

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY

MINUTE ORDER NO. 75-52

LOCATION - SUBJECT: AP&L's Amendment
of Conditions of Permit No. 263-A
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On October 15, 1975, by letter to Mr. S. Ladd
Davies from Charles L. Steel, Vice-President of Arkansas
Power and Light Company, an amendment to conditions of
Commission Permit No. 263-A was requested. (Letter attached).
Finding the amendments requested by Mr. Steel to be
consistent with the lead time provided by Permit No. 263-A
and finding that specific timetables of said permit to now
be inappropriate in view of construction delays, the
Commission hereby authorizes amendment of conditions of
Permit No. 263-A as requested and described in Mr. Steel's
letter of October 15, 1975.

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October 15, 1975

CHARLES L. STEEL
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Mr. S. Ladd Davies, Director
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

Dear Ladd:

Under Minute Order No. 74-51 dated November 22, 1974, the Commission authorized the issuance of Commission Permit No. 263-A to the Arkansas Power and Light Company for the construction and operation of a coal-fired steam electric generating station. The permit is conditioned upon compliance with the provisions of an attached "D.A.P.C. Summary Report of Permit Application."

There are seven (7) special conditions listed in the Summary Report. Three contain specific deadlines. Item (5) requires the submission of approvable plans for an air quality monitoring program prior to January 1, 1976. Item (6) requires the submission, prior to January 1, 1977, of an approvable plan setting forth procedures for coal sampling, blending, etc., to achieve compliance with the New Source Performance Standards for sulfur dioxide. Item (7) requires the submission, prior to January 1, 1977, of an approvable plan to evaluate the need for a load reduction program (or intermittent control system) to assure compliance with the State thirty-minute ground level standard for sulfur dioxide.

In recent weeks Arkansas Power and Light Company has responded to financial pressures by severely curtailing its construction programs. This has been a progressive process highlighted by the decision on August 19, 1975, to temporarily cease construction on the permitted coal-fired steam electric generating station. This followed a decision which had already been made to delay completion of the first unit until March, 1979, and the second unit until January, 1981. We sincerely hope that the financial conditions which have forced this action can be resolved and the resumption of construction can be ordered. However, the uncertainties of the situation, and the seemingly irreversible delay in completion of even the first unit, dictate that we request an amendment to Commission Permit No. 263-A.

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As originally proposed, Unit 1 of the coal-fired steam electric station was to be operational by January, 1978. Item (5) lead time was therefore two years and for Items (6) and (7) one year. It is requested that consideration be given to permitting the following amendment to the Summary Report:

Item (5) change to read:

"Two years prior to initial operation, the permittee shall..."

Item (6) change to read:

"One year prior to initial operation, the permittee shall..."

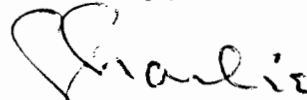
Item (7) change to read:

"One year prior to initial operation, the permittee shall..."

We believe the requested amendment retains the intent of the Summary Report, but provides the flexibility our current situation requires. We hope the Commission will provide a favorable ruling on this request.

We will keep you advised of developments affecting this project, and specifically revised schedules as they become known.

Your truly,



Charles L. Steel

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