



August 10, 2016

Steve Page, Director
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) C404-04
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

Re: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0531; Protection of Visibility

Dear Mr. Page:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas Railroad Commission (RRC), and Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) submit the enclosed comments on the proposed amendments to the regional haze rules as published on May 4, 2016.

In a May 12, 2016 letter to you, Texas formally requested that the comment period on the proposed rule be extended to 45 days after issuance of the revised guidance on developing regional haze state implementation plans. Without time to thoroughly review the revised guidance, it is not possible to fully understand the implications of the proposed rule. While the EPA did extend the comment period to accommodate limited review of the guidance prior to the comment deadline, Texas believes this proposal does not provide adequate notice since the revised guidance was not made available with sufficient time for a thorough analysis of how the guidance influences implementation of the proposed rule before the comment deadline. We therefore request that the comment period be reopened to allow adequate review of the guidance as it impacts the proposed regional haze rule amendment.

If there are any questions concerning the enclosed comments or this request for an extension of the comment period, please contact Mr. Steve Hagle, P.E., Deputy Director, TCEQ Office of Air, at 512-239-1295 or steve.hagle@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Hyde, P.E.
Executive Director
TCEQ

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Kimberly Corley
Executive Director
RRC

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Brian H. Lloyd
Executive Director
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Enclosure