

Nessel Joins Multistate Coalition Backing SEC's Climate Disclosure Rule

Michigan has joined a coalition of 19 attorneys general filing a motion to intervene in a lawsuit to defend the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's "final rule" on climate-related disclosures for investors.

[Attorney General Dana Nessel](#) announced the state's involvement in the lawsuit, *Iowa v. SEC* ([USCOA Docket No. 24-1522](#)), before the 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. The case has been consolidated with several others.

The SEC's Final Rule provides investors with standardized, material information about climate-related risks. These disclosures enable investors to make informed investment decisions. It was issued last month after considering tens of thousands of letters sent to the SEC on the topic.

The Final Rule requires, in part, publicly registered companies to describe:

Climate-related risks that materially impacted the company or are likely to do so in the future and the effect on the company's strategy, operations, and financial condition.

Information related to any processes or strategies used to mitigate or evaluate material climate-related risks; and

The board of directors' oversight of climate-related risks.

The rule says certain companies must also disclose material direct and indirect greenhouse-gas emissions from purchased or acquired electricity, steam, heat, or cooling.

"There is no doubt that the steps a company takes to address its climate-related risks has a direct impact on its financial health," Nessel said in statement. "Providing investors with this information is crucial. It is well within the SEC's regulatory authority to require these types of disclosures, and I am proud to join my colleagues in defending this Final Rule."

The coalition includes Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin.

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