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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM01-5-000]

#### Electronic Tariff Filings; Notice of Rescheduled Technical Conference

February 19, 2010.

As a result of inclement weather closing the Federal Government in Washington, DC, a technical conference scheduled for February 9, 2010 could not occur. Take notice that this event has been rescheduled for February 26, 2010. The conference will last from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. EST that day.

Please refer to the notice of technical conferences issued on December 16, 2009 in this proceeding for details related to the originating Commission action for this conference, as well as the topics that will be covered.

The conference will be held at the Commission's offices, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. All interested persons are invited to attend. The documents that will be discussed are located at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/etariff.asp>.

Teleconferencing will be available. The number and instructions for teleconferencing in these meetings is posted on <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/etariff.asp> and an RSS alert related to this rescheduled event will be issued.

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For more information about these conferences, please contact Keith Pierce, Office of Energy Market Regulation at (202) 502-8525 or send an e-mail to [ETariff@ferc.gov](mailto:ETariff@ferc.gov).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R04-OAR-2009-0561-201006; FRL-9119-9]

### Adequacy Status of the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, North Carolina 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Attainment Demonstration Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget for Transportation Conformity Purposes

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, EPA is notifying the public of its finding that the nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) motor vehicle emissions budget (MVEB) in the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, North Carolina (hereafter referred to as the Hickory Area) attainment demonstration for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard, submitted on August 21, 2009, by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR), is adequate for transportation conformity purposes. EPA is also making an insignificance finding for direct particulate matter (PM) through the transportation conformity adequacy process for the Hickory Area. The

Hickory Area is comprised of the entire county of Catawba in North Carolina. On March 2, 1999, the District of Columbia Circuit Court ruled that submitted state implementation plans (SIPs) cannot be used for transportation conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of EPA's finding, the Hickory Area must use the NO<sub>x</sub> MVEB from the submitted Hickory, North Carolina 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> attainment demonstration for future conformity determinations, and the Hickory Area is not required to perform a regional emissions analysis for direct PM<sub>2.5</sub> in future PM<sub>2.5</sub> transportation conformity determinations for the 1997 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard.

**DATES:** The adequacy finding for the NO<sub>x</sub> MVEB and the insignificance finding for direct PM<sub>2.5</sub> are effective March 16, 2010.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Today's notice is simply an announcement of findings that EPA has already made. EPA Region 4 sent a letter to NCDENR on January 20, 2010, stating that the 2009 NO<sub>x</sub> MVEB in the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> attainment demonstration for Hickory, dated August 21, 2009, is adequate. The letter also states that direct PM<sub>2.5</sub> is insignificant for the Hickory Area, therefore no regional emissions analysis is required. EPA posted the availability of the Hickory Area MVEB and insignificance demonstration on EPA's Web site on September 8, 2009, as part of the adequacy process, for the purpose of soliciting comments. The comment period ran from September 8, 2009, through October 8, 2009. EPA's findings have also been announced on EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/index.htm> (once there, click "Transportation Conformity" text icon, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP