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A Pacific Island Challenge to European Air Pollution

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BRUSSELS — A Pacific island nation has challenged plans by the <u>Czech</u>
<u>Republic</u> to refit a <u>coal</u>-fired power station, in an appeal that environmental advocates on Monday described as the first of its kind.

The case focuses on efforts by a Czech utility, the CEZ Group, to prolong the life of the power plant in Prunerov, close to the German border. The Federated States of <u>Micronesia</u> maintains that doing so would result in continued emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to <u>global warming</u>, which it says threaten its existence.

"Climate change is real and it is happening on our shores," Andrew Yatilman, the director of Micronesia's office of environment and emergency management, told Reuters. "It's a matter of survival for us. If you look at the map of the Pacific, we're just dots in the middle of the ocean."

Micronesia submitted its arguments to the Czech Ministry of Environment on Jan. 4.

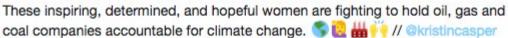
Greenpeace, which is supporting the action by Micronesia, demanded last month that the Czech Republic decommission the plant by 2016.

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