

March 6, 2001

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Re: Baconton Power Project, Units CT1, CT4, CT5 and CT6

Dear Mr. Stacy:

The EPA has reviewed your November 29, 2000 petition, concerning Baconton Power Project, Units CT1, CT4, CT5 and CT6. In that petition, you requested permission to perform the annual RATA tests of these units in the second quarter of 2001.

For CT1, CT4 and CT5, no special permission is needed to perform the RATAs in the second quarter of 2001. Relative accuracy tests were performed at these three units in the third quarter of 2000. Consequently, on a *calendar quarter basis*, the next annual RATAs of these units would be due by the end of the third quarter of 2001. Further, if any of the quarters since the last RATA have not been "QA operating quarters", the RATA deadline could be extended beyond the third quarter of 2001 (see the Sowega petition response for a more thorough discussion of QA operating quarters and RATA deadlines). Hence, performing the RATAs of CT1, CT4 and CT5 in the second quarter is acceptable, since it is well in advance of the RATA deadline.

Regarding CT6, in your November 29, 2000 letter you projected the RATA deadline for this unit as the end of the first quarter of 2001. Provided that CT6 operates for less than 168 hours in the first quarter of 2001 (i.e., if it is not a QA operating quarter), you may claim a one quarter extension of the projected RATA deadline. This would allow you to move the scheduled

RATA date to the second quarter of 2001. If you exercise this option, use EDR record type 697 to make the RATA deadline extension claim. Please contact Ms. Kim Nguyen of my staff at (202) 564-9102 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

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