The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received an application for a solid waste permit for the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Surface Impoundment at the Hugo Power Station, P.O Box 219, 970 N. 4335 Road, Fort Towson, Oklahoma 74735. The legal description of the impoundment location is NE/4 of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 19 East, Choctaw County, Oklahoma. The application was filed by Western Farmers Electric Cooperative on September 21, 2018.

The DEQ has tentatively found that the application meets the requirements of Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2-1-101, et seq., Section 2-10-101, et seq., and rules of the DEQ, Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC), Title 252, Chapters 4 and 517, and has prepared a draft permit for public review. The draft permit and its conditions are proposed for the following facility. The Hugo Power Station is an electricity-generating station comprised of a single, coal-fired unit. The process results in generation of coal combustion residuals (CCR) including fly ash, bottom ash, and economizer ash. The CCR Surface Impoundment (Impoundment) formerly received bottom ash into two CCR units identified as CCR Unit 2 and CCR Unit 3. The Impoundment was also designed to collect non-CCR waste streams such as process wastewater and stormwater. The Impoundment no longer receives CCR, but CCR Unit 3 continues to receive non-CCR waste streams. CCR Unit 2 is currently undergoing closure by removal of CCR.

The application, the draft permit, and related documents may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Central Records Office, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, located on the 2nd floor of the DEQ building at 707 North Robinson, P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677. The DEQ contact is:

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Copies are also on file on DEQ’s website at https://www.deq.ok.gov/land-protection-division/permit-public-participation-process/ and locally at Hugo Public Library, 703 E. Jackson St., Hugo Oklahoma 74743.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft permit should submit their comments in writing to DEQ at the above address or electronically to the DEQ at the website address above. Also, any person may request, in writing, a formal public meeting to present written or oral statements and data concerning the draft permit. A request for a public meeting must identify the nature of the issues to be raised in the meeting. If DEQ determines, based on
the requests it receives, there is a significant degree of public interest in the draft permit, it
will schedule a public meeting and provide notice of the date, time and place.

Written comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by DEQ within 30
days after the date of this publication at the DEQ address given above. More specific
information may be obtained by contacting the applicant at:

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