

House Resolution No. 425

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSS.

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1 **WHEREAS**, the rightful authority to develop energy policy for Missouri is vested in the
2 Missouri General Assembly under Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of Missouri; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency is seeking to subvert
5 this authority by commanding our state to comply with federal mandates with little or no regard
6 for the impact on our residents and communities; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency is seeking to make fundamental
9 changes to the state's existing energy policy; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, specifically, the EPA is requiring that Missouri reduce all electricity usage
12 by almost ten percent, increase natural gas combined cycle capacity factors by over forty percent,
13 and increase renewable energy generation by three hundred percent; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, these requirements could severely damage the economic well-being of our
16 state and our communities by increasing utility bills, increasing unemployment, and potentially
17 reducing the reliability of our electric grid; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, more than eighty percent of the electricity generated in Missouri is derived
20 from coal-fired plants; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the driving forces behind the institution of the EPA's rule has been by
23 states that do not generate electricity from coal and thus would not be impacted in an equal and
24 fair manner; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, additional concerns have been expressed and discussed at length in the
27 document entitled "Comments of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri" dated
28 December 1, 2014, filed by the House Majority Floor Leader with the Environmental Protection
29 Agency (Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0602):

30 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri House
31 of Representatives, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, hereby adopt the House Majority Floor
32 Leader’s filing with the EPA as the state’s official position and strongly urge the Environmental
33 Protection Agency to withdraw its proposed rule and return the state’s energy policy regulation
34 to the rightful authority of the people and elected officials of the state of Missouri; and

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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
37 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Gina
38 McCarthy, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and each member of the
39 Missouri Congressional delegation.

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