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Subject: Request to Withdraw Columbia Part A Demonstration
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Dear Mr. Huggins,

On November 24, 2020, Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL) submitted a complete demonstration to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that requested approval of a site-specific alternative deadline to initiate closure pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.103(f)(1) for the existing CCR surface impoundment (Primary Ash Pond) located at the Columbia Energy Center near Portage, Wisconsin. In that submittal, WPL requested an alternative deadline of October 31, 2022 to continue to receive CCR and non-CCR wastestreams at the Primary Main Ash Pond after April 11, 2021 in order to install new capacity for managing non-CCR wastewaters, including a new bottom ash handling system. On January 11, 2022, EPA informed WPL that the demonstration was complete and that the April 11, 2021 deadline to cease receipt of waste was tolled pending a final decision on the application. WPL subsequently amended the application on two occasions due to unforeseen project delays, resulting in a requested site-specific alternative deadline of March 31, 2023.

The new bottom ash handling system is now operational and final tests of on-site storage capacity have been completed. Thus, the Primary Ash Pond has permanently ceased receipt of CCR and non-CCR wastewaters as of March 23, 2023 and it is no longer necessary for EPA to issue a further extension of the April 11, 2021 deadline to cease receipt of waste at the Primary Ash Pond. Therefore, WPL is officially requesting to withdraw the demonstration that was submitted on November 24, 2020.

Thank you for your review of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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