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Commissioner Daniel C. Esty  
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
State of Connecticut  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Dear Commissioner Esty:

Thank you for your letter dated December 9, 2013 to Administrator Gina McCarthy transmitting the petition submitted under section 176A of the Clean Air Act requesting to add the states of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia to the Ozone Transport Region. Administrator McCarthy asked me to respond on her behalf to acknowledge receipt of the letter and the accompanying petition.

The Environmental Protection Agency will carefully review and consider the information set forth in the petition. In the meantime, if you have questions please contact me at (919) 541-5616 or Mike Koerber at (919) 541-5557.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen D. Page". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".

Stephen D. Page  
Director  
Office of Air Quality Planning  
and Standards