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STATEMENT BY CUB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DAVID KOLATA ON CLEAN POWER PLAN ROLL BACK

The following is a statement by CUB Executive Director David Kolata on the Environmental Protection Agency's announcement Tuesday that it would seek to rescind the Clean Power Plan.

“Any attempt by the Administration to weaken or repeal the Clean Power Plan is bad news for consumers. The Clean Power Plan would have led to increased investment in energy efficiency that reduces our electric bills and helps to create a more reliable power grid. It also would have sparked energy innovation, advancing new money-saving technologies in key areas such as efficiency and storage. Rolling back the Clean Power Plan will strip people of the tools they need to keep their power bills down—so this is a step backwards for all consumers, in particular seniors and families on tight incomes who already have a difficult time affording their utility costs. Today's development reinforces the importance of Illinois passing the Future Energy Jobs Act last year to set the state on a course to a more reliable and affordable energy future. Regardless of developments in Washington, CUB will continue to work with legislators, regulators and consumer advocates to help improve the lives of electric customers across the state of Illinois.”

Created by the Illinois Legislature, CUB opened its doors in 1984 to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. Since then, the nonprofit utility watchdog group has saved consumers more than \$20 billion by helping to block rate hikes and secure refunds. For more details, call CUB's Consumer Hotline, **1-800-669-5556**, or visit CUB's award-winning website, www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org.

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