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House Resolution No. 425
98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, the rightful authority to develop energy policy for Missouri is vested in the
2 Missouri General Assembly under Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of Missouri; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, in June 2014, the United States Environmental Protection Agency proposed
5 the “Clean Power Plan” to cut emissions from existing coal-fired power plants; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency is seeking to subvert
8 this authority by commanding our state to comply with federal mandates with little or no regard
9 for the impact on our residents and communities; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency is seeking to make fundamental
12 changes to the state’s existing energy policy; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, specifically, the EPA is requiring that Missouri reduce all electricity usage
15 by almost ten percent, increase natural gas combined cycle capacity factors by over forty percent,
16 and increase renewable energy generation by three hundred percent; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, these requirements could severely damage the economic well-being of our
19 state and our communities by increasing utility bills, increasing unemployment, and potentially
20 reducing the reliability of our electric grid; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, more than eighty percent of the electricity generated in Missouri is derived
23 from coal-fired plants; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, the driving forces behind the institution of the EPA’s rule has been by
26 states that do not generate electricity from coal and thus would not be impacted in an equal and
27 fair manner; and

28 **WHEREAS**, additional concerns have been expressed and discussed at length in the
29 document entitled “Comments of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri” dated
30 December 1, 2014, filed by the House Majority Floor Leader with the Environmental Protection
31 Agency (Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0602):

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33 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri House
34 of Representatives, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, hereby adopt the House Majority Floor
35 Leader’s filing with the EPA as the state’s official position and strongly urge the Environmental
36 Protection Agency to withdraw its Clean Power Plan proposed rule and return the state’s energy
37 policy regulation to the rightful authority of the people and elected officials of the state of
38 Missouri; and

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
41 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
42 Missouri Department of Economic Development, Division of Energy to be considered in the
43 development of the comprehensive energy plan described in the Governor’s Executive Order 14-
44 06, as well as Gina McCarthy, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and each
45 member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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