

# **Partnership for a Better Energy Future**

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# EPA Carbon Regulations Timeline

- **September 2013** – EPA’s proposal requiring carbon capture and storage (CCS) for new coal plants
- **June 2014** – EPA proposed “guidelines” for existing fossil fuel-fired plants
- **November 2014** – Mid-term elections
- **June 2015** – EPA final guidelines for existing plants
- **June 2016** – State plans due for existing plants
- **October 2016** – EPA must approve/disapprove state plans
- **November 2016** – Presidential election

# Major Concerns about EPA's Carbon Regulations

- **Threats to electric reliability**
- **Overreliance on natural gas to generate electricity**
- **Higher electricity prices**
- **Higher energy prices**
- **Employment losses, especially due to higher energy prices**

# Partnership for a Better Energy Future



# About PBEF

The Partnership for a Better Energy Future is leading the business and industrial community in support of a unified strategy and message in response to the Administration's greenhouse gas (GHG) regulatory agenda.

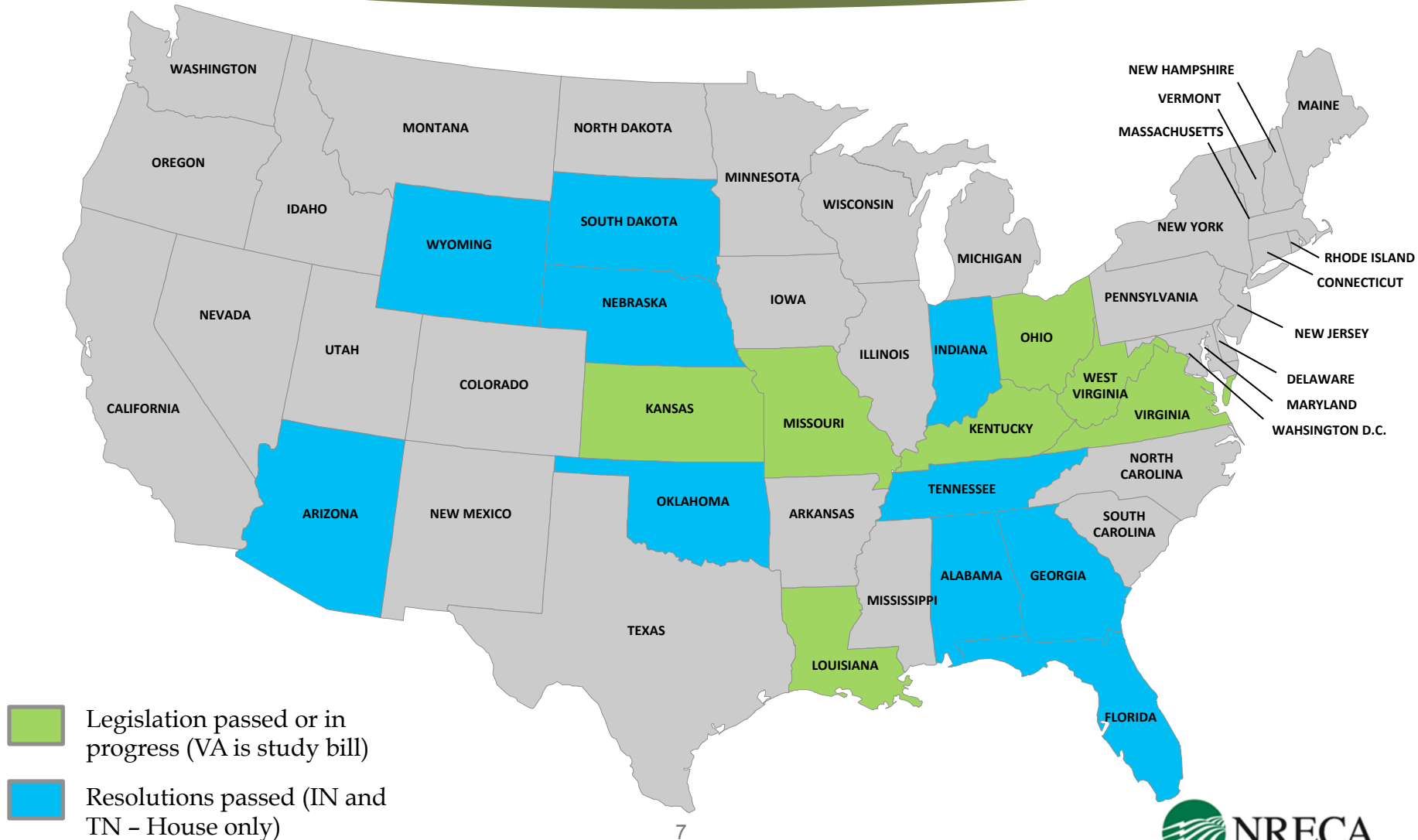
To this end, the Partnership's fundamental mission is to ensure the continued availability of reliable and affordable energy for American families and businesses.

