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Dear Mr. Stephens:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Middle Tennessee 1-hour ozone maintenance plan State Implementation Plan (SIP) submittal dated August 10, 2005, to determine the adequacy of the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs), pursuant to section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 C.F.R. Part 93, Subpart A). The Transportation Conformity Rule identifies criteria that must be used in determining adequacy of submitted SIPs which contain MVEBs for transportation conformity purposes. We have determined that the Middle Tennessee 1-hour ozone maintenance plan SIP submittal contains adequate MVEBs.

The Middle Tennessee 1-hour ozone maintenance plan SIP submittal has MVEBs for both volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) for 2016. This maintenance plan is an update to the previously submitted 1-hour ozone maintenance plan for the Middle Tennessee area. The MVEBs are 21.93 tons per day (tpd) and 45.76 tpd for VOC and NOx, respectively, in 2016. These MVEBs meet the adequacy criteria contained in the Transportation Conformity Rule. This adequacy finding is separate from EPA's review of the SIP submittal and should not be used to prejudge the EPA's ultimate approval of the SIP.

The EPA opened a comment period on the adequacy of the MVEBs contained in the Middle Tennessee 1-hour ozone maintenance plan by posting it on our website on June 9, 2005. The web address is www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm. The comment period closed on July 11, 2005. No comments were received.

More information on SIPs and adequacy reviews is available on the EPA web site. The EPA will soon publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this adequacy finding. The Federal Register will also announce the date that the adequacy finding becomes effective. The



2016 MVEBs will be available for use on the effective date. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Amanetta Wood of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-9025.

Sincerely,

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