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Ms. Carol Paden  
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality  
Industrial Wastewater Permitting  
707 North Robinson  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

**RE: Notice of Planned Participation - Annual Progress Report (2023)  
Northeastern Power Station (Northeastern); DEQ Permit No. OK0034380  
Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO)  
dba American Electric Power (AEP)**

Dear Ms Paden:

Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) hereby submits this Notice of Planned Participation (NOPP) Annual Progress Report for the Northeastern Power Station as required by 40 CFR 423.19(f)(3). This report details the completion of interim milestones listed in the NOPP, provides a narrative discussion of all completed, missed, or delayed milestones, and includes updated milestones.

In 2016, American Electric Power (AEP) applied for a variance with respect to the updated Effluent Limit Guidelines for steam electric power generating units as they applied to Northeastern’s Unit 3. The submittal of the NOPP superseded this variance request and indicated that, pursuant to 40 CFR 423.19(f)(2), Northeastern Unit 3 would cease combustion of coal by December 31, 2026.

<b>Interim Milestone</b>	<b>Completed/ Missed/ Delayed?</b>	<b>Narrative Discussion</b>	<b>Updated Milestone (if applicable)</b>
PSO will limit Unit 3’s capacity factor to no more than 70% in 2021 and 2022; and will decrease the capacity factor by an additional 10% every two years	In progress and on schedule	In 2021 and 2022, PSO met its obligation to limit Unit 3’s capacity factor to no more than 70%. In 2023, PSO limited the capacity factor to no more than	Not applicable at this time.

Interim Milestone	Completed/ Missed/ Delayed?	Narrative Discussion	Updated Milestone (if applicable)
thereafter until its retirement in 2026.		60%. PSO anticipates it will be able to continue to limit the capacity factor to less than 60% in 2024 and reduce the capacity factor to no more than 50% in 2025 and 2026.	
Pursuant to the Regional Haze Agreements, PSO was obligated to evaluate whether generation from Unit 3 can be replaced at lower or equal total projected cost from natural gas or renewable resources. If power is available from such resources at a lower projected total cost (including consideration of PSO's need to recover its remaining investment in the units), then the operating unit will retire no later than December 31, 2025. The results of that analysis and its impact on the projected retirement date were required to be shared with ODEQ and US EPA once completed.	Completed.	In December 2021, PSO evaluated the cost of replacing generation from Unit 3 with natural gas or renewable resources and determined that it was not feasible to do so. PSO notified USEPA and Oklahoma DEQ of this by letter dated 12/20/2021.	

PSO does not waive, and expressly reserves, all rights or options available to it pursuant to 40 CFR Part 423, including 40 CFR 423.13(o)(1) (regarding transferring to another compliance option), 40 CFR 423.18 (regarding qualifying events) or any other provision of state or federal law that may apply.

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Thank you for your attention to the aforementioned details. If you need additional information or have any questions regarding this request, please contact Emily Veteto at 214-777-1373 or via email at [emmatlock@aep.com](mailto:emmatlock@aep.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Barton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mark Barton

Plant Manager, Northeastern Power Station - Unit 3  
Public Service Company of Oklahoma

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