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JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ON THE CLEAN POWER PLAN

President Barack Obama, in his role as commander-in-chief of the liberal environmentalists at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has launched a blitzkrieg against the coal industry in his unilaterally declared war on coal. The regulations announced yesterday by Obama will have a catastrophic and crippling effect on the coal industry, electric utilities, and hard working families.

No one – absolutely no one – wants dirty air and water. These new regulations, however, have not been imposed to ensure clean air and water; they have been imposed to dramatically increase electricity rates and eliminate jobs in the coal industry. While campaigning for office, Obama promised that electricity rates would “necessarily skyrocket” under his plans. The radical environmentalists at the EPA, who are the boots on the ground in Obama’s war on coal, are obediently following their commander’s orders in an effort to deliver on his promise of higher utility rates for hard working Americans.

It has been said that one intends the natural consequences of his actions; Obama clearly intends to harm the citizens and industries of our state and nation. As a candidate, Obama campaigned on a theme of hope and change. As president, Obama has left no hope for Americans who pay for their electricity and is actively seeking to change the United States into a third world country.

Obama has once again acted to the detriment of America and hard-working Americans. As Ronald Reagan so eloquently put it, “There he goes again.”