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Cooperative Agreement

This agreement, entered into by the members of The Energy Council, the states of Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Wyoming and its international affiliates, the Canadian Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Nova Scotia, as well as the nation of Venezuela, provides for the operation of a centrally located coordinating office in Dallas, Texas, pursuant to the Council's bylaws and the resolution of the Council members adopted by the Executive Committee on 17 February, 1985.

The operation of the coordinating office is subject to and contingent upon the following conditions and limitations.

- 1) As per the resolution adopted on 10 December 1999 and the Council's bylaws, each member state and international affiliate shall henceforth make available the sum of thirty-two thousand (\$32,000.00) per fiscal year for the operation of the coordinating office.
- 2) The Executive Director shall be subject to the control and direction of the Chairman of the Council and the Executive Committee and shall confer with such parties as to the hours and manner of operation of the office.
- 3) It is the intent of the Executive Committee of The Energy Council that the activities of the coordinating office be strictly administration, coordination, and information dispersal. The Executive Director shall at no time assume an advocacy role on behalf of the Council unless directed to do so by the Chairman and the Executive Committee.
- 4) If any member state or international affiliate determines that continued participation would not be in the best interest of the state or international affiliate, then with a minimum of thirty (30) days notice, such state or international affiliate may withdraw from this agreement. In the event of such withdrawal, the Chairman of the Council and the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall determine the refund to be made, if any, taking into consideration, but not limited to, long-term lease agreements and other contractual arrangements to which the Council is party.