

Supporting Statements for Michigan State Carbon Implementation Plan

Supporter	Statement
Utility Coal Owners	
DTE	DTE supports Gov. Snyder’s decision to move forward with developing a state plan to comply with the EPA Clean Power Plan. If Michigan would choose not to submit a state implementation plan, the EPA could impose a compliance plan on our state. We believe Michigan knows what’s best for Michigan and that the state should maintain control of its energy future. Over the next 15 years, DTE Energy and other Michigan utilities will retire 60 percent of today’s coal fired generation as the plant’s reach the end of their serviceable life span. The average age of a Michigan coal plant is approaching 50 years. We will replace that generating capacity with renewables, cleaner natural gas-fired power plants and increased energy efficiency. The Clean Power Plan confirms the need to begin this transition now. A transformation of this magnitude will be a challenge for the state and for DTE Energy. But with evolving environmental expectations, the age of certain coal facilities and changing market conditions the time is right to begin. We believe it’s in the best interest of all Michigan residents that the state should chart its own course, taking prudent steps today that could reduce costs tomorrow. The Clean Power Plan may have some aspects that will be reviewed in the courts. But Michigan should begin developing a state implementation plan now, while retaining the flexibility to respond to any changes that occur before the 2018 deadline.
Consumers	Consumers Energy fully endorses a Michigan-first energy policy. We support Governor Snyder’s announcement to begin the complex process of developing a State Implementation Plan to comply with the U.S. EPA’s Clean Power Plan. Michigan should take control of its energy future, whether the issue is the EPA’s Clean Power Plan, or the pending electric generating shortfall due to 9 Michigan power plants shutting down next year. Placing our energy future in the hands of Washington would be unwise, putting at risk the reliability of electric service for millions of customers and jeopardizing the significant progress Michigan has made to improve rate competitiveness. Consumers Energy is a national leader in transitioning to cleaner sources of energy and in helping our customers save energy through nationally recognized energy efficiency programs. By April 2016, we will retire seven of our older coal units, about a third of our coal fleet and the second most of any U.S. utility. We look forward to learning more from the Michigan Agency for Energy about the stakeholder process and helping to shape a Michigan-first policy that ensures reliability and affordability for residents and businesses. See attached letter.
Michigan Municipal Electric Association	With carbon controls for utilities on the way, Michigan public power would much rather work with our Michigan regulators to establish the best approach, because Michigan DEQ understands the value of public power and has always worked with us to find reasonable, flexible, best-cost approaches to clean air improvements. Michigan public power supports clean energy approaches, particularly when they are Michigan-led. We look forward to working in collaboration with Governor Rick Snyder and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on the best clean air and clean energy approaches for Michigan. See attached letter.
Michigan Electric Cooperatives Association	Supports development of a state plan.
Tondu Corporation	Tondu Corporation strongly supports the State of Michigan filing an emission compliance plan to address the recent EPC greenhouse gas initiative. We believe it is important for the state to be proactive in this process and we applaud the Snyder Administration for taking a leadership position in implementing this important policy. See attached letter.
Other Utilities/Power Sector Supporters:	

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SEMCO	SEMCO ENERGY Gas Company fully supports the State of Michigan’s intent to develop a State Implementation Plan to meet the EPA’s requirements under the Clean Air Act Section 111(d) rather than be subject to a Federal plan. Natural gas will play a key role in carbon reduction across Michigan and SEMCO believes that Michiganders should be the ones to determine Michigan’s energy future.
Invenergy	Invenergy is in full support of Michigan submitting a State Implementation Plan as part of EPA’s Clean Power Plan. Given the complexity of ensuring a long-term secure and reliable electric grid, it is in the State’s best interest to lead the effort of designing a State Implementation Plan that will work for all of Michigan. As operators, owners and developers of clean energy projects in Michigan, we look forward to helping the state achieve its goal of a clean and energy-efficient power supply and in the process achieving the goals set out in the Clean Power Plan.
NextEra	As the nation’s leading renewable energy developer, owner and operator, with a significant presence in Michigan, we take great pride in developing and operating projects that are environmentally responsible and economically viable. We applaud Governor Snyder’s efforts and are in complete support of Michigan submitting a state implementation plan as part of EPA’s Clean Power Plan. We look forward to working with the State of Michigan and doing what we can to help the state cost-effectively meet the goals set out in the Clean Power Plan. See attached letter.
ITC	ITC believes that transmission planning will be essential to the successful implementation of the carbon rule. We favor a regional approach to the implementation process, and are fully supportive of Governor Snyder’s efforts to craft a state-led solution that collaborates with Michigan stakeholders, and takes into account the uniqueness of our State. ITC looks forward to being a part of this process with the Governor.
Michigan Biomass	On behalf of Michigan’s wood-fired power plants, Michigan Biomass applauds Gov. Snyder for taking action to create a Michigan-first Clean Energy Plan. We’re pleased that the U.S. EPA has determined that electricity generated from wood and similar biomass feedstocks has net carbon benefit under the Clean Power Plan. We’re pleased to support a Michigan-centered plan to meet these requirements. “Biomass is a significant part of Michigan’s \$2.2 billion investment in renewable energy. It supports nearly 700 jobs and rural communities. It aids forest health and productivity, and provides affordable baseload renewable power to the people of this state. “We are proud to support the Governor’s announcement and the stakeholder planning process. See attached letter.
Michigan Hydroelectric Power Owners	As one of Michigan’s leading renewable energy owners and operators, we take great pride in providing clean, renewable baseload power that provides reliable, environmental, and economic development benefits to the state. While we appreciate that the EPA will undoubtedly be challenged in its assumption that its Clean Power Plan is a legal undertaking, specifically authorized by the US Congress, we support Governor Snyder’s efforts to ensure that Michigan’s unique needs are addressed in complying with the EPA’s Clean Power, and are in support of Michigan submitting a state implementation plan as part of its compliance efforts. We look forward to working with the State of Michigan in crafting such a plan, and continuing to do our part to support clean, reliable energy in Michigan. See attached letter.
Midland Cogeneration Venture	We wish to express our appreciation for the announced decision by the State of Michigan to proceed with the development of a State Carbon Implementation Plan to fulfill the recently finalized Clean Air Act 111(d) guideline requirements to address GHG emissions from existing EGUs. As a critical stakeholder in the SCIP development process, MCV believes it is its responsibility to commit the resources necessary to assist the State of Michigan in plan development. See attached letter.
Industrial:	

