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Janis Hastings, Acting Director
Office of Air, Waste, and Toxics
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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RE:1-hr SO₂ Designation Source List

Dear Ms. Hastings,

On August 10, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finalized requirements for state air agencies to assess the ambient air quality for the 1-hr SO₂ National Air Ambient Quality Standard (NAAQS) in areas of the state impacted by significant sources of SO₂. The purpose of the demonstration is to provide the basis for the 1-hr SO₂ area designation by EPA in 2020. The rule establishes that, at a minimum, air agencies must characterize air quality around sources that emit 2,000 tons per year (tpy) or more of SO₂.

By January 15, 2016, each air agency is required to submit to the relevant EPA Regional Administrator a final list identifying the sources, or groups of sources, in the state around which SO₂ air quality is to be characterized. The list must include sources with emissions above 2,000 tpy of SO₂.

Through consultation with EPA Region 10, Oregon DEQ evaluated individual sources and groups of sources against the SO₂ thresholds given in the Data Requirements Rule. DEQ concludes that in Oregon there are no smaller sources warranting further air quality characterization and the only individual source that exceeds the 2,000 tpy threshold is:

- Portland General Electric Company PGE Boardman; Oregon source # 25-0016

DEQ will now take the next steps to identify which approach (ambient monitoring or air quality modeling) it will use to characterize air quality, and respond to Region 10 by the next deadline set forth in the DRR, July 1, 2016. If modeling is chosen, we will also include at that time the modeling protocol agreement.

We look forward to working with Region 10 over the next year to evaluate this source for its impact on the 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me or David Collier, Air Quality Planning manager. David can be reached at (503) 229-5177.

Sincerely,

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