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ADMINISTRATOR

September 21, 2017

Mr. Peter S. Glaser
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Re: Response to Letter Transmitting Petition for Error Correction

Dear Mr. Glaser:

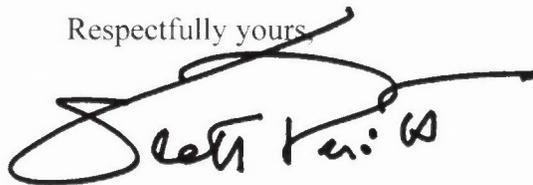
Thank you for your letter dated June 14, 2017, transmitting on behalf of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative a petition for error correction regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's July 12, 2016, final rule titled, "Air Quality Designations for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard – Round 2" (81 FR 45039). In the petition, SIPC requests that the EPA correct errors in its nonattainment designation for the area surrounding Marion Power Station in Williamson County, Illinois, for the 2010 SO₂ Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

After review of the information contained in SIPC's petition, we intend to undertake an administrative action with a notice and comment to revisit the nonattainment designation for the Williamson County, Illinois, area. While the notice-and-comment action is pending, the SO₂ nonattainment designation for Williamson County set out in the July 12, 2016, *Federal Register* remains effective.

While the designation for this area remains effective, the EPA is considering a variety of administrative options for revisiting the designation, some of which may alleviate associated and pending planning obligations. It is our intent to provide clarity regarding any potential changes before the state or regulated entity expend resources investing in regulatory obligations that are currently required. Accordingly, in order to better assist us in considering the available administrative options, we remain interested in a continued dialogue to discuss the state agency and stakeholder resource decisions likely to be impacted during the pendency of this review.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Anna Marie Wood of the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at wood.anna@epa.gov or (919) 541-3604.

Respectfully yours

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