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Contact Information

RE: Draft Rule Language Implementing the Clean Air Interstate Rule in Georgia
Stakeholder Involvement Request

Dear Mr./Ms. [contact]:

In March 2005, U.S. EPA Acting Administrator Johnson signed the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) which establishes annual and ozone season NO_x allowance budgets and annual SO₂ allowance budgets for fossil-fuel fired electric generating units (EGUs) located in states primarily on the U.S. East Coast. In Georgia, the CAIR Rule establishes annual NO_x and SO₂ allowance budgets but does not impose an ozone season NO_x allowance budget. With that in mind, EPD must allocate limited annual allowances to fossil fuel fired EGUs located statewide.

The Georgia EPD must submit a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to EPA that includes source-specific allocations of maximum allowance annual NO_x and SO₂ emissions, as well as regulations that address the extent of Georgia's involvement in the federal NO_x and SO₂ cap-and-trade program.

Notification of Draft Rule Language for Annual NO_x and Annual SO₂

The Georgia EPD facilitated a discussion of the CAIR rule with interested stakeholders on October 20, 2005 and November 22, 2005 in Atlanta. Various stakeholders prepared and submitted written and/or oral comments on applicable CAIR rule issues throughout the fall of 2005. The Georgia EPD carefully reviewed all comments and has drafted rule language implementing both the annual NO_x CAIR rule and the annual SO₂ CAIR rule. A copy of the draft rule language for both NO_x and SO₂ is enclosed with this letter.

With that in mind, the Georgia EPD is seeking stakeholder input regarding the federal CAIR rule and the enclosed draft rule language. Any written comments on the draft rule language should be submitted on or before March 24, 2006.

Notification of CAIR Stakeholder Meeting

In addition, the Georgia EPD will hold a stakeholder meeting on federal CAIR rule and the draft rule language presented in the enclosure on March 9, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. in the Training Room (Suite 116) of the Atlanta Tradeport, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30354. As part of this stakeholder meeting, EPD will present information regarding the federal CAIR rule and the options presented in the draft rule language enclosed and allow an opportunity for stakeholders to make statements or presentations. We will then facilitate a discussion on the federal CAIR rule and the draft rule language. Please note that EPD will hold a Clean Air Mercury Rule Stakeholder Meeting on March 9, 2006 at the same location immediately after completion of the CAIR Stakeholder meeting.

Enclosed you will find the following information:

- A discussion of options for implementing the requirements of the federal CAIR rule as found in the draft rule language enclosed.
- A map to the location of the next stakeholder meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Susan Jenkins at (404)362-4598 or Dan Cohan at (404) 362-4569.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures