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Big Cajun II Power Plant—Notification of Intent to Comply with the Site-Specific Alternative to Initiation of Closure Due to Permanent Cessation of a Coal-Fired Boiler(s) by a Date Certain

Cleco Cajun LLC (Cleco) is providing notification of its intent to comply with the site-specific alternative to initiation of closure due to permanent cessation of a coal-fired boiler(s) by a date certain for the Bottom Ash Basin at the Big Cajun II Power Plant. As EPA stated in the final rule promulgating these alternative closure requirements, "facilities that are converting their boilers to natural gas or a different fuel source (non-coal) are eligible for the provision." 85 Fed. Reg. 53,516, 53,547 (Aug. 28, 2020).

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.103(f)(2), Cleco submitted a demonstration seeking to qualify for these alternative closure requirements to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on November 12, 2020. As required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.103(f)(2)(vii) and 257.105(i)(18), Cleco also placed the demonstration—along with this notification—in the facility's operating record and on the facility's public website.