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MMA	While we believe the carbon rule will negatively impact America’s competitiveness, we believe Michigan should take advantage of the flexibility within the federal mandate to craft our own state-based solution to the imposed federal standards. We support the Snyder Administration’s efforts to craft a state-based implementation plan, so that Michigan citizens and the regulated community can help craft a plan that ensures Michigan’s competitiveness will soften the blow of this uncompetitive federal regulatory mandate. See attached letter.
Ford	Governor Snyder is helping protect Michigan's workforce and job creators by developing a state compliance plan. We look forward to being part of the process to find the best solutions for Michigan.
Cliffs Natural Resources	Cliffs Natural Resources is pleased that the state of Michigan has opted to pursue development of a state implementation plan (SIP) to guide its administration of the U.S. EPA’s Clean Power Plan. As Cliffs continues to advance plans for construction of a clean energy cogeneration power plant at the company’s Michigan Operations in the Upper Peninsula, we look forward to continue working with the state to develop a regulatory framework that recognizes the benefits that such a facility will provide in helping the state of Michigan meet its emission reduction requirements under the Clean Power Plan.
Chemistry Council	Michigan’s chemical companies are committed to environmental sustainability. Our industry’s products provide solutions to many of our planet’s biggest challenges, and our members are leaders in reducing their own environmental footprints. However, we believe the EPA’s recently-finalized Clean Power Plan (CPP) and associated carbon reduction mandates may unnecessarily drive up energy costs and hurt American manufacturing.” “We recognize the ongoing legal challenges to this regulation, and support Gov. Snyder’s decision to craft a State Implementation Plan (SIP) that can best protect Michigan's ratepayers if those challenges are unsuccessful. As the administration prepares its SIP, it should consider all available options to ensure that Michigan’s ratepayers aren’t saddled with a huge energy bill. Energy-intensive industrial users must be a key part of these conversations. Finally, the Michigan Legislature should work to establish energy policies that can help the state meet these challenges, remain competitive, and grow jobs.
Other Business:	
Crystal Mountain	As a business owner, I know first-hand the importance of energy to the bottom line, and to our ability to hire new employees. Governor Snyder’s announcement that he will work with stakeholders to develop a Michigan Clean Energy plan, and not leave our future in the hands of Washington bureaucrats is the kind of leadership we need. Developing clean energy policy that protects ratepayers, ensures reliability and diversifies our energy production should be our top goals – and I pledge my support to work with the Governor to ensure we are moving forward on energy policy to the benefit of the people of Michigan.
Michigan Agri-Business Association	The Michigan Agri-Business Association appreciates Gov. Snyder’s leadership to create a roadmap for Michigan’s energy future. We hope the governor will seize this opportunity to expand energy efficiency and renewable energy, both of which are important for farmers and agribusinesses across Michigan. Michigan’s agribusinesses are unique and highly seasonal energy users that also grapple with some of the highest energy costs in the nation. Agribusinesses benefit greatly from energy efficiency. Energy efficiency offers certainty and savings for agribusinesses, and renewable energy generation reduces reliance on an energy infrastructure that’s stressed to the breaking point. We hope to see commonsense policy in the governor’s plan that expands energy opportunities for agriculture – including robust energy efficiency standards for utilities, and net metering opportunities for those creating renewable energy.

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CERES	Governor Snyder's commitment to submit a state implementation plan is in the best interest of Michiganders. The Clean Power Plan provides an opportunity for Michigan to catalyze further investment and job creation in the clean energy sector. That's why 18 companies and investors with a footprint in Michigan called on the governor to meet the new EPA standards by focusing on renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions. See attached letter.
Energy Innovation Business Council	Today's decision from the governor is a proactive one, making sure that Michigan gets to craft a plan that matches Michigan's unique needs. We believe that the best plan will incorporate the lowest cost strategies, like further energy waste reduction and use of renewables." "Michigan is already well on its way towards complying with the Clean Power Plan because of these standards. Repealing them and replacing them with an untested policy will prove risky for ratepayers. Governor Snyder's decision today to develop a Michigan-specific strategy for complying with these new federal rules gives us the chance to build on the success of Michigan's 2008 energy law and protect Michigan ratepayers.
A Renewable America	Renewable energy business leaders offered their support for Governor Snyder today, following his announcement to launch a Michigan-first stakeholder process to develop a Michigan clean energy plan.
Religious Groups:	
Christian Coalition	On behalf of the Christian Coalition of Michigan's 120,000 members, I congratulate Governor Snyder on taking bold action to move Michigan forward. The state's renewable energy sector already supports 6,000 jobs, and we've seen over \$2.2 billion in renewable energy investment. We now rank 5 th in the nation in clean energy and transportation jobs - and we are poised to do much more. The Christian Coalition applauds Governor Snyder's leadership on clean energy – for our national security, economic security and family security. We believe that support for clean energy is pro-life and pro-family – and we look forward to supporting the Governor's stakeholder process to develop a forward-thinking plan that is Pure Michigan. See attached letter.
Catholic Conference	On this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Michigan Catholic Conference applauds Governor Snyder for announcing that Michigan will develop its own State Carbon Implementation Plan. Energy and our environment are important to Catholics across Michigan. Our state has been blessed with great natural beauty and resources, and we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. In his recent encyclical "Laudato Si, mi Signore," or "Praise be to you, my Lord," Pope Francis stated that "the climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all." The Holy Father notes that environmental deterioration is a symptom of "the throwaway culture." Michigan Catholic Conference looks forward to the continuing discussion of energy policies for Michigan that provide clean, sustainable, efficient, and affordable power for all Michiganders.
Other Energy Advocate Groups:	
Michigan Conservative Energy Forum	Governor Snyder has shown tremendous leadership in positioning Michigan to be a leader on renewable energy and the jobs that economic sector represents. This bold step will help to create a strong clean energy future, and shows that Republicans can contribute positively, and lead, on clean energy policy. As a veteran, I know the more we can do to protect our energy security, the more we can contribute towards a strengthened national security, and help keep our sons and daughters in the military out of harm's way. See attached letter.
Michigan Energy Efficiency Contractors Association	Today, Governor Snyder again shows his dedication to staying focused on Michigan by moving ahead with the development of a State Implemented Plan (SIP) as we prepare for compliance with EPA's Clean Power Plan. "Not letting Washington drive our state's energy policy is a critical step forward," says Brindley Byrd, MEECA executive director. See attached letter.

