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RE: Request to Hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Repeal of the Clean Power Plan

Dear Mr. Tsirigotis,

On behalf of Green the Church, the undersigned organizations respectfully request a public hearing on the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan – America's only nation-wide limit on climate-destabilizing pollution from existing fossil fuel-fired power plants. In Northern CA it goes without saying that this is a problem for us. A public hearing will provide an essential forum for our community and the public to raise concerns related to this deeply harmful and reckless proposal.

Richmond Ca. has been a hot bed of pollution and travail for the communities of color that call it home. We need to continue to create a space that gives them the power to sit at the table to work towards a healthy environment for all.

It is essential for the public to have a location accessible to a diverse array of impacted individuals to air their concerns and provide input on such a momentous action that will greatly impact our communities and families. These hearings should be held in Washington and in places across this country where Americans are experiencing the adverse impacts of climate change and the deaths and illnesses caused by power plant pollution. Prior to issuing the proposed Clean Power Plan in 2014, EPA engaged in extensive outreach to the public to solicit ideas and input on the design of a program to reduce carbon pollution

from the power sector. This process stands in stark contrast to the total absence of public hearings that preceded your proposed action.

For these reason, we request a public hearing under sections 307(d)(5) of the Clean Air Act on your proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan. We emphasize that this hearing must provide a *meaningful* opportunity for public participation, just as EPA afforded on the proposed Clean Power Plan – meaning that it must be held in a broadly accessible location, be scheduled for a reasonable duration, and allow sufficient time for individual organizations and members of the public to provide meaningful input.

Sincerely,

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