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The Honorable Patrick Morrissey  
West Virginia Attorney General  
State Capitol  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Mr. Morrissey:

I am writing regarding your letter to Administrator McCarthy dated October 3, 2014, which I received electronically. In the letter, you request a 45-day extension of the public comment period for the proposed "Carbon Pollution Standards for Modified and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units," which was published in the *Federal Register* on June 18, 2014. The Administrator asked that I respond on her behalf.

The proposal identified an unusually lengthy public comment period of 120 days from the date of publication of the proposal in the *Federal Register*. The proposal was published on June 18, 2014, therefore the comment period ends on October 16, 2014. Because the proposal was made available on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website immediately upon signature on June 2 (<http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/regulatory-actions>), the comment period will effectively be 136 days. This comment period is significantly longer than statutorily required and we believe affords the public with sufficient time to provide input to the agency. Therefore, the EPA respectfully denies your request for an extension of the public comment period.

We appreciate your interest in this important rule and look forward to receiving and considering your input. Again, thank you for your letter. I appreciate the opportunity to be of service and hope this response has been helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet G. McCabe".

Janet G. McCabe  
Acting Assistant Administrator