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May 22, 2015

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Subject: Addendum to Request for Determination of Attainment of the 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) and Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Areas and Request for a One-Year Extension of the HGB 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard Attainment Date

Dear Mr. Curry:

Based on a conversation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 staff regarding the requirements for a one-year extension of the attainment deadline for the HGB 2008 eight-hour ozone nonattainment area, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) submits this addendum to the February 27, 2015 letter to the EPA which is enclosed for your reference.

In the February 27 letter, the TCEQ requested that the EPA issue a determination of attainment, also known as a clean data determination, of the 1997 eight-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for the HGB and DFW nonattainment areas. Under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §51.1118, an EPA determination that an area is attaining the 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS suspends certain state planning requirements related to attainment of the standard.

The TCEQ also requested a one-year attainment date extension to July 20, 2016, for the HGB 2008 eight-hour ozone NAAQS marginal nonattainment area in accordance with Federal Clean Air Act, §181(a)(5). The HGB area meets the monitoring data requirement with a 72 parts per billion fourth highest daily eight-hour monitored average in the HGB 2008 ozone nonattainment area as measured at the Conroe Relocated monitor (C78/A321) in 2014.

The February 27, 2015 letter indicated that TCEQ submitted a base year emissions inventory state implementation plan revision to EPA on July 16, 2014, to comply with

marginal area requirements for the 2008 eight-hour ozone NAAQS. In addition, the TCEQ certifies that the state is implementing all requirements and commitments pertaining to the area in the applicable ozone implementation plan. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact David Brymer, Director of the Air Quality Division, at (512) 239-1725.

Sincerely,

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Re: Request for Determination of Attainment of the 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard For the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) and Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Areas and Request for a One-Year Extension of the HGB 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard Attainment Date

Dear Mr. Curry:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requests that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issue a determination of attainment, also known as a clean data determination, of the 1997 eight-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for the HGB and DFW nonattainment areas. Under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §51.918 as well as proposed CFR §51.1118, an EPA determination that an area is attaining the 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS suspends certain state planning requirements related to attainment of the standard.

This determination of attainment request is based on complete, quality-assured, certified ambient air monitoring data that show the HGB and the DFW areas have monitored attainment of the 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS for 2012 through 2014. The HGB area monitored attainment of the standard with an 80 parts per billion (ppb) design value, and the DFW area with an 81 ppb design value. The 2014 Annual Data Certification was submitted to the EPA February 24, 2015.

The TCEQ also requests a one-year attainment date extension to July 20, 2016 for the HGB 2008 eight-hour ozone NAAQS marginal nonattainment area in accordance with Federal Clean Air Act, §181(a)(5). The TCEQ certifies that the state has complied with all marginal requirements and commitments pertaining to the HGB area by submitting a base year emissions inventory state implementation plan revision to the EPA on July 16, 2014. The HGB area also meets the monitoring data requirement with a 72 ppb fourth highest daily eight-hour monitored average in the HGB 2008 ozone nonattainment area as measured at the Conroe Relocated monitor (C78/A321) in 2014.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact David Brymer, Director of the Air Quality Division, at (512) 239-1725.

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