

PURPOSE OF THE ENERGY PRODUCING STATES COALITION (EPSC): The Energy Producing States Coalition (the "Coalition") was formed in March 2011 by legislators from states representing the backbone of our Nation's energy production -- primarily oil, natural gas and coal. Members of the Coalition work together to explore areas of common interest and develop positions on policies and issues that affect domestic energy production and transmission. These include, but are not limited to:

- Promote Production of Existing State Energy Resources;
- Influence and Streamline Federal Energy-Related Regulatory Processes;
- Develop New Energy Transmission Systems;
- Improve Education and Messaging regarding our Nation's Abundant Energy Resources
- Overcome Energy-Related Economic, Legal, Policy and Technology Challenges, i.e, Fracking, ESA, EPA, NEPA, RS2477 Rights of Way, Arctic Issues, Western Public Lands, Offshore Drilling, Jurisdiction, State Primacy, Access to Justice Act.

QUALIFIED MEMBERSHIP: Members of Coalition must be either State Legislative Bodies from qualified energy producing states, or individual active elected legislators who hail from qualified energy producing states. Qualified energy producing states are defined by the membership of the Coalition. Members of the Coalition must agree to the Coalition's goal of promoting safe, responsible, affordable and sustainable domestic energy production in accordance with the following Mission Statement:

I. Encourage domestic development of energy in the United States, and ensure continued development of each state's domestic energy resources.

II. Deliver a strong, unified voice to the federal government from the states that produce the majority of our Nation's energy. Collaborate with those states' Congressional delegations in unity of purpose.

III. Participate in proposed federal legislation. Work from a state perspective to coordinate, streamline, simplify and increase the efficiency of all aspects of federal energy regulatory processes. Focus should be exploring increased state primacy where possible, creating a simplified permitting process coordinated between state and federal agencies and simplifying litigation arising from federal energy regulatory processes.

IV. Without abrogating state sovereignty, work to develop coordinated state energy policies to serve as a model for a national energy policy.

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