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Michigan United	This is great news for Michigan. It illustrates that we can be a leader in fighting carbon pollution despite the efforts of our rogue Attorney General, Bill Schuette. We now have the historic opportunity to curb unchecked carbon pollution and reduce the impacts of climate change. See attached letter.
Solar Energy Industries Association	By pledging his commitment to the Clean Power Plan, Gov. Snyder is showing his support for both Michigan's economy and environment. Solar energy works in Michigan and in all 50 states, has zero carbon emissions, creates more jobs per megawatt (MW) than any other technology, and can be deployed cost-effectively and quickly – all while improving grid reliability. The solar industry looks forward to helping Michigan achieve its optimal long-term strategy.
Wind on the Wires	Wind on the Wires congratulates Governor Snyder for taking bold action in support of clean energy for Michigan and Clean Power Plan compliance. The state's previous energy policies have put Michigan on a path for success, and building on a trend that is already taking place is the smart thing to do. On behalf of our members, Wind on the Wires looks forward to participating with Governor Snyder's Administration in the stakeholder process.
Environmental Groups:	
Michigan Environmental Council	We're glad Governor Snyder and state leaders have chosen a path that allows Michigan to determine its own energy future. The Obama administration has provided a solid framework for making necessary carbon reductions and the flexibility needed to craft a plan that plays to our strengths. If we get it right, this plan will accelerate the growth of Michigan's clean energy industry while saving ratepayers billions of dollars, improving public health and preserving a livable world for our grandkids.
Michigan League of Conservation Voters	Today, Governor Snyder made the right choice for Michigan. By embracing the Clean Power Plan, the Governor is supporting the health of our families, our communities and our air, land and water. The Clean Power Plan is a tremendous opportunity to curb pollution that impacts our Great Lakes and that contributes to climate change. Governor Snyder's announcement is the first step toward a cleaner, healthier future in Michigan, but it requires strong follow through from his administration. We look forward to working with the Governor to design and implement a plan that accelerates our transition away from expensive, dirty sources of energy to clean, reliable, efficient energy.
Natural Resources Defense Council	Governor Snyder is demonstrating much-needed leadership on clean energy for Michigan, the Midwest, and the nation. Creating a plan to reduce dangerous carbon emissions is a common-sense step other governors interested in protecting their states' economies and health will surely follow. Given the high stakes for our kids' future, Governor Snyder is doing the right thing. See attached letter.
Clean Energy Now	The State has the opportunity to develop a plan that reduces unchecked carbon pollution and minimizes the negative effects of climate change while driving forward local economies and investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency. The Clean Power Plan presents an opportunity for Michigan to be a leader in clean, renewable energy development. We can cut pollution and achieve the EPA's carbon pollution limits by making substantial investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency.
MI Air MI Health	The Clean Power Plan is the most significant public health initiative in decades and we applaud Governor Snyder for committing to crafting a Michigan plan to reduce pollution and improve the health of Michigan families.

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BlueGreen Alliance	The critical work of developing state-based plans that can create and secure quality family-sustaining jobs and encourage investment and economic growth cannot begin soon enough. The groundwork Michigan lays now—bringing together key stakeholders, workers and communities to develop a strategy that works all—is vitally important. Done right, the actions taken to meet the goals of the Clean Power Plan can become a powerful economic opportunity for Michigan. Taking the initiative to shape a plan that meets the state’s unique economic and energy needs is critical to capturing these gains. A state plan is the right thing to do for Michigan’s economy and environment. We urge other states to move ahead with outlining their own State Implementation Plans and look forward to working together to shape a strong energy and economic future for Michigan. See attached letter.

CONSUMERS ENERGY MEDIA STATEMENT

September 1, 2015 -- Consumers Energy fully endorses a Michigan-first energy policy. We support Governor Snyder's announcement to begin the complex process of developing a State Implementation Plan to comply with the U.S. EPA's Clean Power Plan. Michigan should take control of its energy future, whether the issue is the EPA's Clean Power Plan, or the pending electric generating shortfall due to 9 Michigan power plants shutting down next year.

Placing our energy future in the hands of Washington would be unwise, putting at risk the reliability of electric service for millions of customers and jeopardizing the significant progress Michigan has made to improve rate competitiveness.

Consumers Energy is a national leader in transitioning to cleaner sources of energy and in helping our customers save energy through nationally recognized energy efficiency programs. By April 2016, we will retire seven of our older coal units, about a third of our coal fleet and the second most of any U.S. utility.

We look forward to learning more from the Michigan Agency for Energy about the stakeholder process and helping to shape a Michigan-first policy that ensures reliability and affordability for residents and businesses.

