### Interoffice Memorandum

**To:** Commissioners **Date:** April 24, 2025

**Thru:** Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk

Kelly Keel, Executive Director

**From:** Phillip Ledbetter, Director

Office of Legal Services

Subject: Docket No. 2020-0073-SIP / Non-Rule Project No. 2020-026-SIP-NR

Revised Back-up for Commission Approval Revoke Agreed Orders

Strikethrough and Highlighted Draft Order

In the back-up package filed for non-rule Project No. 2020-021-SIP-NR / Revocation of Agreed Orders, the draft orders list a plant that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is not taking action on to revoke their order. Revised back-up is being filed to correct the draft order on these non-rulemaking packages to (1) remove the reference to the San Miguel power plant and make grammatical changes for clarity.

Original back-up materials for this rulemaking project were filed on April 11, 2025.

Attachments: Draft Order

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Pursuant to the terms of each agreed order, the parties agreed that the orders remain in effect until revision or revocation by the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION that the Agreed Orders concerning Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Oklaunion Power Station; Southwestern Public Service Company, Harrington Station; San Miguel Electric Cooperative San Miguel Electric Plant Southwestern Electric Power Company, H.W. Pirkey Power Plant; and Texas Municipal Power

Agency, Gibbons Creek Steam Electric Station incorporated by reference to this Order are hereby are REVOKED revoked.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION that on behalf of the Commission, the Executive Director should transmit a copy of this Order, together with a notification that the agreed orders are revoked, to the Regional Administrator of EPA.

If any portion of this Order is for any reason held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of any portion shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Brooke T. Paup, Chairwoman

Date Signed

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY **AGENDA ITEM REQUEST**

for Revocation of a Voluntary Agreed Order with Southwestern Public Service Company

**AGENDA REQUESTED:** May 1, 2025

**DATE OF REQUEST:** April 11, 2025

INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Gwen Ricco, Agenda Coordinator, (512) 239-2678

**CAPTION: Docket No. 2020-0073-SIP.** Consideration for the revocation of a Voluntary Agreed Order with Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) Harrington Station in Potter County.

The Voluntary Agreed Order established certain operational limits and work practices for periods of planned Maintenance, Startup and Shutdown activities (MSS) for the coal-fired electric generating units at the Harrington Station. SPS notified the Executive Director that the coal-fired units were converted to burn natural gas on January 1, 2025 and the Voluntary Agreed Order is no longer necessary. (John Minter) (Non-Rule Project No. 2020-026-SIP-NR)

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**Docket Nos.:** 2020-0178-SIP

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**Subject:** Commission Approval to Revoke Agreed Orders

Non-Rule Project Nos. 2020-032-SIP-NR; 2020-027-SIP-NR; 2020-026-SIP-NR; 2020-

021-SIP-NR

### Background and reasons for the Agreed Order revocations and SIP Withdrawal:

On July 29, 2020, the Commission adopted a proposed SIP Revision and (Federal Clean Air Act) FCAA, §110(l) Demonstration Regarding Planned Startup and Shutdown Emissions for Certain Electric Generating Units (EGUs) (Non-Rule Project No. 2020-028-SIP-NR). The proposed SIP revision consisted of eight voluntary Agreed Orders (AOs) covering thirteen EGUs: (1) the Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) H.W. Pirkey Power Plant in Harrison County, (Docket No. 2020-0078-SIP); (2) the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Sam Seymour Fayette Power Project in Fayette County (Docket No. 2020-0077-SIP); (3) the Luminant Generation Company, LLC Martin Lake Steam Electric Station in Rusk County (Docket No. 2020-0076-SIP); (4) the NRG Texas Power, LLC Limestone Electric Generating Station in Limestone County (Docket No. 2020-0075-SIP); (5) the San Miguel Electric Cooperative, Inc. San Miguel Electric Plant in Atascosa County (Docket No. 2020-0074-SIP); (6) the Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) Harrington Station in Potter County (Docket No. 2020-0073-SIP): (7) the Texas Municipal Power Agency (TMPA) Gibbons Creek Steam Electric Station in Grimes County (Docket No. 2020-0178-SIP); and (8) the Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSCO) Oklaunion Power Station in Wilbarger County (Docket No. 2020-0072-SIP). In addition, the Commission adopted a demonstration that the SIP revision will meet the requirements of FCAA, §110(l) (74 United States Code, §7410(l)) to ensure noninterference with any applicable requirement concerning attainment and reasonable further progress or any other requirement of the Act. The purpose of the Agreed Orders is to establish federally enforceable alternate particulate matter (PM) emission limits for periods of MSS for these coal-fired boilers that use electrostatic precipitators (ESPs) to control PM emissions.

