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Mark Hague Acting Regional Administrator EPA Region 7 11201 Renner Blvd Lenexa, KS 66219

RE: NDEQ Recommended 1-hour SO2 Designations for: OPPD Nebraska City Station (facility ID #58343) NPPD Sheldon Station (facility ID#33563) NPPD Gerald Gentleman Station (facility ID#34385)

Dear Mark,

This letter provides the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's recommendations for attainment designations and supporting information to assist EPA in its designations for 1-hour SO2 for the OPPD Nebraska City station and NPPD Sheldon and Gerald Gentleman stations.

Because both the OPPD Nebraska City station and NPPD Gerald Gentleman station model results are below the 1-hour SO2 NAAQS, NDEQ is recommending a designation of *attainment* at this time.

NDEQ also recommends the area around NPPD Sheldon station remain *unclassifiable*, consistent with Governor Heineman's letter to EPA dated June 1 2011, as outlined in the enclosed consent decree.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jay D. Ringenberg

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Enclosures