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Mr. Andy Ramirez
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Dear Mr. Ramirez:

This letter is in response to your September 15, 2015 request for a rescission of EPA-issued Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit for greenhouse gases (GHGs) associated with the El Paso Electric Company, Montana Power Station (PSD-TX-1290-GHG). You requested a rescission of the GHG PSD permit because you were classified as a Step 2 source. Generally speaking, Step 2 sources are sources that were classified as major, and were required to obtain a PSD or title V permit, based solely on GHG emissions. EPA has reviewed the information contained in your rescission request and, with this letter, approves the rescission of the GHG PSD permit for the Montana Power Station issued by EPA on March 25, 2014. Please be aware that this rescission approval does not offer relief from other statutory or regulatory provisions that may apply to any GHG constituent gases¹.

The public notice for EPA's approval of your rescission request will begin on October 14, 2015 and will end December 14, 2015. A copy of the public notice and basis of decision are enclosed for your information. The public notice will be published in *The El Paso Times* newspaper and will also be posted to the EPA Region 6 website (see: <http://www2.epa.gov/caa-permitting/ghg-psd-permitting-epas-south-central-region>). The rescission will automatically become effective 60 days after the publication of the rescission.

EPA Region 6 issued the GHG PSD permit based on the applicability provisions described, at the time of permit issuance, at 40 CFR § 52.21(b)(49)(v)(a). In accordance with the permit rescission regulations at 40 CFR § 52.21(w)(2), this PSD permit is rescinded effective 60 days after publication of the rescission announcement. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Jeff Robinson, Chief, Air Permits Section at (214) 665-6435.

Sincerely,


Wren Stenger
Director
Multimedia Planning and
Permitting Division

¹ Memorandum from Cynthia Giles, Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, for Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation (December 19, 2014), <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6pd/air/pd-r/ghg/oeca-noaction-assurance-memo121914.pdf>.