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Murray Energy Corporation Sues Obama Administration for Tremendously Expensive, Illegal, and Destructive Ozone Rule, Which Will Destroy Millions of Jobs

Murray Energy Corporation (“Murray Energy”) announced today that it has filed a lawsuit against the Obama Administration’s radical Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), for their exorbitantly expensive, illegal, and job-killing National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone (“Ozone Rule”).

This Ozone Rule decreases the threshold for ozone emissions to 70 parts per billion, a level so low that some of our Nation’s most pristine areas — including our National Parks — will find themselves out of compliance. Furthermore, this Ozone Rule will cause coal-fired power plants to close prematurely, killing thousands of jobs and drastically increasing electricity rates for manufacturers and people who are poor or on fixed incomes, with no environmental benefit whatsoever.

Independent analysis of this Ozone Rule demonstrates that it will reduce the Gross Domestic Product of the United States by \$140 billion per year, on average, through 2040, and by \$1.7 trillion over that period, in present value terms. Further, the labor market impacts of the Ozone Rule represent an average annual loss of employment income equivalent to 1.4 million jobs. This makes the Ozone Rule the most costly rulemaking in the history of the United States of America.

“For the past seven (7) years, the Obama Administration has waged a regulatory rampage against the United States coal industry, and the thousands of high paying, well-benefitted jobs which it provides,” stated Mr. Robert E. Murray, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Murray Energy. “This Ozone Rule is yet another illegal and destructive action aimed at killing these jobs. We have the law, science, economics, cold hard energy facts, and the Constitution on our side. We will continue to fight to preserve our jobs and livelihoods, and we will prevail in our litigation,” continued Mr. Murray.

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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