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Andrew Gunning Executive Director

Dear Ms. Bunte:

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, serving the greater Colorado Springs region in Colorado would like to participate in the Ozone Advance Program. We wish to join this partnership with EPA to preserve or improve the air quality in our region and we meet the program eligibility criteria:

- (1) Our metropolitan planning organization is not currently a nonattainment area for Ozone: either the 2008 or the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS),
- (2) Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments consists of 16 local member governments in Park, Teller and El Paso Counties,
- (3) The following air monitors reflect the air quality in our metropolitan planning organization:

Manitou (MAN) 401 El Monte Place SAROAD: 0380016F01

AQS ID: 080410016 Latitude: 38.853097

Longitude: -104.901286

U.S. AF Academy (ACAD) Road 640, USAF Academy

SAROAD: 0380013F01 AQS ID: 080410013

Latitude: 38.958341 Longitude: -104.817215

(4) Existing emissions inventory reporting requirements have been met.

We understand that our efforts under Ozone Advance may benefit the Pikes Peak Region by potentially:

- Reducing air pollution in terms of ozone as well as other air pollutants,
- Ensuring continued healthy ozone levels,
- Maintaining the ozone NAAQS,
- Helping avoid violations of the NAAQS that could lead to a future nonattainment designation,
- Increasing public awareness about ozone as an air pollutant, and
- Targeting limited resources toward actions to address ozone problems quickly.

Our goal is to implement measures and programs to reduce ozone in the Pikes Peak Region. We agree that it is in our best interest to work together and in coordination with stakeholders and the public to proactively pursue this goal.

I can be reached at 719-471-7080 x101 and by e-mail agunning@ppacg.org

Sincerely,

Andrew Gunning Executive Director

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