**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP WITHIN THE**

**ENERGY PRODUCING STATES COALITION**

**THIS APPLICATION AND STATEMENT OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES is** hereby submitted to the Energy Producing States Coalition.

1. **PURPOSE OF THE ENERGY PRODUCING STATES COALITION**: The Energy Producing States Coalition (the "Coalition") formed in March 2011 by legislators from states which produce the energy that powers our nation's economy. Members of the Coalition work together to develop positions and areas of common interest in support of domestic energy production and transmission.
2. **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:** Coalition members endorse the development of strategies and supporting actions that effectively support states’ rights and domestic energy production as follows:

* Promote Development of Domestic Energy Sources;
* Streamline and Harmonize Energy-Related Regulatory Processes;
* Influence Federal Energy-Related Policy from a Producer State Prospective;
* Help develop New Energy Transmission Systems;
* Promote Maximization of Existing Energy Sources; and
* Act Cooperatively to Overcome Energy-Related Economic, Legal, Policy and Technology Challenges.

**3. QUALIFIED MEMBERSHIP:** Members of Coalition are either State Legislative Bodies from energy producing states or individual, active, elected legislators who hail from energy producing states and who are supportive of the principles included herein. Members of the Coalition agree to the Coalition’s goal of promoting safe and responsible domestic energy production in accordance with the following Mission Statement:

I. The **Mission** of the Energy Producing States Coalition is to encourage domestic development of energy in the United States and to ensure continued development of each state’s domestic natural resources;

A. The **Primary** objective of the Coalition in support of its mission is to deliver a strong, unified voice to the federal government from the states that produce the energy that powers the nation's economy. The Coalition will represent itself by participating in the development of existing and proposed federal legislation and federal regulatory processes. The Coalition places particular emphasis upon reasonable execution of federal activity emanating from the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and federal land access issues affecting the production of energy in Coalition states.

B. The **Second** objective in support of the Coalition’s mission is to work from a state perspective to coordinate, streamline, simplify and increase the efficiency of all aspects of federal energy regulatory processes. Coalition focus shall be exploring increased state primacy where possible, creating simplified permitting processes coordinated between state and federal agencies and simplifying litigation arising from federal energy regulatory processes.

C. The **Third** objective in support of the Coalition’s mission is to develop coordinated state energy policies that serve as a model for a national energy policy, in ways that do not abrogate state sovereignty.

**4.** **COALITION MEETINGS:** The Coalition will hold at least two business meetings per year where Coalition members will perform the following actions:

* Provide updates on important energy legislation and regulatory activities in the states and at the federal level
* Discuss strategies for state participation in regulatory rulemakings and other public forums
* Report on activities from Coalition Committees as they are developed
* Develop and update Coalition strategic plan
* Discuss and plan Coalition expansion and recruiting efforts
* Develop and discuss draft legislative proposals
* Plan for future meetings and initiatives
* Carry out other Coalition business as necessary

Whenever possible, Coalition meetings will take place in conjunction with other relevant state organization meetings such as American Legislative Exchange Council, Council of State Governments/ CSG-West, Energy Council, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and/or Western Governors Association.

**5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Coalition elects and maintains an Executive Committee tasked with ensuring the management of the Coalition and carrying on the will of the Board between meetings. Each state is responsible for choosing its Executive Committee Representative. [Additional draft concepts regarding the Executive Committee will be provided for further consideration.]

**6. FUNDING FOR EPSC**: Each State and/or Legislator represented in the Coalition will be responsible for underwriting costs of participation in EPSC meetings. In addition, participants will provide sufficient financial support to pay for meeting rooms, material and other expenses approved by the Executive Committee or Board.

**Participating** **State Legislator:**

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