

# NEW MEXICO CAN'T AFFORD REGULATIONS THAT PUNISH OUR ECONOMY Act Now!

Affordable electric power is vital to families, businesses and communities. But in 2010, the state Environmental Improvement Board passed greenhouse gas regulations without sufficient consideration of their economic impact. These regulations will drive up the cost of electricity and impede our economic recovery.

The current Environmental Improvement Board is considering repealing these regulations. Join us in sending a strong message that New Mexicans think these regulations should be repealed this year to keep electricity affordable.



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- Nov. 8-10 and Nov. 14-18
- Dec. 5-9 and Dec. 12-16
- 6:30 p.m. each day

**Apodaca Hall in PERA Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta in Santa Fe.**

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(Please print name and mailing address above)

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Board Administrator  
New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board  
1190 St. Francis Dr., N2150  
Santa Fe, NM 87502

RE : EIB 11-15 (R), EIB 11-16 (R) and EIB 11-17 (R)

Dear Board Administrator:

As a resident of New Mexico and member of **Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative**, I support the repeal of the rules mentioned above that require greenhouse gas cap-and-trade provisions and related reporting and verification requirements and the cap-only rule that calls for a greenhouse gas reduction program in New Mexico.

In late 2010, the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board (EIB) approved the rules without first completing the required economic analyses of the rules' effects on New Mexico's economy, job growth and rates paid for electricity. The rules provide no environmental benefits, even if New Mexicans paid all the costs associated with full implementation of the rules.

Furthermore, the EIB lacked authority under state statute to approve the rules. State legislation that would have explicitly provided such authority to the EIB was disapproved by the New Mexico Legislature in both 2009 and 2010.

Our state should instead focus on a multi-faceted approach to manage emissions, while investing in technologies that preserve affordable electricity.

I respectfully urge the Environmental Improvement Board to use its influence to protect New Mexico by repealing the above-mentioned rules.

Respectfully,  
(Please sign your name below)

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A consumer/member of Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative