

AGNC 18-2
Support for Alternative Uses of Coal

WHEREAS: Western Colorado has an abundance of clean burning coal resources most commonly used for the generation of reliable, low-cost electricity;

WHEREAS: Coal production regionally, statewide, and nationally has declined significantly over the last decade;

WHEREAS: Many factors, including pervasive regulation and market forces, continue to result in reduced coal production;

WHEREAS: Millions of dollars are being invested in research and development to identify new, high value products that can be developed from coal including carbon fiber, rare-earth elements, and other coal-derived products;

WHEREAS: Many of the alternative uses of coal being researched can address concerns related to carbon dioxide emissions from coal combustion by using closed-circuit refining, solvent extraction, and other developing technologies;

WHEREAS: Western Colorado communities and other coal producing areas are facing economic declines resulting from reduction in coal production;

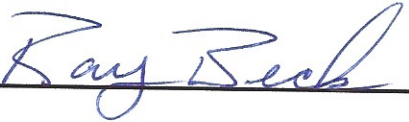
WHEREAS: Western Colorado communities are actively working to achieve greater economic diversity across the region; and

WHEREAS: Western Colorado communities and other coal abundant states including Alaska, Utah, Wyoming, Kentucky, and West Virginia are collaborating to advance alternative uses for coal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) supports efforts to identify and develop alternative uses for coal resources in the region, and urges the Colorado General Assembly and Colorado's delegation to the U.S. Congress to support the research, development and production of alternative coal-derived products;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AGNC encourages federal and state agencies to assist in identifying and developing new high value uses for coal through funding for research, feasibility studies and product development.

Resolution AGNC 18-2 duly approved by a vote of the Board on the 18th day of July 2018.



Ray Beck
AGNC Chairman

