, cement and asphalt plants, universities, military bases, mineral processing operations, and numerous others.
  - ☞ The cap would limit how these sources can operate.
  - ☞ The cap would place the state at an economic disadvantage with other states.
  - ☞ The cap creates an incentive for industries, jobs and dollars to leave the state.
  - ☞ No study has been performed of the economic impact of such measures.
- If approved, the regulation would limit statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 25% below 1990 level by the year 2020 – a more aggressive goal than anything considered at the federal level.
- Federal policies that address greenhouse gas emissions are being debated in Congress, where electric co-ops are working with legislators to ensure the entire nation's economic, energy and environmental goals are balanced.
- Electric co-ops will continue to focus on a multi-faceted approach to manage emissions, while investing in technologies that ensure affordable and reliable electricity.

This proposed regulation would exist for New Mexico businesses only, while doing very little to reduce global emissions. One administrative action in New Mexico cannot solve a world-wide issue. The cost of energy and goods could increase significantly in New Mexico, putting our state's economy at a competitive disadvantage to other states.

It is very important that electric co-op members voice their concerns to the EIB before March 1. Send your letters of opposition to:

Board Administrator  
New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board  
Docket Number EIB 8-19(R)  
1190 St. Francis Drive, Room N2153  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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