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Gregory Green, Chairman (C/O EIB Administrator)
New Mexico Environment Department
1190 St. Francis Dr., N2153
Santa Fe, NM 87502

RE : New Energy Economy Petition, Case Number 8-19

Dear Chairman Green:

I am writing to express my opposition to the New Energy Economy's petition to the Environmental Improvement Board to institute a cap on greenhouse gas emissions.

Such a move would have severe negative implications for New Mexico, without providing any clear environmental benefit. To petition for a cap of 25% below 1990 levels by 2020 would surely result in loss of jobs – jobs tied to the production of coal and uranium in Cibola and McKinley counties, including those at Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association's Plains Escalante Generating Station in Prewitt, NM.

Already my electric cooperative's lower-income consumers and the elderly on fixed incomes are forced to do without life's necessities, just to pay their utility bills. The New Energy Economy's proposed cap would further impact them, as well as my family and me.

I understand the group's intent is to combat climate change, but this proposal is too extreme. I support public policies that recognize and advance the linkage between environmental improvement, economic growth and energy security, but not at the expense of fair, affordable and achievable goals – goals that are best addressed at a federal government level through the adoption of a uniform program for our state and country.

The New Energy Economy and state Environmental Improvement Board should be focused on furthering the development of new types of energy, not putting up roadblocks to New Mexico's existing and reliable energy economy.

Respectfully,

A consumer/member of Continental Divide Electric Cooperative
(Please sign your name above)