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Mr. Ron Curry, Regional Administrator (6RA)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region VI
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Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Subject: Request for Parallel Processing of Proposed Oklahoma Regional Haze State
Implementation Plan Revision

Dear Mr. Curry:

In a letter to your predecessor dated March 30, 2011, Governor Mary Fallin appointed me as her designee for the purpose of submitting documents to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval and incorporation into the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the State of Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is given the primary responsibility and authority to prepare and implement the state's air quality management plan under Oklahoma Statutes.

Accordingly, the State of Oklahoma submits for your review under Section 110 of the federal Clean Air Act and 40 CFR Part 51, a proposed revision of the Oklahoma Regional Haze State Implementation Plan submitted in February 2010, and the associated evidence as required by 40 CFR 51, Appendix V, 2.1. This revision of the Regional Haze SIP addresses EPA's regional haze regulations, 40 CFR § 51.308, as they relate to the BART determination for American Electric Power/Public Service Company of Oklahoma ("AEP/PSO") Northeastern Power Station Units 3 & 4. This revision implements relevant portions of a settlement agreement reached among EPA, the Oklahoma Secretary of Environment, DEQ, U.S. Department of Justice, AEP/PSO and the Sierra Club, and is intended to replace the related EPA-issued Federal Implementation Plan (FIP), *see* 76 Fed.Reg. 81727 (Jan. 27, 2012), as it relates to the subject facility. The proposed SIP revision also includes revisions to affected portions of the Interstate Transport SIP for the 1997 8-hour Ozone and 1997 PM_{2.5} NAAQS, submitted in May 2007 (including supplemental information submitted in November 2007), and is intended to replace the related EPA-issued FIP as it relates to the subject facility.

We are requesting parallel processing of this submittal in accordance with the settlement agreement and Janet McCabe's 10/31/2011 Memo (Subject: Options and Efficiency Tools for EPA Action on State Implementation Plan Submittals). DEQ has scheduled a public hearing regarding the SIP revision for May 20, 2013. DEQ has enclosed a draft notice of the public hearing and opportunity to comment on the proposed SIP revision, as required by 40 CFR § 51.102. Notice will be posted on DEQ's Regional Haze webpage by Tuesday, April 19, 2013, and provided via e-mails to those persons who have expressed an interest in SIP revisions and have supplied their e-mail addresses. Information on the Public Notice, the proposed revision,

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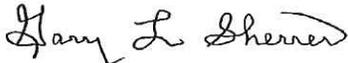
and related documents will also be prominently displayed on DEQ's main Air Quality Division webpage. In addition, a notice will be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation at least 30 days before the hearing. The Review, Consultations and Comments Section of the proposed Regional Haze SIP Revision describes DEQ's plans for consultation and for receiving, posting, and responding to any comments received.

Simultaneous with this request, DEQ is providing electronic access to the proposed SIP revision and notification of a consultation opportunity to the designated Federal Land Manager (FLM) staff in accordance with the consultation provisions of 40 CFR § 51.308(i)(2), and to clean air agency staff for bordering/potentially affected states in accordance with 40 CFR § 51.308(d)(3)(i). Following evaluation of all comments received, Oklahoma will respond to comments and finalize and submit the Regional Haze SIP revision in accordance with EPA regulations and the referenced settlement agreement. As required by 40 CFR § 51.103(a) and regional guidance, we have included with this letter two paper copies and an identical electronic copy (on CD) of the submittal. The submittal is also currently available on the DEQ webpage set up for FLM's and States' access at:

http://www.deq.state.ok.us/aqdnew/RulesAndPlanning/Regional_Haze_rev2013

If you have questions, please contact me or Eddie Terrill, Director of DEQ's Air Quality Division, at (405) 702-4154.

Sincerely



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Secretary of Environment

Enclosures

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