



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Jeffrey Hanson, P.E.
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SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed Action by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the Title V Operating Permit for the Alliant Energy Columbia Generating Station

Dear Mr. Hanson:

By this letter I am providing notice to Alliant Energy that, pursuant to Section 505(b) and (c) of the Clean Air Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 7661d(b) and (c), and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 40 C.F.R. Parts 70 and 71, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to require Alliant Energy to apply for a federal Part 71 operating permit for the Columbia Generating Station located in Pardeeville, Wisconsin (Columbia). As discussed below, EPA is sending this notice because the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has not addressed EPA's objections to the Title V operating permit issued by WDNR to Columbia.

Although states generally have the primary responsibility for issuing Title V permits for sources under their approved programs, EPA retains authority under the Act and 40 C.F.R. Part 70 to determine whether state-issued permits comply with all requirements of the Act and implementing regulations. Under Section 505(b) and (c) of the Act and 40 C.F.R. §§ 70.7(g)(4) and (5) and 70.8(d), if EPA determines, in response to a petition, that a state-issued permit is not in compliance with all requirements of the Act or regulations, the Administrator must object to its issuance, and the permitting authority shall have 90 days to address EPA's objections. If the permitting authority fails to act, EPA will "deny, terminate, revise, revoke or reissue a permit which has been proposed or issued by a permitting authority or will issue a part 71 permit" using the procedures of Part 70 or 71, as appropriate. 40 C.F.R. §§ 71.4(e) and (f).

In response to a Title V petition, the EPA Administrator objected to the Columbia permit in an Order dated October 8, 2009 (Enclosure). The 90-day period for WDNR to resolve EPA's objection has expired. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 70.7(g)(5), we are providing you notice of WDNR's failure to respond to EPA's October 8, 2009 objection and EPA's proposal to take action. Alliant Energy has 30 days from receipt of this letter to comment on EPA's proposed action described above, as well as an opportunity to request a hearing. Any request for a hearing must be made within 10 days of receipt of this notice. Any hearing would be held during the 30-day comment period. All comments presented at the hearing must also be submitted in writing

prior to the end of the 30-day notice and comment period. If you wish to request a hearing, please contact:

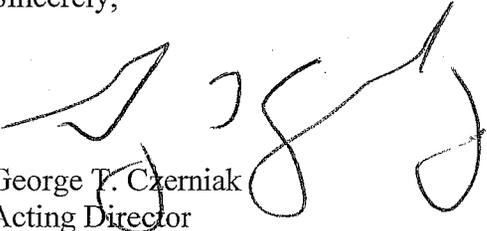
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If, after the 30-day notice and comment period, EPA determines that it will continue with the proposed action, EPA will request that Alliant Energy submit a Part 71 permit application for Columbia within six months of the date of the request. Following receipt of the application, EPA will proceed with the appropriate action.

This letter does not represent final Agency action to issue or deny a permit to Columbia under Title V of the Act, or any other kind of final agency action under Section 307(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7607(b). Neither does it preclude WDNR from submitting to EPA a Title V permit for Columbia that resolves the October 8, 2009, objections.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Susan Kraj, of my staff, at (312) 353-2654.

Sincerely,



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Acting Director
Air and Radiation Division

Enclosure

cc: Andrew Stewart, Chief
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