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Mr. Andres R. Ramirez
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Dear Mr. Ramirez:

In accordance with the Clean Air Act (CAA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed your application for a CAA Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) for Greenhouse Gas Emissions permit authorizing the construction of a new natural gas fired simple cycle electric generating plant.

The EPA issued and published requests for public comment regarding EPA's proposed action on the above application on September 22, 2013 and was originally scheduled to close on October 22, 2013. An initial request to extend the comment period was received on October 17, 2013 and was subsequently granted on October 21, 2013 to extend the end of the comment period to October 29, 2013. EPA later received multiple additional requests to further extend the comment period that were granted to extend the closing of the comment period to December 4, 2013. During the comment period, EPA received 66 comments. After consideration of the pertinent Federal statutes, regulations, and additional material relevant to the application contained in our Administrative Record, the EPA hereby issues the enclosed PSD Permit for the facility described above. The final permit, Responses to Public Comments, and other key documents relevant to the final PSD permit are also available online at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r6/Apermit.nsf/AirP>.

In accordance with 40 CFR §124.15(b), this PSD Permit becomes effective thirty (30) days from the date of service of notice of this permit decision unless a petition for review is properly and timely filed with the EAB. In the event that a petition for review is filed with the EAB, construction of the facility is not authorized under this PSD permit until resolution of the EAB petition(s). If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Jeff Robinson, Chief, Air Permits Section at (214) 665-6435.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wren Stenger".

Wren Stenger
Director
Multimedia Planning and
Permitting Division

Enclosures: