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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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April 28, 2016

Mr. Jeff Robinson, Chief
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Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Re: Executive Director's Response to EPA Order on Petition VI-2014-01
Permit Number: O31
Southwestern Electric Power Company
H.W. Pirkey Power Plant
Hallsville, Harrison County
Regulated Entity Number: RN100214287
Customer Reference Number: CN600126767

Dear Mr. Robinson:

On February 3, 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed an order (Order) granting portions of a petition filed by Environmental Integrity Project objecting to the minor revision of Federal Operating Permit (FOP) Number O31 for Southwestern Electric Power Company, H.W. Pirkey Power Plant that was issued on September 17, 2014.

On February 26, 2016, in accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.360 (30 TAC § 122.360), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) offered responses and resolutions to the granted portions of the petition in EPA's Order. TCEQ's response indicated that the attachment to the February 26, 2016 letter will be made a part of the permit record and/or statement of basis (SOB) during the next permit revision.

In response to additional comments by EPA and in order to facilitate resolution of the objection in the Order, TCEQ has initiated a reopening of FOP O31 in accordance with 30 TAC § 122.231 on the following schedule:

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Action	Completion Date
Submit Public Notice Authorization Package to Southwestern Electric Power Company	May 18, 2016
Begin 30-day public comment period	June 20, 2016
Close of public comment period*	July 20, 2016
Begin 45-day EPA concurrent review**	June 28, 2016
Issue reopened permit***	August 22, 2016

* May be later if alternate language notice is needed or hearing is requested and granted.

** In accordance with 30 TAC § 122.350(b)(1), in the event that a public comment is received during the 30-day public comment period, EPA review of the proposed permit will begin on date of Notice of Proposed Permit and Executive Director's Response to Public Comment.

*** May be later if comments and/or hearing request received.

The reopening will supplement the permit record by updating the supporting SOB to include the information contained in the February 26, 2016 response and any additional relevant information.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any other questions, please contact Janis Hudson at (512) 239-0466 or John Minter at (512) 239-0663.

Sincerely,



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