The proposed revision was submitted to EPA for approval into the SIP on August 20, 2022. Subsequent to the submittal to EPA, four of the coal-fired power plants with covered EGUs have ceased coal combustion operations, changed ownership or shut down permanently: the Texas Municipal Power Agency (TMPA) Gibbons Creek Steam Electric Station (Docket No. 2020-0178-SIP); the Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSCO) Oklaunion Power Station (Docket No. 2020-0072-SIP, the Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) Harrington Station in Potter County (Docket No. 2020-0073-SIP), and the Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) Power H.W. Pirkey Power Plant, (Docket No. 2020-0078-SIP). The current owners of these power plants have indicated to TCEQ that changes in operation or shutdown of the coal-fired EGUs at these power plants render the respective Agreed Orders moot.

On August 23, 2021, the Commission received a letter from TMPA indicating that the Gibbons Creek power plant was sold in February 2021 and all air permits for the plant have been voided, reflecting the cessation of operations of the plant. TMPA requests that the Commission, by the terms of the AO, revoke the order for the Gibbons Creek Steam Electric Station.

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On January 17, 2024, the Executive Director received a letter from Jon Greene of Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC), the new owners of the Oklaunion Power Station, requesting the Agreed Order for the power plant be revoked. The station ceased operations, removed all equipment and emission sources associated with coal firing, and applied for and received an amended permit from TCEQ to modify the facility's existing boiler to fire with natural gas only. Because of the changes at the plant, the PM limits in the Agreed Order no longer apply; and the Agreed Order is no longer necessary.

In March of 2023, the H.W. Pirkey Power Plant ceased operations and no longer burns coal. By letter dated October 21, 2024, counsel for the power plant's owner, Southwestern Electric Power Company, informed TCEQ Environmental Law Division that the coal units were in the process of being demolished. Counsel further stated that the Agreed Order, Docket No. 2020-0073-SIP is moot.

On October 22, 2020, the Commission entered into an Agreed Order with Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) and its parent, Xcel Energy, owner of the Harrington Station in Potter County for the purpose of supporting attainment and maintenance of the sulfur dioxide (SO2) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The Agreed Order established a schedule for conversion of the plant's three coal-fired electric generating units to burn exclusively natural gas by January 1, 2025. SPS received authorization to install natural gas burners at units 1, 2 and 3 in May 2021. SPS ceased burning coal at all three units on January 1, 2025. Because of the conversion to natural gas, the Agreed Order, docket no. 2020-0073-SIP is moot.

EPA published a final rule on December 20, 2024, disapproving the MSS Agreed Order SIP revision. (89 Federal Register 104043). The final rule does not start a sanctions or federal implementation plan (FIP) clock.

### Scope of the request:

#### A.) Summary of what the Agreed Order revocation will do:

The commission has received information from SPS, TMPA, SWEPCO and CEC that their respective voluntary Agreed Orders adopted in July 2020 are moot; and per the terms of the orders, the commission should revoke these orders. Changes to plant operations, character of emissions, and NSR authorizations at the Oklaunion, Gibbons Creek, Harrington, and H.W. Pirkey plant sites has made the Agreed Orders and approval into the SIP, unnecessary. Because EPA did not approve these Agreed Orders into the SIP, revocation will not require a SIP revision to withdrawn them from the plan.

### B.) Scope required by federal regulations or state statutes:

None.

#### C.) Additional staff recommendations that are not required by federal rule or state statute:

There are no additional staff recommendations.

