Southwestern Public Service Co dba Xcel Energy at 790 S Buchanan St; Amarillo, TX 79101 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for Maddox Station Power Plant. The owner of this plant is Southwestern Public Service Company. The exact location of the facility is/will be at latitude 32° 42 min, 47 sec and longitude -103° 18 min, 36 sec Datum: WGS84. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 8 miles west of Hobbs in Lea County, NM. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P008-R4, Acid Rain Permit Number P008A-R4 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 588.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation. The main purpose of the facility is electrical power generation. This operating permit application and the concurrent acid rain permit application are for permit renewal. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action involves no changes to existing units. Any changes to the emissions deviating from the previous permit resulted from revision of calculations. The only change to this permit requested by the applicant is an addition to the language in reference to the CAM Plan due to water injection capabilities and limitations under rare testing events required by the electrical grid operator.

The emissions, as established in TV Permit P008-R3 and brought forward into this permit are as follows. Parentheses note changes in emissions from previous operating permit P008-R3. Emissions are expressed in tons per year (tpy). Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) at 2230.2 tpy (no change); Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 456.0 tpy (+0.2); Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 46.7 tpy (+0.2); Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) at 5.6 tpy (no change); Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM10) at 61.5 tpy (-2.1), and Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM2.5) at 61.5 tpy (-0.4); and greenhouse gas (CO2e) >75,000 tpy. The facility is a major, >100,000 tpy CO2e, source of greenhouse gas emissions.

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 1, 7, 33, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77, and 82; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 60 Subparts A and IIII; 40 CFR 63 Subparts A, ZZZZ, and CCCCCC; 40 CFR 64; 40 CFR 72; 40 CFR 73; 40 CFR 75 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 March 10, 2021.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P008-R4 and Acid Rain Permit Number P008-AR4 by contacting Julia Kuhn 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.
Due to the public health emergency order, certain NMED offices are closed to the public. The permit application is currently available for review on the AQB Public Notices of Permitting Actions website www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/public-notices-of-permitting-actions/. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Julia Kuhn at 505-476-4376. 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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