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**ATTORNEY GENERAL STRANGE PRAISES U.S. SUPREME COURT STAY OF
OBAMA EPA'S CLEAN POWER PLAN**

(MONTGOMERY) – Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange praised the U.S. Supreme Court's decision late Tuesday to stay the Obama administration from enforcing its overreaching Clean Power Plan while Alabama and 24 other states challenge the legality of the EPA rule in federal court.

“This is a tremendous victory not only for the rule of law, but also for the people of Alabama who stand to pay higher electric bills should the unprecedented and illegal EPA rule be enacted,” said Attorney General Strange.

“The Obama administration's EPA rule would shutter coal-fired power plants around the country, including in Alabama, while killing jobs and raising power bills for hard-working families. Just two weeks ago, Alabama joined 24 other states in asking the U.S. Supreme Court to stay the onerous EPA ruling so that we could fight it in court. Today's decision is very good news and certainly bolsters the resolve of our coalition of states to press our case all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary.”

Those urging the U.S. Supreme Court to immediately halt the EPA's unlawful power plan include: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming, along with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Mississippi Public Service Commission, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

U.S. Supreme Court stay attached

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ORDER IN PENDING CASE

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The application for a stay submitted to The Chief Justice and by him referred to the Court is granted. The Environmental Protection Agency's "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units," 80 Fed. Reg. 64,662 (October 23, 2015), is stayed pending disposition of the applicants' petitions for review in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and disposition of the applicants' petition for a writ of certiorari, if such writ is sought. If a writ of certiorari is sought and the Court denies the petition, this order shall terminate automatically. If the Court grants the petition for a writ of certiorari, this order shall terminate when the Court enters its judgment.

Justice Ginsburg, Justice Breyer, Justice Sotomayor, and Justice Kagan would deny the application.