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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), THOMAS C. FERGUSON POWER PLANT

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED PERMIT AND PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OF PROPOSED CLEAN AIR ACT PREVENTION OF
SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION PERMIT**

Public Comment Period: September 28, 2011 – October 28, 2011

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides notice of, and requests public comment on, EPA's proposed action relating to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit application for the LCRA, Thomas C. Ferguson Power Plant (Project). EPA is issuing notice of a draft PSD permit that, if finalized, would regulate air pollutant emissions, in accordance with the PSD regulation (40 CFR 52.21), to LCRA to construct a 590 megawatt (MW, approximate) electric generating facility. The address for the project is 2001 Ferguson Road, Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657.

EPA concludes LCRA's application is subject to PSD review for the pollutant GHGs, because the project would lead to an emissions increase of GHGs for a facility described at 40 CFR § 52.21(b)(49)(iv). The proposed project consists of two new General Electric (GE) 7FA natural gas-fired combined-cycle combustion turbine-generators rated at 195 MW (approximate) each, two heat recovery steam generators (HRSG), one steam turbine generator rated at 200 MW (approximate) and a diesel-fired emergency generator and diesel-fired fire water pump. EPA Region 6 implements a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) PSD Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for Texas under the provisions of 40 CFR §52.21 (except paragraph (a)(1)). *See* 40 CFR §52.2305.

Any interested person may submit written comments on EPA's proposed PSD permit for the project. All written comments on EPA's proposed action must be received by EPA via email by October 28, 2011, or postmarked by October 28, 2011. Comments must be sent or delivered in writing to Melanie Magee at one of the following addresses:

E-mail: magee.melanie@epa.gov

U.S. Mail: Melanie Magee
Air Permits Section (6PD-R)
U.S. EPA, Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202

All timely comments will be considered in making the final decision, included in the record, and responded to by EPA. EPA may group similar comments together in our response, and will not respond to individual commenters directly.

All comments on the draft permit must be received by email or postmarked by October 28, 2011. An extension of the 30-day comment period may be granted if the request for an extension

adequately demonstrates why additional time is required to prepare comments. Comments must be sent or delivered in writing to the address above. All comments will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information that you consider Confidential Business Information or otherwise protected should be clearly identified as such and should not be submitted through email. If you send email directly to EPA, your email address will be captured automatically and included as part of the public comment. Please note that an email or postal address must be provided with your comments if you wish to receive direct notification of EPA's final decision regarding the permit and responses to comments submitted during the public comment period.

Public Hearing: EPA has discretion to hold a public hearing if we determine there is a significant amount of public interest in the draft permit. Requests for a public hearing must be received by EPA by email or mail by October 26, 2011, and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. If EPA holds a public hearing, you may submit oral or written comments on the proposed permit at the hearing. You do not need to attend the public hearing to submit written comments. *If EPA determines that there is significant public interest, a public hearing will be held on November 1, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the following location:*

City of Horseshoe Bay
#1 Community Drive
Horseshoe Bay, Texas 78657
830-598-8741

If a public hearing is held, the public comment period shall automatically be extended to the close of the public hearing. If no request for a public hearing is received by October 26, 2011, or EPA determines that there is not significant interest, the hearing will be cancelled. If the hearing is cancelled, EPA will post an announcement of the cancellation by October 28, 2011 on EPA's website at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r6/Apermit.nsf/AirP> or you may call EPA at the contact number above to determine if the public hearing has been cancelled.

Permit Documents: EPA's draft permit, EPA's preliminary determination and statement of basis, LCRA's permit application and supporting documentation, and comments received from the public, other government agencies, and the applicant during the public comment period become part of the administrative record for the permit. All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record. The administrative record is available to the public and is available at the following locations (please call in advance for available viewing times):

County of Llano Main Library
102 East Hayne Street
Llano, TX 78643
325-247-5248

EPA Region 6 Office

1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75126
Phone: 214-665-7200

Final Determination: A final decision to issue a permit, or to deny the application for the permit, shall be made after all comments have been considered. Notice of the final decision shall be sent to each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision, provided EPA has adequate contact information.