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MICHIGAN PUBLIC POWER SUPPORTS STATE-LED, FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO EPA “CLEAN POWER PLAN” REQUIREMENTS FOR CARBON EMISSION CONTROLS

Approach Provides Time & Flexibility for Public Power & Consumers

LANSING, MI – The Michigan Municipal Electric Association (MMEA) supports Michigan Governor Rick Snyder’s decision to have the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) craft the plan for compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) “Clean Power Plan” regulation requiring major reductions in carbon emissions from fossil fuel-fired electric utility plants, rather than waiting for EPA to force a federal plan upon Michigan. MMEA Executive Director Jim Weeks says, “With carbon controls for utilities on the way, Michigan public power would much rather work with our Michigan regulators to establish the best approach, because Michigan DEQ understands the value of public power and has always worked with us to find reasonable, flexible, best-cost approaches to clean air improvements.”

After many years of scientific analysis and regulatory deliberation, on August 3, 2015, the U.S. EPA issued a final “Clean Power Plan” regulation that sets carbon dioxide emission performance rates for coal-, oil- and natural gas-fired electric utility units, to be implemented between 2022 and 2030. These carbon emissions reductions are to be achieved through improvements to existing coal plants, shifts in generation to lower-emission gas plants, and shifts to renewable energy sources.

EPA established a Clean Power Plan rule that calls on states to develop, submit and implement “State Implementation Plans” (SIPs) that adopt state-based emission standards for utility plants, or adopt a mix of state-based measures to promote the shift to cleaner electricity generation, to achieve the control strategy that make the most sense for that particular state. Under the EPA plan, a state can work with other states in its region to adopt multi-state approaches, including market-based, cost-effective emissions trading approaches. EPA has also put provisions in place to prevent impacts on electric reliability. Michigan and other states must submit a SIP by September 6, 2016, and a complete and final plan by September 6, 2018. For more information on the EPA Clean Power Plan, see <http://www2.epa.gov/cleanpowerplan/clean-power-plan-existing-power-plants>.

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If a State does not submit a SIP by the required deadlines, the EPA will exercise its authority under the Clean Air Act to impose a “Federal Implementation Plan”.

On September 1, 2015, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and the Michigan DEQ announced that Michigan would develop, submit and implement a Michigan-led SIP plan to achieve compliance with the Clean Power Plan, rather than risk having the federal government impose a Federal Plan upon Michigan.

Michigan public power supports the move by Governor Snyder and Michigan DEQ to move forward on a Michigan-led approach. The Michigan Municipal Electric Association is confident that a State-led plan will ultimately be more flexible, more cost-effective, and better for Michigan consumers than a federally-imposed plan. If Michigan did not take action on the Clean Power Plan now, the state risks being far behind the curve and unprepared for the shift to cleaner energy sources, if the federal rules end up being upheld in the federal courts. Further, Michigan public power believes that a Michigan-led plan will help maintain the state’s approach in using fossil fuels in responsible, cost-effective ways in balance with renewable and energy efficiency approaches.

MMEA is pleased that EPA’s final Clean Power Plan rule adopted and incorporated many of the key comments that MMEA made in written and verbal testimony to EPA, including MMEA’s calls to change the proposed rule to adopt “glide paths” instead of “cliffs”; calls to provide states with more flexibility on timing for compliance plans; and calls to maintain state authority to provide public power, small systems, and small units with maximum flexibility to meet required Clean Power Plan goals – all of which were included in the final rule.

MMEA supports the Michigan-led approach rather than a federal- or court-led approach because:

1.) ***Michigan DEQ Can Adopt the Most Reasonable, Flexible, and Cost Effective Approach:*** MMEA agrees that Michigan should not risk having to take a federally-imposed, one-size-fits-all regulatory plan that will not take Michigan’s needs, and the unique role of Michigan public power, into consideration. Michigan DEQ will work with the utility sector, business, consumers, environmental organizations and other key stakeholders to make sure that the Michigan plan favors Michigan to the maximum extent possible.

2.) ***Michigan DEQ has Always Taken Account of Public Power’s Value & Needs:*** Michigan and its public power sector has faced Clean Air Act regulatory challenges many times over many years since the mid-1990’s, including regulatory requirements that have been held up in the federal courts for control of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, mercury, and carbon dioxide. Michigan public power is pleased that, through all this time, Michigan DEQ has recognized the unique value of public power in serving and improving communities, and has provided maximum compliance flexibility to Michigan municipal utilities. This has included extra flexibility for Michigan municipal systems and units because these systems are relatively small, with relatively small units, which face diseconomies of scale in pollution controls. MMEA is grateful that Michigan DEQ has provided flexibility to Michigan public power under Clean Air

Act requirements, and is confident that MDEQ will continue to strive for flexible, cost-effective approaches for Michigan municipalities.

3.) ***Michigan Citizens, Consumers & Businesses Support Reasonable Clean Energy Approaches:*** Although all of Michigan is worried about the costs and economic impact of drastic federal rules, it is clear that Michigan public power consumers, local citizens, and many businesses support a move to reasonable, cleaner energy approaches. Governor Snyder's decision on September 1, 2015 moves Michigan in as positive direction toward cleaner energy.

MMEA's Jim Weeks says, "Michigan public power supports clean energy approaches, particularly when they are Michigan-led. We look forward to working in collaboration with Governor Rick Snyder and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on the best clean air and clean energy approaches for Michigan."

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August 31, 2015

Ms. Valerie Brader
Executive Director
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P.O. Box 30221
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Ms. Brader,

Tondu Corporation strongly supports the State of Michigan filing an emission compliance plan to address the recent EPC greenhouse gas initiative. We believe it is important for the state to be proactive in this process and we applaud the Snyder Administration for taking a leadership position in implementing this important policy. We also look forward to helping in anyway we can to make the Michigan Greenhouse Gas Compliance Plan the benchmark for the rest of the country to meet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "RJ Tondu".

