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**Murray Energy Corporation Sues Obama Administration for Illegal and Destructive Clean Power Plan and Ban on New Coal-Fired Power Plants**

Murray Energy Corporation (“Murray Energy”) announced today that it is filing two (2) additional lawsuits against the Obama Administration’s radical Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), for their destructive and job-killing regulations.

The first lawsuit challenges the EPA’s so-called Clean Power Plan, which imposes strict, unlawful greenhouse gas standards for existing power plants. This is an unprecedented attempt by EPA to commandeer and re-design the United States’ electrical system, essentially dictating how electricity is to be produced and how much can be used. This political power grab of America’s power grid by the Obama EPA is clearly illegal, goes far beyond any statutory authority, and is, in fact, expressly prohibited by the Clean Air Act. In opposing Murray Energy’s prior litigation, in which Murray Energy made it abundantly clear that the EPA’s legal rationale for the Clean Power Plan is inherently and irreparably flawed, the EPA claimed that the final rule could have a different legal rationale. Indeed, it does not, and the EPA can no longer hide from their illegal activities. Given the clear illegality of the EPA’s actions, Murray Energy will also seek an immediate stay of the rule, in order to prevent further irreparable harm.

The second lawsuit will challenge the Obama EPA’s unworkable and unlawful greenhouse gas standards for new power plants. For more than three (3) years, the Obama EPA has effectively banned the permitting, financing, or construction of new coal-fired power plants by announcing impossible carbon standards. This illegal action continues to devastate the United States coal industry and the jobs and livelihoods that depend on it, and we are asking the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to finally put a prompt end to these illegal actions.

Indeed, in filing these lawsuits, Murray Energy is seeking to block an illegal rulemaking which will be devastating to all Americans. “Our citizens on fixed incomes will not be able to pay their electric bills, and our manufacturers of products for the global marketplace will not be able to compete”, stated Mr. Robert E. Murray, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Murray Energy. “We have no choice but to challenge the Obama Administration’s illegal actions in Court, and we will prevail.”

Murray Energy the largest underground coal mining company in the Country, which provides nearly 7,000 jobs in six (6) states, and ships coal to domestic customers in fifteen (15) states.

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