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Subject: Following up on appropriation for CCR federal permit programs in non-participating states

On behalf of American Electric Power (AEP), FirstEnergy, and Southern Company, we're following up with regards to the CCR appropriation issue on which we met with you last week. As you know, the WIIN Act expressly requires that EPA must receive a specific appropriation in order for EPA to implement Federal CCR permit programs in non-participating states. We strongly support a specific appropriation for such purposes given that the implementation of federal CCR permit programs in non-participating states is one important way to ensure the protection of human health and the environment.

At the outset, it is important to note that we supported such an appropriation for the last year and have done so independently of the EPA. We will continue to do so again this year for both the FY 2018 and 2019 appropriation bills.

In all of our discussions with House and Senate appropriation staff to date, we have been estimating the amount of federal funds that the Agency would need to fully implement the federal CCR programs in non-participating states. It would be very helpful to know, in point of fact, the dollar amount the Agency has determined that it needs for this specific purpose. This information will enable AEP, FirstEnergy and Southern to advocate for that same amount to be included in the appropriation bills for FY 2018 and FY 2019.

As we explained during our meeting, for FY 2018 the House proposed \$2 million and the Senate \$6 million. Of those two figures, which is closest to the mark for the remainder of FY 2018?

For FY 2019, AEP, FirstEnergy and Southern Company urge the Agency to include in its budget justifications, as submitted to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the amount that you need to be specifically appropriated for administering federal CCR permit programs in non-participating states. We would greatly appreciate knowing what your request is once you have submitted it to the Appropriations Committees.

We will continue to advocate for a specific appropriation for EPA to implement federal CCR permit programs, and we plan to strongly support the specific dollar amount included in your FY 2019 request.

In addition, the states would directly benefit from a grant program, administered by EPA, for assistance in implementing a CCR permit program. AEP, FirstEnergy and Southern Company urge the Agency to include funding for state grants in your FY 2019 budget proposal as well.

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