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ATTORNEY GENERAL GEORGE JEPSEN

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STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL GEORGE JEPSEN CONCERNING SUPREME COURT DECISION IN AEP V. CONNECTICUT

“When the Office of the Attorney General began to litigate this issue in 2004, the federal government was entirely unwilling to take any responsibility for the regulation of greenhouse gases. It was, therefore, important to pursue federal common law public nuisance claims against carbon-dioxide emitters. We are disappointed that the Court acted before federal regulation is fully in place, but we are pleased that as a result of our work and that of many others, federal regulation of this critical issue is now in process. We have always said that strong federal regulation is the best way to protect our environment from the long-term destructive effects of greenhouse gases. We are pleased that the Supreme Court recognizes that the EPA must act to curb emissions that contribute to climate change. We will continue to work to ensure that our residents are protected, for this generation and the next.”

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