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Statement by NextEra Energy Resources President and CEO Armando Pimentel on Michigan Governor Rick Snyder's effort to develop a state implementation plan for the Clean Power Plan

JUNO BEACH, Fla. – NextEra Energy Resources, LLC President and CEO Armando Pimentel issued the following statement regarding Governor Snyder's effort to develop a state implementation plan for the Clean Power Plan.

“As the nation's leading renewable energy developer, owner and operator, with a significant presence in Michigan, we take great pride in developing and operating projects that are environmentally responsible and economically viable. We applaud Governor Snyder's efforts and are in complete support of Michigan submitting a state implementation plan as part of EPA's Clean Power Plan. We look forward to working with the State of Michigan and doing what we can to help the state cost-effectively meet the goals set out in the Clean Power Plan.”

About NextEra Energy Resources

NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (together with its affiliated entities, "NextEra Energy Resources"), is a clean energy leader and is one of the largest wholesale generators of electric power in the U.S., with approximately 19,777 megawatts of generating capacity, which includes megawatts associated with noncontrolling interests related to NextEra Energy Partners, LP (NYSE: NEP), primarily in 25 states and Canada as of year-end 2014. NextEra Energy Resources, together with its affiliated entities, is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun. The business operates clean, emissions-free nuclear power generation facilities in New Hampshire, Iowa and Wisconsin as part of the NextEra Energy nuclear fleet, which is one of the largest in the United States. NextEra Energy Resources, LLC is a subsidiary of Juno Beach, Fla.-based NextEra Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NEE). For more information, visit www.NextEraEnergyResources.com.

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September 1, 2015

TO: Gov. Rick Snyder & Valerie Brader

RE: Support for SIP

Michigan Biomass today issued the following statement in support of Gov. Rick Snyder's effort to ensure that the specific needs of Michigan are met in efforts to create a State Implementation Plan under the Clean Power Plan.

"On behalf of Michigan's wood-fired power plants, Michigan Biomass applauds Gov. Snyder for taking action to create a Michigan-first Clean Energy Plan.

"We're pleased that the U.S. EPA has determined that electricity generated from wood and similar biomass feedstocks has net carbon benefit under the Clean Power Plan. We're pleased to support a Michigan-centered plan to meet these requirements.

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"We are proud to support the Governor's announcement and the stakeholder planning process."

Respectfully submitted



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor Rick Snyder; Valerie Brader

FROM: Laura Chappelle

**RE: Michigan Hydroelectric Power Owners Support/State
Implementation Plan**

DATE: September 1, 2015

Several of Michigan's Independent Hydroelectric Power Owners issued the following statement regarding Governor Rick Snyder's effort to develop a state implementation plan for the EPA's Clean Power Plan.

“As one of Michigan's leading renewable energy owners and operators, we take great pride in providing clean, renewable baseload power that provides reliable, environmental, and economic development benefits to the state. While we appreciate that the EPA will undoubtedly be challenged in its assumption that its Clean Power Plan is a legal undertaking, specifically authorized by the US Congress, we support Governor Snyder's efforts to ensure that Michigan's unique needs are addressed in complying with the EPA's Clean Power, and are in support of Michigan submitting a state implementation plan as part of its compliance efforts. We look forward to working with the State of Michigan in crafting such a plan, and continuing to do our part to support clean, reliable energy in Michigan.”

Lee Mueller, Architect & Co-Member Manager, Boyce Hydro, LLC

William Stockhausen, President, Elk Rapids Hydroelectric Power, LLC and Bellevue Mill Hydro, LLC

Victor Leabu, President, White's Bridge Hydro Co.

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Re: **Clean Power Plan**

Dear Ms. Brader:

On behalf of our client, Midland Cogeneration Venture Inc. ("MCV") we wish to express our appreciation for the announced decision by the State of Michigan to proceed with the development of a State Carbon Implementation Plan ("SCIP") to fulfill the recently finalized Clean Air Act §111(d) guideline requirements to address GHG emissions from existing EGUs. From the announcement, MCV understands that your agency will coordinate the development of the SCIP in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Michigan Public Service Commission, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and interested stakeholders.

As you are aware, MCV owns and operates an existing NGCC facility with significant capacity within the State of Michigan. Based upon MCV's initial understandings of the §111(d) requirements, it is apparent that such facilities should play a central role in assisting states to achieve either rate-based or mass-based GHG emission goals. Accordingly, as a critical stakeholder in the SCIP development process, MCV believes it is its responsibility to commit the resources necessary to assist the State of Michigan in plan development. Please accept this correspondence on behalf of MCV as its commitment to actively participate in the plan development. As MCV's point of contact for this effort, I look forward to working with the representatives of the State of Michigan and other stakeholders and will await being advised of further details relative to the plan development process and meeting dates.

Sincerely,

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For Release:
September 1, 2015

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Michigan Should Design Its Own Plan to Meet the Federal Carbon Mandate

LANSING — The Michigan Manufacturers Association represents the largest sector of the Michigan economy, which provides 598,300 jobs to Michigan citizens. Our members represent the full spectrum of companies in goods producing sectors including: automotive, iron, steel, chemical, cement, food, electrical equipment, electronics, lighting, furniture, pulp, paper and forest products, mining, natural gas, petroleum refining, electric energy, glass, lighting, aircraft, home products, personal care products, tool & die and mold, plastics, among many others.

Manufacturing is driving Michigan's economic recovery with the creation of more than 120,000 jobs since January of 2009. In fact, Michigan has led the nation in manufacturing job growth for the last five years. Manufacturing is a critical driver in the successful reinvention of Michigan, transforming the state from perpetually lagging the nation with double-digit unemployment rates to now matching the national average with just a 5.3 percent unemployment rate.

