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Kathleen Becker Regional Administrator U.S. EPA, Region 8 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

RE: Data Requirements Rule: 2022 SO₂ Emissions Annual Report

Dear Ms. Becker:

Section 51.1205(b) of the Data Requirements Rule (DRR) for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) requires that air agencies submit to the EPA Regional Administrator a report that documents the annual SO₂ emissions of each applicable source, beginning with the calendar year after the effective date of the area's initial designation. Utah has three DRR sources in two counties as shown in the table below.

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DRR Source	County	2012	2013	2014	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022
Hunter Power											
Plant	Emery	4,533	5,055	3,939	3,511.6	3,133.3	3,545.8	2,957.0	3,848.3	3,274.5	-35.2%
Huntington											
Power Plant	Emery	2,301	2,411	2,479	2,281.8	2,202.2	2,144.1	1,626.3	2,690.3	2,518.8	-1.6%
Intermountain											
Power Plant	Millard	3,553	4,727	4,372	2,483.6	2,484.7	2,021.2	2,207.3	2,414.7	1,666.9	-64.7%

Both counties were designated "attainment/unclassifiable" on January 9, 2018, using the modeling approach outlined in the DRR based upon actual emissions data from 2012 through 2014 from each DRR source. For each of the three DRR sources, the table shows the 2012-2014 emissions

data in tons per year used in the Utah Division of Air Quality (UDAQ) modeling analysis as well as annual emissions data for 2017 through 2022.

As can be seen, SO₂ emissions for the most recent data year (2022) were lower than the highest modeling year emissions level for the Hunter, Huntington, and Intermountain power plants. Specifically, 2022 emissions were lower than 2013 emissions by 35.2% for the Hunter power plant. In addition, 2022 emissions were lower than 2014 emissions by 1.6% for the Huntington power plant. Finally, 2022 emissions were higher than 2013 emissions by 64.7% for the Intermountain power plant.

Under §51.1205(b)(1), air agencies are required to include a recommendation in their annual report regarding whether additional modeling is needed to characterize air quality in areas with DRR sources. Because 2022 emissions levels have decreased compared to the modeling years for the Hunter, Huntington, and Intermountain power plants, UDAQ recommends that no additional modeling is needed at this time to further characterize air quality in the areas surrounding Utah's DRR facilities.

As per §51.1205(b), this assessment will be posted on UDAQ's website for a period of 30 days beginning on June 2, 2023, for public inspection. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this submittal, please contact Glade Sowards at 801-536-4020 or gladesowards@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

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