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TRUDY D. FISHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 19, 2014

Ms. Gina McCarthy
U.S. EPA Administrator
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

On June 18, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed guidelines for states to follow in developing state plans to address carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel fired electric generating units under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act.

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality is currently working on developing comments for the rule and getting input from our stakeholders. We have made some progress, but will be unable to complete the process within the scheduled timeframe. Since this rule is so complex, with significant impacts to the Utilities and the citizens of Mississippi, we request an extension of 90 days beyond the October 16, 2014, deadline. This would allow us to complete gathering required information from our stakeholders and provide meaningful input to your agency.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Trudy D. Fisher
Executive Director

cc: Heather McTeer Toney, Regional Administrator, Region 4, EPA
Beverly Banister, Air Director, Region 4, EPA