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**WRA Statement on Supreme Court Ruling Enacting EIB Rules
*Court's Action "Upholds the Rule of Law"***

In the wake of the New Mexico Supreme Court's decision this morning requiring that legally promulgated rules that would cap carbon emissions be allowed to be enacted, Western Resource Advocates' Energy Program Chief Counsel Steve Michel made the following statement:

"I am pleased with today's Supreme Court decision that upholds the rule of law. These measures had been through a very open, thorough and deliberate consideration process. This gives back to New Mexico the opportunities offered by a clean energy future."

Mr. Michel was an active participant in the lengthy hearings before the Environmental improvement Board as they considered the New Energy Economy proposal to cap carbon dioxide emissions from New Mexico's largest polluters. Mr. Michel provided over 20 hours of testimony and cross-examination as a witness in the proceedings.

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