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Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) 800 Maine Avenue SW, Suite 200 Washington DC 20024

Subject: Comments on 184(c) Petition: OTC review of recent operations and need to develop additional control measures within part of the Ozone Transport Region (OTR) regarding NO_x limits

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this petition. As a long-standing environmentalist and elected Councilmember for Prince George's County, Maryland, District 1, and Prince George's County representative to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Commission, I have an established interest in improving our current levels of pollution in our environment and meeting the goals by the dates stipulated by the Clean Air Act.

Prince George's County, Maryland has the highest ozone levels in the State (2018 data). Within my district the two highest eight-hour ozone values were recorded (ppm) at .092 and .09 ppm in the Laurel-Beltsville, Maryland Area.

As your solicitation of comments notes, the State of Maryland has already petitioned the OTC under CAA Section 184(c) to consider developing additional control measures within the part of the OTR, specifically the need for daily limits at coal-fired EGUs in Pennsylvania.

Given the long term health effects and environmental impacts that relief from NO_x emissions will bring, I strongly support the need for additional control measures at coal-fired EGUs in Pennsylvania. Setting a daily limit not to be exceeded during the warmer and sunnier months between May and September would be a major step forward to improving the air quality in my jurisdiction. A broader monthly goal could then be set for the less environmentally impactful months of the year.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

/S/

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