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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED NON-RULE AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT FOR NATURAL GAS ELECTRIC GENERATING UNITS

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) is providing an opportunity for public comment and will conduct a public meeting to receive testimony regarding the proposed issuance of a new non-rule air quality standard permit for natural gas fired electric generating units (EGUs) under the Texas Clean Air Act, Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.05195, Standard Permit; 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 116, Subchapter F, Standard Permits; and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed standard permit would provide a preconstruction authorization that may be used by any natural gas fired EGU complying with the standard permit requirements provided the natural gas EGU is not prohibited by other local, state, or federal permitting statutes or regulations. The proposed standard permit would provide applicants with more flexibility when seeking authorization of natural gas EGUs at a site and serves as an alternative option to the existing Non-Rule Air Quality Standard Permit for EGUs. The standard permit would only be applicable to spark-ignited internal combustion engines that fire natural gas and would exclude boilers and turbines. It would include operating specifications and emission limitations for typical natural gas engines during routine operation and planned maintenance, startup, and shutdown.

The commission will hold a hybrid virtual and in-person public meeting on this proposal in Austin on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Building F, room 2210, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The meeting is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the meeting; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

