Southwestern Public Service Company (doing business as Xcel Energy) at 790 S Buchanan St; Amarillo, TX 79101 has submitted an air quality permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit and an acid rain permit for its Cunningham Station Power Plant. The exact location of the facility is at latitude 32 deg, 42 min, 44 sec and longitude -103 deg, 21 min, 13 sec, Datum: WGS84. This facility is located approximately 12.5 miles W of Hobbs in Lea County, New Mexico. This application file has been assigned Operating Permit Number P080-R4, Acid Rain Permit Number P080-AR4, and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 604.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation. The purpose of the facility is to provide commercial electric power. This operating permit and acid rain permit application is for permit renewals. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, these permitting actions involve no changes to the facility process or emissions.

The emissions, as established in NSR Permit PSD-NM-622-M4-R1 and brought forward into this operating permit are as follows: Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) at 4072.5 tpy; Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 1178.6 tpy; Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 137.5 tpy; Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) at 155.8 tpy; Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM10) at 132.2 tpy; Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM2.5) at 122.0 tpy; and greenhouse gas (CO2e) >75,000 tpy. There are no changes to the existing air emission limits in this permitting action.

The NMED has conducted a preliminary review of the information submitted with the permit application. This review included evaluation of the emission rates and applicable requirements to determine compliance.

The NMED has made a preliminary determination that this facility will comply with the requirements of Title 20, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Chapter 2, Parts 7, 33, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77, and 82; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 60 Subparts A and GG; 40 CFR 63 Subparts A and ZZZZ; 40 CFR 72; 40 CFR 73; 40 CFR 75; 40 CFR 82 and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality operating permit on or before 04/11/2021.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P080-R4 or Acid Rain Permit Number P080-AR4 by contacting Vanessa Springer at the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816.

Written requests for public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Comments must be based on the requirements of the applicable state and federal air quality regulations and the Clean Air Act. Comments or hearing requests must be received within 30 days after the public notice is published.

The permit application, draft permit and relevant supporting materials are currently available for review at the Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Vanessa Springer at 505-476-4373. Este es un aviso de la oficina de Calidad del Aire del Departamento del Medio Ambiente de Nuevo México, acerca de las emisiones producidas por un establecimiento en esta área. Si usted desea información en español, por favor comuníquese con esa oficina al teléfono 505-476-5557.
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