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NASUCA Releases Clean Power Plan Handbook

Washington, D.C. -- The National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) today released a Clean Power Plan Handbook to help state consumer advocates address the final form of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Clean Power Plan.

The Clean Power Plan Handbook describes how the final version of the EPA's CPP will be implemented, summarizes the changes from the proposed rule, and discusses key issues for consumer advocates to consider when working with other stakeholders in determining how to respond to the CPP.

"The Clean Power Plan has potentially far-reaching implications in each of our members' states," according to David Springe, Executive Director of NASUCA. "As a matter of state law, our NASUCA member offices have the responsibility to safeguard consumer interests as each state works through how it will respond to the CPP. The development of this Handbook will help to ensure that our NASUCA members have access to the type of expertise and tools they need to effectively safeguard consumers' interests. This Handbook is the latest in a series of resources that NASUCA has been developing for our members as we work to ensure the best possible outcomes for consumers."

Because NASUCA members have various positions on the EPA's Clean Power Plan, the Handbook does not take positions on the substantive merits of the CPP. Instead, the Handbook is an informational resource to help NASUCA's members address Clean Power Plan issues as cost-effectively as possible.

Synapse Energy Economics prepared the Handbook, posted at www.nasuca.org, for NASUCA pursuant to a grant from the Energy Foundation. NASUCA is an association of 44 consumer advocate offices in 40 states and the District of Columbia. NASUCA's members represent the interests of utility consumers before state and federal regulators and in the courts.

A copy of the Clean Power Plan Handbook can be found at NASUCA.org