### **Statutory authority:**

The commission's authority to enter into or revoke voluntary Agreed Orders as part of the proposed SIP Revision and FCAA, §110(l) Demonstration Regarding Planned Startup and Shutdown

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Emission for Certain Electric Generating Units is made under the commission's authority in Texas Water Code (TWC), §5.102, General Powers, TWC, §5.103, Rules, and TWC, §5.105, General Policy, which provide the commission with the general powers to carry out its duties and authorize the commission to adopt rules necessary to carry out its powers and duties under the TWC; and TWC, §5.013, General Jurisdiction of Commission, which states the commission's authority over various statutory programs. Authority is also found under Texas Health & Safety Code (THSC), §382.002, Policy and Purpose, which establishes the commission's purpose to safeguard the state's air resources consistent with the protection of public health, general welfare, and physical property; THSC, §382.011, General Powers and Duties, which authorizes the commission to control the quality of the state's air; THSC, §382.012, State Air Control Plan, which authorizes the commission to develop a general, comprehensive plan for the control of the state's air; THSC §382.023, which authorizes the commission to issue orders and make determinations as necessary to carry out the purposes of the Texas Clean Air Act; and THSC §382.024, which establishes the factors the commission must consider in issuing orders

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Effect on the:
A.) Regulated community:
None.
B.) Public:
None.
C.) Agency programs:
None.
Stakeholder meetings:
N/A
Public Involvement Plan
N/A
Alternative Language Requirements

N/A. This action does not require public notice and hearing.

**Public comment:** 

N/A

Potential controversial concerns and legislative interest:

Will this rulemaking affect any current policies or require development of new policies?

No.

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### What are the consequences if this revocation request does not go forward? Are there alternatives?

The TMPA Gibbons Creek and H.W. Pirkey power plants are shut down. The Oklaunion and Harrington plants have converted to natural gas and no longer burn coal, making these Agreed Orders moot and unenforceable on the plants that have either voided or amended their NSR permits. Taking no action to revoke the orders may cause confusion for the public regarding what permit terms remain effective at the Oklaunion and Harrington Station plants.

### Key points in the revocation schedule:

N/A

### **Agency contacts:**

John Minter, Staff Attorney, Environmental Law Division, (512) 239-0663 Gwen Ricco, Texas Register Rule/Agenda Coordinator, General Law Division, (512) 239-2678

#### Attachments:

Agreed Orders, Docket Nos: 2020-0178-SIP; 2020-0072-SIP; 2020-0073-SIP; 2020-0078-SIP

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HARRINGTON STATION	§
ACCOUNT NO. PG-0041-R	§
REGULATED ENTITY NO.	§
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### AGREED ORDER **DOCKET NO. 2020-0073-SIP**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the Commission or TCEO), hereby orders Southwestern Public Service Company to comply with the requirements herein regarding control of particulate matter (hereafter sometimes referred to as "PM") emissions and opacity associated with planned maintenance, startup or shutdown (MSS) activities from the electric generating facility (EGF) boiler referenced below, pursuant to §§ 382.011, 382.012, 382.016, 382.023 and 382.024 of the Texas Clean Air Act (TCAA), Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 382, and § 110 of the Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA), 42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq., for the purpose of revising the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP) for control of PM and opacity. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and Southwestern Public Service Company (parties) have agreed on the emission limits and control requirements in Section II of this Agreed Order, subject to the approval of the Commission.

#### I. STIPULATIONS

For the purpose of this Agreed Order, the parties have agreed and stipulated as follows:

- 1. Sections 382.011 and 382.012 of the TCAA provide authority for the Commission to control the quality of the state's air and prepare and develop a general, comprehensive plan for the proper control of the state's air; § 382.016 of the TCAA provides the Commission's authority for measuring and monitoring the emission of air contaminants; and §§ 382.023 and 382.024 of the TCAA provide the Commission authority to issue orders. The issuance of this Agreed Order complies with the TCAA.
- 2. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM with aerodynamic diameters of 2.5 microns or less (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) and PM with nominal aerodynamic diameters of 10 microns or less (PM<sub>10</sub>). Section 110 of the FCAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7410, requires Texas to submit SIP revisions to EPA for approval and that

