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August 20, 2013

Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: PacifiCorp's request for Wyoming to revise our Regional Haze Rule State Implementation Plan

Dear Administrator McCarthy,

PacifiCorp would like to work with EPA to compromise on less-costly technologies than proposed in the FIP for installation at its Naughton Units 1 and 2 and Dave Johnston Unit 3. PacifiCorp has requested the state to revise our State Implementation Plan (SIP) to reflect the changes they are requesting. Wyoming will not revise our SIP to reflect these changes.

I will be submitting written comments on EPA's proposed action to partially disapprove Wyoming's SIP. The Wyoming Department of nvironmental Quality (DEQ) will also be submitting technical comments in support of th state's actions. The DEQ has, through review of EPA's changes, identified some administrative corrections to Wyoming's SIP that are warranted. Those pertain to monitoring, recordk eping, reporting and Reasonably Attributable Visibility Impairment. The DEQ intends to address changes that PacifiCorp proposes to make to their Naughton Unit 3. Specifically, PacifiCorp plans to convert this unit to burn natural gas instead of coal. The steps required to incorporate these changes take time and are costly and they may not be incorporated and submitted before EPA's arbitrary deadline to take final action. Other than natural gas conversion of Naughton's Unit 3, Wyoming will not have revisions to Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) determinations, long-term strategies, or reasonable progress goals. Wyoming was accurate in its determinations and acted within the guidelines prescribed by the Regional Haze Rule.

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I stand by the plan submitted by Wyoming DEQ and Wyoming will not incorporate the revisions requested by PacifiCorp into our SIP. However, I appreciate the delicate balancing act that PacifiCorp must undertake given the proposed FIP. I ask that EPA work with PacifiCorp on these requests.

Sincerely,

Matthew H. Mead
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Mike Enzi, U.S. Senate
The Honorable John Barrasso, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Cynthia Lummis, House of Representatives
Shaun McGrath, Regional Administrator, EPA Region 8
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