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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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November 18, 2022

Mr. Daniel Blackman
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

Re: Amended Commitment to Address 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix W Reference for 2015 8-hour Ozone Infrastructure State Implementation Plan

Dear Mr. Blackman:

On January 25, 2021, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) submitted a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requesting conditional approval of the portions of the 2015 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) Infrastructure State Implementation Plan (iSIP) related to Sections 110(a)(2)(C), 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(II) [Prong 3], 110(a)(2)(J), and 110(a)(2)(K) of the Clean Air Act, which are the elements regarding the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and air quality modeling. MDEQ sought conditional approval of these elements as a result of EPA's review of Mississippi's pre-draft 2015 Ozone iSIP submitted on February 11, 2019, and determination that the PSD and air quality modeling elements of the iSIP could not be fully approved. EPA identified a reference in 11 Mississippi Administrative Code, Part 2, Chapter 2 and 11 Mississippi Administrative Code, Part 2, Chapter 5 that do not cite the most recent version of 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix W, Guideline on Air Quality Models, updated in 2017. In the request for conditional approval, MDEQ provided a written commitment under Section 110(k)(4) of the Clean Air Act to take action to meet the requirements of the PSD and air quality modeling elements for its 2015 Ozone iSIP by adopting rule revisions no later than one year after EPA's conditional approval of these portions of Mississippi's ozone iSIP and included a projected timeline for completion.

Today, MDEQ respectfully requests to revise the projected timeline to complete actions necessary for the rule revisions that will satisfy the aforementioned requirements of the Clean Air Act. MDEQ's amended schedule also meets the requirements of Section 110(k)(4) of the Clean Air Act and is as follows:

Public Comment Period
Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Action
Secretary of State Submission & Rule Effective Date
Submittal to EPA

March 2023
June 2023
August 2023
September 2023

During your review of this request, you may find it helpful to note that MDEQ submitted and requested full approval of Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(II) Prongs 1 and 2 of Mississippi's 2015 Ozone iSIP on September 4, 2019, and all other elements on January 25, 2021. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Melissa Fortenberry at (601) 961-5556 / mfortenberry@mdeq.ms.gov or Keith Head at (601) 961-5577 / khead@mdeq.ms.gov.

Sincerely,



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