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## Partnership for a Better Energy Future Issues Statement on House Energy and Commerce Committee Investigation into EPA

Washington, D.C., March 12, 2014 – Today the House Energy and Commerce Committee announced it is launching an investigation into the Environmental Protection Agency's decision-making process relating to the agency's consideration of carbon capture technologies in developing greenhouse gas emissions standards for new power plants. In response, Ross Eisenberg, Vice President of Energy and Resources Policy at the National Association for Manufacturers, a co-chair of the Partnership for a Better Energy Future released the following statement:

"The Committee's announcement is a welcome step toward understanding why the Obama administration would put our nation's economy and American jobs at risk by requiring the use of technology to limit greenhouse gas emissions that is simply not commercially viable yet. Businesses from almost every sector of the U.S. economy have raised concerns about the impact of EPA's GHG regulatory agenda on energy reliability and affordability. Mandating the use of CCS – which has never been demonstrated on a commercial scale power plant – will only serve to reduce the nation's diverse energy mix. As this difficult winter has illustrated, our country can't afford such a lack of diversity. We're hopeful that this investigation will provide more insight into EPA's decision to circumvent limits established in the Energy Policy Act of 2005."

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The Partnership for a Better Energy Future is leading the business and industrial community in support of a unified strategy and message in response to the Administration's GHG regulatory agenda. The Partnership's fundamental mission is to ensure the continued availability of reliable and affordable energy for American families and businesses.