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BCSE Statement on Supreme Court's Decision to Issue a Stay on EPA's Clean Power Plan

Washington, DC - The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) released the following statement from BCSE President Lisa Jacobson regarding the Supreme Court's decision yesterday to issue a stay on the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan rule regulating carbon emissions for existing power plants while litigation over the rule proceeds through the courts:

"The Council is disappointed over the Supreme Court's decision to stay the Clean Power Plan. The rule would build on what is already happening in the marketplace. It allows states to meet their emission reduction targets with a broad portfolio of affordable and reliable technologies, including an array of energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy solutions."

As noted in the recently released [2016 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#), the move towards cleaner, more sustainable forms of energy is pushing forward in an affordable and reliable manner:

- Investment in energy efficiency continues to pay dividends for the US economy. American energy productivity increased by 13% from 2007 to 2015.
- 2015 was a record year for natural gas production, consumption, flows to power generation and volumes into storage - demonstrating a robust and flexible system that is serving more customers than ever.
- Renewable energy is a prominent part (20%) of the US 2015 power fleet, with 222GW of installed capacity across the country, a 57% increase over 2008 levels, resulting in a diverse electricity portfolio that is reliable and reduces emissions and costs.

"It is our hope that the stay will not delay states from moving forward with implementation planning. The Clean Power Plan is an important rule and will contribute significantly to the US's pledge as part of the Paris Agreement that was agreed to in December 2015."

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The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public power and commercial end-users. Established in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. For more information on the Council, please visit: www.bcse.org and download [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#) 2016 edition for the latest industry information.