

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR)
HEARING TO ADOPT NEW REGULATIONS)
AND TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF)
20.2.1, 20.2.2, 20.2.70, and 20.2.72 NMAC,)
STATEWIDE CAP ON GREENHOUSE GAS)
EMISSIONS)
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No. EIB 08-19(R)

**ENTRY OF APPEARANCE OF
CENTER ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE**

COMES NOW the Center Advancing Sustainable Architecture, and pursuant to Rule 20.1.1.303 hereby enters its appearance in this proceeding. In support thereof Center Advancing Sustainable Architecture states the following:

1. The mission of the Center Advancing Sustainable Architecture (“CASA”) is to unify the building industry for a carbon neutral future. CASA fulfills its mission by fostering communication between professional, institutional and government leaders to change energy and building codes, supporting legislative and regulatory policies that address climate change, engaging in professional education and enacting professional licensing requirements that is consistent with the mission.
2. There is no greater challenge facing the human race than the issues of global warming and the depletion of energy and material resources. We are racing towards an uncertain future if we do not take the necessary steps to change our current course. It is for that reason that the Center Advancing Sustainable Architecture supports the Petition and believes it is critical that the Environmental Improvement Board set a cap on greenhouse gas emissions in a manner

consistent with the best available science.

3. In New Mexico, global warming has been linked to a decrease in snowpack and water resources and an increase in wildfires. Left unchecked, global warming will have profound economic, social, and health costs for our communities and will have untold consequences for our children and future generations.

4. If the Environmental Improvement Board does not set a science-based cap on global warming pollution there is a significant risk of negative impact to the New Mexico economy and quality of life. Conversely, there is the potential for major benefits to New Mexico from a clean energy economy.

5. There is clear direction from the scientific community, from Governor Richardson, from his Climate Change Advisory Group that state government taking a leadership role in clean energy in the region will benefit New Mexico.

6. The Petition rightfully seeks to reduce total emissions by 25 percent below 1990 levels by 2020 and 80 percent by 2050. These targets are bold but achievable and will spur new industries in energy and efficiency technologies, create new jobs, and protect the New Mexico way of life.

7. Solutions to global warming will not only ensure the well-being of our children in the long run, but will very quickly provide new economic opportunities for our state. That is why CASA supports this Petition, which will reduce New Mexico's contribution to global warming. We encourage you to officially endorse this goal and see that regulations are implemented to achieve it.

8. Center Advancing Sustainable Architecture should be served with copies of all pleadings and other documents filed in this proceeding by any participant. Service should be provided to:

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WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Center Advancing Sustainable Architecture
enters its appearance in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phyllis Kaplan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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