SALEM, Ore., March 6, 2015 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) President Catherine Reheis-Boyd issued the following statement:

"The Western States Petroleum Association, through legal counsel, today asked the Oregon State Court of Appeals to review the state's newly adopted LCFS Rule. It is the position of WSPA and its member companies that Oregon's low carbon fuel standard program is infeasible and could do irreparable damage to the state’s energy market. Through today's action WSPA asked the Court of Appeals to also recognize that the LCFS rules are illegal.

As written, the LCFS rules force producers to meet carbon-intensity targets, and/or purchase credits, at a time when alternatives are not available. Many studies have been produced suggesting alternatives will not be scalable for some time. Furthermore, Oregon's LCFS is far too intrusive in a market that is almost entirely dependent on out-of-state fuel sources, making the outcomes of the newly adopted rule hard to foresee. WSPA is asking the Court of Appeals to recognize the fundamental flaws in the LCFS rules and hold the rules invalid.

WSPA encourages Oregon's regulators and policymakers to consider strong environmental protections and work to reduce greenhouse emissions in the state. There are less risky and less costly ways to address climate change than a program that applies such burdensome regulations and undue strain on an industry all Oregonians rely upon. We are confident the Court of Appeals will agree with our position."

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