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### **CARE Chairman Rob Lapsley Issues Statement in Response to Green New Deal Resolution in California**

**SACRAMENTO**—Rob Lapsley, chair of Californians for Affordable and Reliable Energy (CARE), issued the following statement today in response to the “Green New Deal” resolution proposed in the California Legislature:

“We support the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing climate change, but a \$100 billion ‘green new deal’ isn’t the answer. We have already seen the impact California’s existing climate change mandates have had on everything from housing, energy, transportation and food costs. Between 2010 (when AB 32 was fully implemented) and 2018, average annual household electricity prices have increased by \$234. From November 2017 to November 2018, California households paid \$5.7 billion more for the same amount of energy than average households in the rest of the U.S.

“Californians are now just beginning to feel the impacts of aggressive goals and mandates with little or no data on their effectiveness. Policymakers should provide aggressive oversight to assess the impact on both the environment and consumer costs from existing programs before we engage in ever stricter mandates.

“This is the only way we can ensure that we keep costs affordable for lower- and middle-income households throughout the state. We must have a diversified energy portfolio to keep costs competitive and keep rates affordable for households and businesses.”