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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Austin
dba Austin Energy
Sand Hill Energy Center

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

Permit Number: PSD-TX-1012-GHG

Public Comment Period August 6, 2014 to September 5, 2014

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides notice of and requests public comments on the EPA's proposed action relating to the issuance of a Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit application for the City of Austin dba Austin Energy Sand Hill Energy Center (SHEC) Project. If finalized, the permit would regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) pollutant emission associated with the project to construct an additional electric generating unit at the existing SHEC facility, 1105 Caldwell Lane, Del Valle, TX, Travis County.

Under the provisions of 40 CFR Section 52.21 (except paragraph (a)(1)), EPA Region 6 implements a greenhouse gas PSD Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for Texas. See 40 CFR Section 52.2305. EPA concludes that Austin Energy's application is subject to PSD review for the pollutant GHGs. The resulting facility will add a natural gas fired combustion turbine and a heat recovery steam generator unit that will utilize an existing stack. The proposed unit will operate on site in a dual configuration with the existing natural gas fired combustion turbine and heat recovery steam generating unit. The proposed unit will generate an additional 202 megawatts of gross electrical power.

Any interested individual may submit comments on the EPA proposed PSD permit for Austin Energy's SHEC Project. All comments must be received in writing by September 5, 2014, or postmarked by September 5, 2014, to Trade Donaldson at one of the following addresses:

EPA Contact: Trade Donaldson
Phone Number: (214) 665-6473
E-mail: donaldson.trade@epa.gov
U.S. Mail: Trade Donaldson, 6PD-R
Air Permits Section
U.S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202

EPA will consider and respond to all comments in making the final decision regarding the issuing of the permit. Similar comments may be grouped together in the response, and the EPA will not respond to individual commenters directly.

Additionally, all comments will be included in the administrative record without change, and may be made available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes confidential business information (CBI) or other information protected from disclosure by law. Thus, CBI or other protected information should be clearly identified as such, and should not be submitted through email. Email sent directly to the EPA will capture your email address automatically and will be included as a part of the public comment. Please note that an email or postal address must be provided with your comments if you would like EPA to respond to comments submitted during the public comment period and during notification of EPA's final decision regarding the permit.

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.

Public Hearing: If EPA determines that there is a significant amount of public interest in the draft permit, the EPA has the right to hold a public hearing. Any request for a public hearing must be received by the EPA either by email or mail by August 27, 2014, and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Attendance at the public hearing is not required in order to submit written comments. If the EPA determines that there is a significant interest, a public hearing will be held on September 16, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the following location:

Montopolis Recreation Center
Room #1
1300 Montopolis Drive
Austin, TX 78741
(512) 978-2300

If a public hearing is held, the public comment period shall automatically be extended to the close of the public hearing. The EPA may cancel the public hearing if no request for a public hearing is received by August 27, 2014, or the EPA determines that there is not a significant interest. If the public hearing is cancelled, notification will be posted on the EPA website by August 29, 2014, on the EPA Website at http://www.epa.gov/region6/permits.htm. Alternatively, you may also call the EPA at the contact number listed above to determine if the public hearing has been cancelled.

Permit Documents: EPA's draft permit, EPA's preliminary determination and statement of basis, Austin Energy's permit application, 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. In addition, all data submitted by the applicant is available as a part of the administrative record. The public can access the administrative record at the following locations (please call in advance for available viewing times):

Austin Public Library, Twin Branch
1800 Grove Blvd.
Austin, TX 78741
(512) 974-7500

EPA Region 6 Office
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202
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 the EPA has adequate contact information.

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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