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- such SIP revisions do not interfere with any applicable provision concerning attainment or any other applicable requirement of the FCAA.
- 3. The Commission and Southwestern Public Service Company agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter into this Agreed Order, and Southwestern Public Service Company is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
- 4. The Commission and Southwestern Public Service Company acknowledge that Southwestern Public Service Company has entered into this Agreed Order voluntarily. Nothing in this Agreed Order shall be interpreted as evidence that Southwestern Public Service Company is causing or contributing, or has caused or contributed, to a violation of the NAAQS for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> or is, or has been, in any respect non-compliant with any federal, state or local law. This Agreed Order shall not impair or adversely affect Southwestern Public Service Company's compliance history, except that if Southwestern Public Service Company is subject to enforcement action by the TCEQ for failure to comply with this Agreed Order, any such violation shall be subject to the TCEQ rules regarding Compliance History in 30 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 60.
- 5. The opacity and PM limits in 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 111.111(a)(1) and § 111.153(b), respectively, do not apply during periods of planned MSS activities for coal-fired EGF boilers equipped with electrostatic precipitators (ESPs). Therefore, EPA requested the TCEQ submit an Agreed Order executed by Southwestern Public Service Company and TCEQ regarding control of PM emissions and opacity during periods of planned MSS activities from the EGF boiler, identified in Paragraph 6 of this Agreed Order. Southwestern Public Service Company and TCEQ agree that this Agreed Order will be submitted to EPA as a revision to the Texas SIP no later than 30 days after its final execution and approval by the Commission.
- 6. Southwestern Public Service Company owns and operates an EGF boiler [Emission Point Number HS-1 (Unit No. 1 Coal-Fired Steam Generator)] authorized by Air Quality Permit No. 1388 at the Harrington Station (the Plant) located in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas. An ESP is used to control the PM emissions and opacity from the Boiler.
- 7. The Plant consists of one or more sources as defined in § 382.003(12) of the TCAA.
- 8. Southwestern Public Service Company applied for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 1388 to authorize planned MSS activities associated with the Boilers and other sources at the Plant, and the emissions associated with those activities. The permit amendment was issued on April 20, 2012.
- 9. Consistent with the TCEQ's obligations under the TCAA, the FCAA and the Texas SIP. Southwestern Public Service Company agrees to comply with the

terms of this Agreed Order. This Agreed Order includes PM emissions and opacity limits and emission control requirements, specifically the measures in Paragraph 12 of this Agreed Order, which are in addition to those measures considered to be necessary to attain and maintain compliance with the NAAQS for  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$ .

- 10. Because the work practice and other requirements in Paragraph 12 of this Agreed Order do not replace or modify any current provision in the approved Texas SIP, TCEQ has determined the PM emissions and opacity resulting from compliance with those requirements will not interfere with attainment or maintenance of the NAAQS for PM<sub>2.5</sub> or PM<sub>10</sub> nor cause adverse impacts to public health or physical property.
- 11. This Agreed Order does not authorize or prohibit any modification of the sources at the Plant listed above, nor does it authorize or prohibit the construction of any abatement equipment that may be necessary to achieve the emission limits set forth in this Agreed Order.

### II. ORDERING PROVISIONS

It is therefore ordered by the TCEQ that Southwestern Public Service Company shall, from and after the date of this Agreed Order, comply with the following:

- 12. Emissions from the Boiler during each planned MSS activity shall comply with the opacity limit in 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 111.111(a)(1) and the PM limit in 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 111.153(b), or the alternative emission limitation requirements as follows:
  - A. Emissions during planned startup and shutdown activities will be minimized by limiting the duration of operation in planned startup and shutdown modes as follows:
  - 1. A planned startup of the Boiler is defined as the period that begins when a set of fans are placed into service and ends when the unit reaches a sustained load of 150 megawatts. In the event that the fans are already running for maintenance purposes, startup begins when main gas firing is commenced. In addition:
    - a. A planned startup shall not exceed 48 hours after main gas firing has commenced, except as allowed in Paragraph 12.A.1.b.
    - b. An extended planned startup is defined as a startup that lasts more than 48 hours after main gas firing has commenced. The total amount of time that extended startups exceed 48 hours shall not exceed 300 hours on an annual basis.
  - 2. A planned shutdown of the Boiler shall not exceed 36 hours. A planned shutdown is defined as the period that begins when the generator breaker is opened or at the point of main fuel no longer