The recently promulgated federally mandated Clean Power Plan, specifically the carbon rule, will negatively impact America's competitive position in the global marketplace, which will reduce American jobs. Since many manufacturers are necessarily energy-intensive, the net effect of federal policy will be to push both emissions and jobs to other countries.

"While we believe the carbon rule will negatively impact America's competitiveness, we believe Michigan should take advantage of the flexibility within the federal mandate to craft our own state-based solution to the imposed federal standards," said Mike Johnston, MMA vice president of government affairs. "We support the Snyder Administration's efforts to craft a state-based implementation plan, so that Michigan citizens and the regulated community can help craft a plan that ensures Michigan's competitiveness will soften the blow of this uncompetitive federal regulatory mandate."

If Michigan fails to craft its own plan, the federal government is empowered to dictate methods for meeting the standards that will ignore the input of Michigan's citizens that best reflect the needs of Michigan's economy. It is a more prudent choice for Michigan to determine the terms of its own future through the development of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) to meet the federal mandate by September 6, 2016.

We stand ready to work with the Administration and legislative policymakers to find ways to meet the federally mandated standards in a way that drives Michigan's competitiveness and protects Michigan's manufacturing-led economic recovery. Working together, we believe we can continue the success of Michigan's reinvention.

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Ceres Applauds Governor Snyder's Commitment to Comply with EPA's Clean Power Plan

BOSTON, MA
September 1, 2015

Citing strong business support for Michigan's emerging clean-energy economy, Ceres president Mindy Lubber praised Governor Rick Snyder (R-MI) for his announcement today that the state will be filing a state implementation plan to comply with the US EPA's Clean Power Plan to reduce carbon pollution from existing power plants.

With this announcement, Governor Snyder has made a commitment to Michigan's low-carbon energy future and responded to the requests of businesses and investors who support reducing carbon emissions.

"Governor Snyder's commitment to submit a state implementation plan is in the best interest of Michiganders," said Lubber, whose nonprofit sustainability group has been mobilizing business and investor support across the country for the Clean Power Plan. "The Clean Power Plan provides an opportunity for Michigan to catalyze further investment and job creation in the clean energy sector. That's why 18 companies and investors with a footprint in Michigan called on the governor to meet the new EPA standards by focusing on renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions."

Last month, 18 companies and investors sent a letter to Governor Snyder urging timely implementation of Clean Power Plan and a focus on energy efficiency and renewable energy as the most cost effective means to comply.

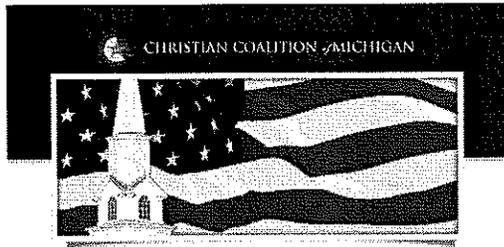
"Our support is firmly grounded in economic reality," states the letter. "Clean energy solutions are cost effective and innovative ways to drive investment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Increasingly, businesses rely on renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions to cut costs and improve corporate performance."

The EPA Clean Power Plan is the nation's first comprehensive effort to reduce carbon pollution from existing electric power plants—the single largest source of global warming pollution in the U.S. The plan sets unique emissions reduction targets for each state to achieve by 2032 and allows the states flexible approaches to meeting the reductions in their implementation plans, such as through deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

"At Brewery Vivant, we have a deep commitment to balancing the financial health of our business with our impact on the natural environment and our community," said Kris Spaulding, co-founder of Grand Rapids—based Brewery Vivant, which signed the July 31st letter to Governor Snyder. "We have worked to have all of our facilities 100% renewably powered through Consumer's Energy Green Generation program, and we are the first LEED Certified commercial microbrewery in the United States. We urge Michigan's leadership to make a commitment to sustainability and renewable energy, starting with full implementation of the EPA's Clean Power Plan."

In recent years, Michigan has made significant progress in reducing greenhouse gas pollution through energy efficiency and renewable energy standards. The state reduced its carbon emissions by 12 percent between 2008 and 2013, and is well positioned to make additional reductions set out in the Clean Power Plan, thanks in large part to a 10% by 2015 Renewable Energy Standard. Clean energy development has brought thousands of jobs to Michigan and billions of dollars in cumulative capital investment, enough to earn the state the ranking of 5th in the country for clean energy job creation in Q1 2015.

"Staples is actively committed to minimizing our environmental footprint and helping our customers do the same. It's simply smart business", said Mark Buckley, Vice President of Environmental Affairs for Staples, which also signed the letter to the Michigan Governor. "Implementation of the Clean Power Plan is key to enabling us to go further by providing more predictability and energy options."



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Christian Coalition Applauds Gov. Snyder's Clean Energy Leadership *State Well-Positioned to Win on Renewables, Energy Efficiency*

LANSING – **Keith den Hollander**, chairman of the **Christian Coalition of Michigan**, issued the following statement regarding **Gov. Rick Snyder's** Michigan-First Clean Power Plan:

"On behalf of the Christian Coalition of Michigan's 120,000 members, I congratulate Governor Snyder on taking bold action to move Michigan forward," said Keith den Hollander, Chairman of the Christian Coalition of Michigan. "The state's renewable energy sector already supports 6,000 jobs, and we've seen over \$2.2 billion in renewable energy investment. We now rank 5th in the nation in clean energy and transportation jobs - and we are poised to do much more.

"The Christian Coalition applauds Governor Snyder's leadership on clean energy – for our national security, economic security and family security. We believe that support for clean energy is pro-life and pro-family – and we look forward to supporting the Governor's stakeholder process to develop a forward-thinking plan that is Pure Michigan.

