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Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Quality, Industrial Permits Section

RE: Notice of Planned Participation 40 CFR 423.19 (f)(1) – Annual Progress Report
F.B. Culley Generating Station, NPDES Permit No IN0002259

Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company (SIGECO), doing business as CenterPoint Energy Indiana South (CEIS) submitted a Notice of Planned Participation under 40 CFR 423.19 (f)(1) on June 27, 2023 and is providing in this annual progress report submittal the information required under 40 CFR 423.19 (f)(4).

F.B. Culley Unit 2 is still planned for retirement no later than December 31, 2025. The planned fuel conversion of Unit 3 to natural gas fired combustion no later than December 31, 2027 has been paused in consideration of CEIS currently being in a required Integrated Resource Planning study year, with a refreshed generation plan expected to be available later in 2025.

It should be noted that F.B. Culley Unit 3 does not discharge process wastewater as a result of having previously converted the ash handling to dry systems and commissioning an FGD Spray Dryer Evaporator Zero Liquid Discharge System in April 2023. In summary, as a result of the Unit 2 retirement and the previously completed wastewater compliance projects completed for Unit 3, by the end of 2025 the F.B. Culley Generating Station will no longer discharge wastewaters associated with coal-fired combustion. The plan for retirement of Unit 2 and conversion of Unit 3 was presented to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) in CEIS's 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) report submitted at the end of May 2023. The report is currently under review by the IURC and a final report from the IURC has not yet been issued, and in the interest of insuring the best decision is being made for customers who incur cost associated with company expenditures, the decision was made that it would be prudent to pause the conversion work as the company re-evaluates the impact of recent regulatory changes and anticipated additional changes in the coming months.

CEIS has continued construction of simple cycle gas turbines at the A.B. Brown Generating Station, with one unit now being in commercial operation and the other expected to begin commercial operation in the fall of this year. Additionally, CEIS has recently brought a 191 MW solar site into commercial operation and there are several additional renewables projects currently underway. These projects are part of the overall generation transition plan that resulted from prior IRP studies, which included the retirement of the A.B. Brown coal-fired combustion turbines in October 2023, and the planned retirement of the F.B. Culley Unit 2 coal-fired combustion turbine in December 2025. The milestones to achieve the permanent cessation of coal combustion in F.B. Culley Unit 3 continue to be reviewed in cooperation with generation transition planning and legal governance teams.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shane Bradford".

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