- being fired in the boiler, whichever is earlier. Shutdown ends when the generator breaker is open and main fuel is no longer being fired in the boiler.
- 3. For purposes of counting startup and shutdown hours, any clock hour that includes one or more minutes of startup or shutdown activity is counted as one hour of startup or shutdown activity.
- B. Emissions during an MSS activity shall be minimized by employing the following work practices:
- 1. Comply with the boiler and ESP manufacturer's operating procedures or Southwestern Public Service Company's written standard operating procedures manual during planned MSS and operate in a manner consistent with those procedures to minimize opacity.
- 2. When solid fuel is being burned, place the ESP into service as soon as practical during planned startups, but not longer than the durations identified in Paragraph 12.A. and keep the ESP in service while the unit is burning solid fuel.
- 3. The manufacturer's operating procedures or Southwestern Public Service Company's written Standard Operating Procedure manual shall be located on-site and available to the TCEQ regional investigator.
- C. Periods of opacity greater than 20 percent from the Boiler from planned MSS shall not exceed 144 hours in a calendar year.
- D. Emissions from the following planned maintenance activities are authorized:
  - 1. Boiler general maintenance (includes, but is not limited to, preheater basket handling and maintenance, refractory change-out, fan maintenance and balancing, damper, air heater, and soot blower maintenance, and any other general boiler maintenance that does not exceed the worst-case emissions representation in the application).
  - 2. Combustion optimization (includes, but is not limited to leak/operability checks, troubleshooting, and seasonal tuning.)
  - 3. Use of fans during maintenance-unit offline.
  - 4. PM control device maintenance unit offline.
  - 5. PM control device maintenance unit online.
- E. Southwestern Public Service Company shall minimize emissions during planned MSS activities with the Boiler by operating it and its ESP in accordance with good air pollution control practices, safe operating practices, and protection of the Boiler and its ESP.

- F. Southwestern Public Service Company shall keep records to identify periods of planned MSS, the opacity measured by the continuous opacity monitoring system (COMS) for the duration of the planned startups and shutdowns, the planned maintenance activities in Paragraph 12.C. and the work practices in Paragraph 12. And 12.B. followed during the planned MSS activities.
- 13. Southwestern Public Service Company shall maintain the records required by Paragraph 12 of this Agreed Order for at least five years and shall make these records available upon request by the TCEQ or any other air pollution control agency with jurisdiction.
- 14. As part of any air quality application or registration to change the authorization of the planned MSS emissions for the Boiler [Emission Point Number HS-1 (Unit 1 Coal-Fired Steam Generator)], Southwestern Public Service Company shall notify the TCEQ within 30 days so the TCEQ can determine whether an amendment to this Agreed Order or issuance of a new agreed order with corresponding revisions to the Texas SIP are needed. After issuance of this Agreed Order by the TCEQ, an application to amend or renew Air Quality Permit Number 1388, or the use of permits by rule or standard permits to make changes at the Plant, including the addition of new equipment, are not prohibited.
- 15. Within 30 days of EPA's approval of this Agreed Order as a revision to the Texas SIP, Southwestern Public Service Company will submit an application to revise Federal Operating Permit No. O15 to incorporate this Agreed Order into the Federal Operating Permit. If, however, this Agreed Order is not approved by EPA as a revision to the Texas SIP, Southwestern Public Service Company shall not be obligated to apply to revise Permit No. O15 to incorporate this Agreed Order, and may elect to terminate this Agreed Order by notifying the TCEQ Executive Director in writing that Southwestern Public Service Company has elected to terminate this Agreed Order.
- 16. This Agreed Order applies to and is binding upon Southwestern Public Service Company, its successors and assigns. Southwestern Public Service Company is hereby ordered to give notice of this Agreed Order to any successor in interest prior to transfer of ownership of all or any part of the Plant, and, within thirty (30) days of any such transfer, provide the TCEQ with written certification of such transfer, and that such notice has been given.

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### **SIGNATURE PAGE**

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

Date

Jon Niermann Chairman

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein.

David Low

General Manager, Energy Supply

Southwestern Public Service Company

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