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Mr. Michael McCluskey
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Subject: Application Completeness Determination for the Lower Colorado River Authority, Thomas C. Ferguson Power Plant Greenhouse Gas Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit Application

Dear Mr. McCluskey:

We are writing in response to your Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit application for an Environmental Protection Agency PSD Approval to Construct a new natural gas-fired combined cycle power plant that we received on March 15, 2011. This project proposes to replace an older existing 440 megawatt electric generating boiler with a new highly efficient natural gas unit that has a 550-600 megawatt generating capacity.

We have reviewed your application and determined that it is administratively complete pursuant to 40 CFR 124.3(c). However, this notification of completeness does not imply that the EPA agrees with any analyses, conclusions, or positions contained in the application. In addition, we may need supplemental information on one or more parts of the application before we can issue a proposed permit. Because of the shared responsibility of PSD permitting in Texas, please submit to EPA any changes associated with this permitting action within 10 days of your notification to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to avoid potential conflicting Best Available Control Technology (BACT) determinations and delays in the issuance of the permit. If you submit new information indicating a significant change in the project design, ambient impact or emissions, or if you request a suspension in the processing of the application, this determination of completeness may be revised.

We are drafting a proposed determination and when we issue our proposed decision, EPA will publish a public notice of the permitting action and allow for a 30 day public comment period. In addition, the documents will be made available for review by the public during the public comment period. EPA will consider and respond to all significant comments in making the final decision on the draft permit and keep a record of the persons commenting and the issues raised during the public participation process.

Should you have any questions regarding the draft permit, please feel free to contact Melanie Magee of my staff at (214) 665-7161 or magee.melanie@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Edlund', written in a cursive style.

Carl E. Edlund, P.E.

Director

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cc: Mr. Richard Hyde, P.E., Deputy Director
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