Regardless of how you feel about the EPA's Clean Power Plan, thanks to the Governor's pro-active leadership and vision, Michigan is much better positioned than most states. Developing our own state plan will better position Michigan to compete for jobs and lead the nation's economy of tomorrow. "

About Christian Coalition of Michigan: For over a quarter of a century the Christian Coalition, one of the largest non-profit organizations in the United States, has been a voice for families of faith across the country. With 120,000 Michigan members, the Christian Coalition has never stopped promoting the ingenuity of our citizens to succeed, opportunities for our children to dream bigger, and the power of prayer to bring about positive change.

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MCEF Leadership Council Support For Governor Snyder's Michigan-first Clean Energy Plan

Lansing, MI – Leadership Council members of the **Michigan Conservative Energy Forum (MCEF)** offered the following statements supporting Governor Snyder's announcement today's that he's launching a stakeholder process to develop a Michigan-first Clean Energy Plan.

Hank Fuhs:

MCEF Leadership Council and Secretary, Michigan Republican Party

"Governor Snyder has shown tremendous leadership in positioning Michigan to be a leader on renewable energy and the jobs that economic sector represents. This bold step will help to create a strong clean energy future, and shows that Republicans can contribute positively, and lead, on clean energy policy.

As a veteran, I know the more we can do to protect our energy security, the more we can contribute towards a strengthened national security, and help keep our sons and daughters in the military out of harm's way."

Mark Huizenga:

MCEF Leadership Council and Mayor of Walker

"Congratulations to Governor Snyder for his bold leadership in announcing that Michigan will develop its own Clean Energy Plan. This step will help ensure that Michigan is deciding Michigan's energy future.

The reality is, renewable, clean and efficient energy businesses and jobs are now part of Michigan's economic infrastructure – this is our future, and we need to protect the amazing progress we've made as a state. Thank you Governor Snyder for leading on clean energy."

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Jim MacInnes:

MCEF Leadership Council and CEO, Crystal Mountain

“As a business owner, I know first-hand the importance of energy to the bottom line, and to our ability to hire new employees.

Governor Snyder’s announcement that he will work with stakeholders to develop a Michigan Clean Energy plan, and not leave our future in the hands of Washington bureaucrats is the kind of leadership we need.

Developing clean energy policy that protects ratepayers, ensures reliability and diversifies our energy production should be our top goals – and I pledge my support to work with the Governor to ensure we are moving forward on energy policy to the benefit of the people of Michigan.”

Ed Rivet:

MCEF Leadership Council Member, Michigan Conservative Leader

“As Governor Rick Snyder has now shown, conservatives can lead on Clean Energy and provide meaningfully to the discussion.

Conservatives have ideas and solutions to the energy challenges of today and tomorrow – I’m very happy that Governor Snyder is showing the leadership we need to transition the state towards a clean and renewable energy model which will build our future.”

Keith den Hollander:

MCEF Leadership Council Member and Chairman, Christian Coalition of Michigan

“On behalf of the Christian Coalition of Michigan’s 110,000 members, I congratulate Governor Snyder on taking bold action to move Michigan forward,” said Keith den Hollander, Chairman of the Christian Coalition of Michigan. “The state’s renewable energy sector already supports 6,000 jobs, and we’ve seen over \$2.2 billion in renewable energy investment. We now rank 5th in the nation in clean energy and transportation jobs - and we are poised to do much more.

“The Christian Coalition applauds Governor Snyder’s leadership on clean energy – for our national security, economic security and family security. We believe that support for clean energy is pro-life and pro-family – and we look forward to supporting the Governor’s stakeholder process to develop a forward-thinking plan that is Pure Michigan.”

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Gabe Leaf:

MCEF Leadership Council Member and Senior Advisor, University of Michigan College Republicans

“Protecting our energy future, and transitioning toward clean energy solutions are important issues to the young people of Michigan. We are excited to see Rick Snyder – a Republican governor – showing real leadership to expand renewable energy and energy efficiency in Michigan.

College students also care about employment – and the Governor’s initiative will grow Michigan’s expanding clean energy economy and jobs, helping to insure our talented young people can stay and contribute to our state’s bright future.”

Dean Berden:

MCEF Leadership Council Member and President, DB Solar, Inc.

“Thanks to Governor Snyder’s leadership, Michigan’s renewable energy sector is vibrant and gaining momentum – we’re now 5th in the nation for creating clean energy jobs. These aren’t hypothetical jobs – they are here, now.

Businesses like DB Solar are now in every community in every county in Michigan. We are producers, innovators, entrepreneurs, installers, electricians – we are transforming Michigan’s economy. We look forward to working with Governor Snyder to help create a Clean Energy Future created by Michigan, for Michigan.”

About MCEF:

The Michigan Conservative Energy Forum is an organization comprised of conservatives who believe that Michigan should adopt a true “All of the Above” energy policy that includes an increase in our commitment to renewable energy and energy efficiency. MCEF believes encouraging diverse and local energy production and reduced energy waste will create jobs and stimulate Michigan’ economy, reduce our reliance on foreign energy, improve our national security, and protect our valuable natural resources. <http://www.micef.org/>

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State Focused Energy Policy Best for Michigan

For over two years, Michigan has been in deep discussions on the future of our state's energy policy. Today, Governor Snyder again shows his dedication to staying focused on Michigan by moving ahead with the development of a State Implemented Plan (SIP) as we prepare for compliance with EPA's Clean Power Plan.

"Not letting Washington drive our state's energy policy is a critical step forward," says Brindley Byrd, MEECA executive director. Since 2008, Michigan energy stakeholders have shown success at achieving goals we set for our selves. Our energy is cleaner, more renewable and more efficient. Our environment is better protected. Such policies continually create more Michigan jobs. Our members' customers are realizing long-term savings in their energy bills. This success comes from concerted effort working together to provide efficient, affordable, adaptable, reliable and clean energy for Michigan citizens.