# PBEF – Core Principles

## *EPA Regulations must:*

- Be cost-effective and technologically achievable
- Leverage all domestic energy resources
- Solicit broad stakeholder input
- Be subjected to a thorough cost-benefit analysis

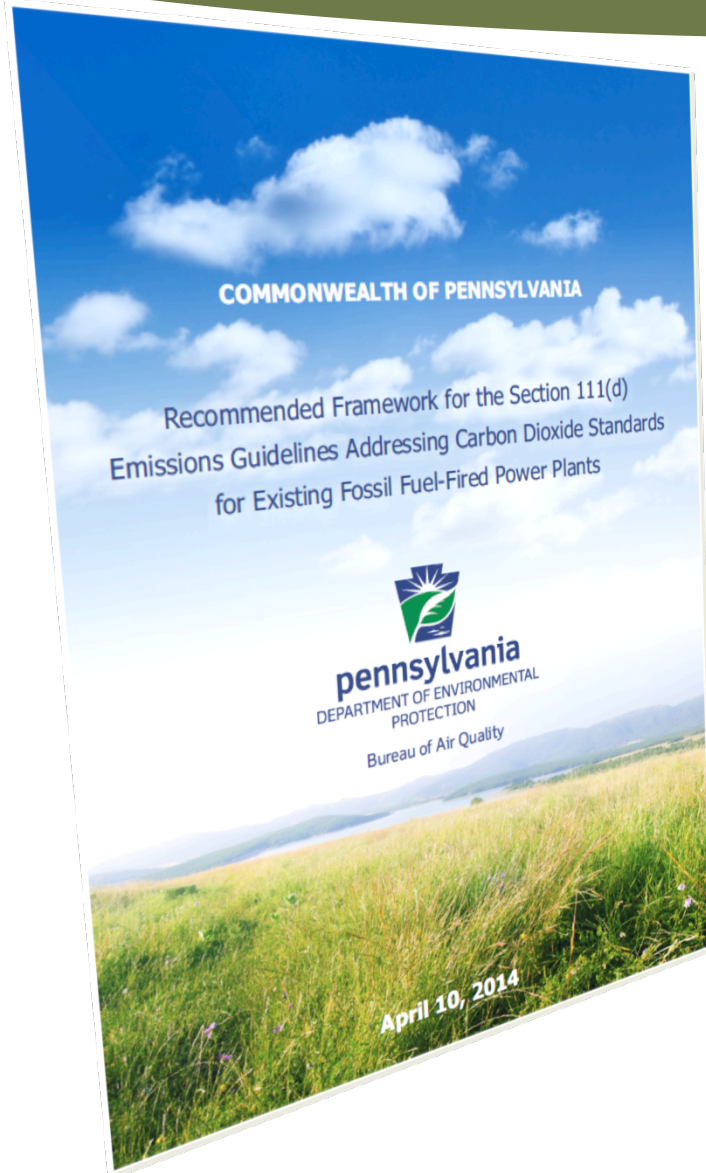
# States Taking Action



# Legislation

- Consistent with section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act
- Consistent with EPA's section 111(d) regulations
- Sets reasonable carbon standards (inside the fence)
- Carbon standards are fair to both coal-fired and gas-fired power plants
- Maximum flexibility to comply with the standards (outside the fence)

# States Taking Action: PA DEQ White Paper



- Standards would be set based on reductions achievable “inside the fence.”
- Compliance would include trading based on “credits,” not allocated allowances.
- Emphasizes reform of the New Source Review program so that efficiency improvements can be adopted.

ClimateWire

**“Pa. asks EPA for more flexible emissions and trading rules to boost power plants' energy efficiency”**



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# Thank You

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