

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



## EXAMPLE A

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR AIR QUALITY PERMITS

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBERS 1467, PSDTX1090M1, N284, AND GHGPSDTX199

**APPLICATION.** El Paso Electric Company, PO Box 982, El Paso, TX 79960-0982, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for amendment of State Air Quality Permit 1467, modification to Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit PSDTX1090M1, issuance of Nonattainment Permit Number N284, and issuance of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) PSD Air Quality Permit GHGPSDTX199 for emissions of GHGs, which would authorize modification of the Newman Power Station located at 4900 Stan Roberts Senior Avenue, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas 79934. The existing facility will emit the following air contaminants in a significant amount to require a Nonattainment Review: particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less. The facility will emit the following air contaminants in a significant amount: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 2.5 microns or less, and greenhouse gases. In addition, the facility will emit: ammonia, hazardous air pollutants, sulfur dioxide, and sulfuric acid mist. No other pollutant emission increase will result from this facility.

The degree of PSD increment predicted to be consumed by the existing facility and other increment-consuming sources in the area is as follows:

#### Nitrogen Dioxide

Maximum Averaging Time	Maximum Increment Consumed ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Allowable Increment ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
Annual	0.8	25

#### PM<sub>2.5</sub>

Maximum Averaging Time	Maximum Increment Consumed ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Allowable Increment ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
24-hour	0.3	9
Annual	0.05	4

The executive director has determined that the emissions of air contaminants from the existing facility which are subject to PSD review will not violate any state or federal air quality regulations and will not have any significant adverse impact on soils, vegetation, or visibility. All air contaminants have been evaluated, and "best available control technology" will be used for the control of these contaminants.

El Paso County has been designated nonattainment for PM<sub>10</sub> because Continuous Ambient Air Monitoring Stations have shown that ambient concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub> exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM<sub>10</sub>. The Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) requires that new major stationary sources and major modifications at sources in designated nonattainment areas must satisfy nonattainment new source review prior to commencement of construction.

As required by the nonattainment review, all air contaminants have been evaluated and the "lowest achievable emission rate" has been addressed for the control of these contaminants. The PM<sub>10</sub> emission increases from this project will be

offset with emission reductions by a ratio of 1 to 1. Furthermore, the applicant has demonstrated that the benefits of the existing facility significantly outweigh the environmental and social costs imposed as a result of its location, construction, or modification. Finally, the applicant has certified that all major stationary sources owned or operated by the applicant in the state are in compliance or on a schedule for compliance with all applicable state and federal emission limitations and standards. The executive director, therefore, has made the preliminary determination to issue this permit.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate.

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE.** These documents are accessible through the Commission's Web site at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid): the executive director's preliminary decision which includes the draft permit, the executive director's preliminary determination summary, air quality analysis, and, once available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application. Access the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) using the above link and enter the permit number for this application. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.982222&lng=-106.430555&zoom=13&type=r>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.** The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. A public meeting will be held and will consist of two parts, an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act. During the Informal Discussion Period, the public will be encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the permit application. The comments and questions submitted orally during the Informal Discussion Period will not be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application and no formal response will be made. Responses will be provided orally during the Informal Discussion Period. During the Formal Comment Period on the permit application, members of the public may state their formal comments orally into the official record. At the conclusion of the comment period, all formal comments will be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application. A written response to all formal comments will be prepared by the executive director and will be sent to each person who submits a formal comment or who requested to be on the mailing list for this permit application and provides a mailing address. Only relevant and material issues raised during the Formal Comment Period can be considered if a contested case hearing is granted on this permit application.

**The Public Meeting is to be held:**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM MST (Mountain Standard Time)**

Members of the public who would like to ask questions or provide comments during the meeting may access the meeting via webcast by following this link: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/join-webinar> and entering Webinar ID 143-437-923. It is recommended that you join the webinar and register for the public meeting at least 15 minutes before the meeting begins. You will be given the option to use your computer audio or to use your phone for participating in the webinar.

Those without internet access may call (512) 239-1201 at least one day prior to the meeting for assistance in accessing the meeting and participating telephonically. Members of the public who wish to only listen to the meeting may call, toll free, (415) 655-0052 and enter access code 740-300-505.

Las personas que deseen escuchar o participar en la reunión en español pueden llamar al 844-368-7161 e ingresar el código de acceso 904535#. Para obtener más información o asistencia, comuníquese con Jaime Fernández al (512) 239-2566.

Additional information will be available on the agency calendar of events at the following link:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/hearings/calendar.html>.

**INFORMATION.** Citizens are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the public meeting or by mail before the close of the public comment period to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, Mail Code MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>. If you need more information about the permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information can be found at our Web site at [www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov). *Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.*

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, draft permit, and the executive director's preliminary determination summary and executive director's air quality analysis, will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ El Paso regional office, and online at <https://www.epelectric.com/company/public-notice/newman-generating-station-proposed-air-quality-permit-amendment>. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ El Paso Regional Office, 401 East Franklin Avenue Suite 560, El Paso, Texas. Further information may also be obtained from El Paso Electric Company at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Daniel Perez, Supervisor – Environmental Compliance at (915) 543-4166.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the meeting should call the Office of the Chief Clerk at 512-239-3300 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) at least one week prior to the meeting.

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