Brad Bartholomew, MEECA president and owner of Energy Savings Services in Kalamazoo, MI knows how Michigan's energy efficiency market works. "I see this decision will help safeguard the infrastructure we've built that has delivered the savings Michigan rate-payers have realized these past few years." Bartholomew goes on to say, "Ceding our energy authority to federal oversight would jeopardize my business and Michigan's energy efficiency industry. "

Representing companies and organizations who design, manufacture, install and verify energy efficiency upgrades throughout Michigan, the Michigan Energy Efficiency Contractors Association applauds Governor Snyder and the Michigan Agency on Energy for keeping a Michigan focus on our future energy policy.

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Michigan Businesses Praise Governor Snyder's Commitment to Clean Energy
Renewable Power Sector Supports Thousands of In-State Jobs



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PRESS RELEASE: Michigan to make plans to reduce carbon emissions

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News from Michigan United

*****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*******Tuesday, September 1, 2015****Contact:** Erik Shelley (248)982-6326**Michigan to make plans to reduce carbon emissions***Environmental advocates call for greater community input*

LANSING - Michigan officials announced today plans to develop a State Carbon Implementation Plan (SCIP) to limit carbon emissions from existing power plants. The SCIP must comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Power Plan (CPP) introduced August 3. Without a state plan, Michigan would be subject to the federal implementation plan.

"This is great news for Michigan," said Michigan United Organizing Director, Branden Snyder. "It illustrates that we can be a leader in fighting carbon pollution despite the efforts of our rogue Attorney General, Bill Schuette. We now have the historic opportunity to curb unchecked carbon pollution and reduce the impacts of climate change."

Attorney General Schuette joined 14 other states last month in asking a federal court to block the CPP rule. However, according to Valerie Brader, executive director of the Michigan Agency for Energy, Mr. Schuette is "pursuing that case in his individual capacity." Governor Rick Snyder reinforced this position stating, "We need to seize the opportunity to make Michigan's energy decisions in Lansing, not leave them in the hands of bureaucrats in Washington, D.C."

In March, Governor Rick Snyder said in his energy message that he'd like to see Michigan increase

renewable energy sources and reduce waste through greater energy efficiency by between 30 and 40 percent. Such moves would give State leaders the opportunity to craft a plan that would spark local investments in clean, renewable energy and create good-paying jobs in energy efficiency that would also save people money on their electric bills.

To be clear, the specifics of Michigan's SCIP haven't even been discussed yet, but the final plan must at least meet the standards set by the CPP to protect Michigan's public health, agriculture, and water resources from damaging carbon pollution. What that will mean ultimately will depend on robust, public input from impacted communities.

"As the response to Hurricane Katrina sadly illustrated, low-income communities and communities of color are impacted most often and most severely by pollution and climate change," said Sam Johnson, Pastor at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit. "While I'm glad to hear the state will be developing a statewide implementation plan, it is critical that the administration partakes in a robust public input process and seeks input from the communities most affected by carbon pollution."

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Michigan United is a broad, statewide coalition working to reform our broken immigration system, advance housing justice, protect the rights of low-wage workers and develop leadership. More information can be found at the Michigan United's website: www.miunited.org



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Press Release[Main page](#) | [Archive](#)**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Press contact:** Margie Kelly, mkelly@nrdc.org, 312-651-7935If you are not a member of the press, please write to us at nrdcinfo@nrdc.org or see our [contact page](#)**Michigan Governor Rick Snyder Announces Process for Tackling Carbon Pollution Under the Clean Power Plan**

CHICAGO (September 1, 2015) –Governor Rick Snyder’s administration announced today that Michigan would develop a state implementation plan to achieve carbon pollution reductions set by the federal Clean Power Plan.

Following is a comment from Henry Henderson, Midwest Program Director at the Natural Resources Defense Council:

“Governor Snyder is demonstrating much-needed leadership on clean energy for Michigan, the Midwest, and the nation. Creating a plan to reduce dangerous carbon emissions is a common-sense step other governors interested in protecting their states’ economies and health will surely follow. Given the high stakes for our kids’ future, Governor Snyder is doing the right thing.”

Additional Resources:NRDC’s fact sheet, “Michigan’s Pathway to Cutting Carbon Pollution,” is here: <http://www.nrdc.org/air/clean-power-plan/files/PPP-Michigan-Compliance-IB.pdf>“Tackling Climate Change Across Party Lines Works for America” by Susan Casey-Lefkowitz, Director of Programs at NRDC, is here: http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/sclefkowitz/tackling_climate_change_across.htmlFor more information about the Clean Power Plan, see the NRDC resource manual, [Clean Power: the Case for Carbon Pollution Limits](#), which provides an overview on the issue and bolsters the case for strong action on climate change.

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**STATEMENT: Michigan's Move to Meet Clean Power Plan Emissions Limits
is the Right Thing for Economy, Environment**

WASHINGTON, DC (September 2, 2015) – The State of Michigan recently announced its plans to craft and introduce a State Carbon Implementation Plan (SCIP) to reduce emissions from existing power plants. BlueGreen Alliance Executive Director Kim Glas released the following statement on the announcement:

“The critical work of developing state-based plans that can create and secure quality family-sustaining jobs and encourage investment and economic growth cannot begin soon enough. The groundwork Michigan lays now—bringing together key stakeholders, workers and communities to develop a strategy that works all—is vitally important. Done right, the actions taken to meet the goals of the Clean Power Plan can become a powerful economic opportunity for Michigan. Taking the initiative to shape a plan that meets the state’s unique economic and energy needs is critical to capturing these gains.

“A state plan is the right thing to do for Michigan’s economy and environment. We urge other states to move ahead with outlining their own State Implementation Plans and look forward to working together to shape a strong energy and economic future for Michigan.”

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