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Ms. Cheryl Bradley, Air Quality Division  
Department of Environmental Quality  
VIA Email: [Cheryl.Bradley@deq.ok.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Bradley@deq.ok.gov)

Dear Ms. Bradley:

Please accept these comments on behalf of the State Chamber of Oklahoma in support of Public Service Company of Oklahoma's environmental compliance plan in meeting new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. The State Chamber of Oklahoma represents more than 1,000 businesses and like-minded organizations and is concerned with continual federal overreach and burdensome regulations that cost employers and Oklahoma residents additional dollars out-of-pocket, limiting funds available for investment in the growth of our state.

The State Chamber of Oklahoma supports the state implementation plan (SIP) over the less desirable option of an EPA-designed compliance plan. Without the SIP, the Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) will be forced to comply with a federal implementation plan (FIP), which would inevitably come with a greater cost to Oklahoma rate payers – businesses and residential customers.

The proposed SIP allows for transition from a coal-fired to natural gas plant that will reduce emissions from the PSO Northeastern Station in Oologah by 75 percent. The SIP also reduces the cost of the EPA's FIP by \$651 million.

The SIP is necessary to reduce the risk of PSO being exposed to forced compliance with EPA regulations, which would not only increase costs to customers but could also reduce availability in generating capacity. The State Chamber of Oklahoma asks for expedient approval of the SIP to protect the state from potential negative economic impacts and help in reduction of emissions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Morgan" with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Fred S. Morgan

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