SUBJECT: NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR

PUBLIC COMMENT

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1135 – EMISSIONS OF OXIDES OF

NITROGEN FROM ELECTRICITY GENERATING FACILITIES

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Subsequent Environmental Assessment (SEA) to analyze environmental impacts from the project identified above pursuant to its certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l), and South Coast AQMD Rule 110). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15152, 15162, and 15385, the Draft SEA tiers off of the previously certified Final Mitigated SEA prepared for the November 2, 2018 amendments to Rule 1135.

This letter, the Notice of Completion (NOC), and the Draft SEA are not South Coast AQMD applications or forms requiring a response from you. Their purpose is simply to provide information to you on the proposed project. No action on your part is necessary if the proposed project has no bearing on you or your organization. The proposed project's description, location, and potential adverse environmental impacts are summarized in the NOC. Information on how to obtain the Draft SEA and other relevant documents is also provided in the attached NOC.

The NOC has been filed for posting with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. The NOC and Draft SEA have also been electronically filed with the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to be posted on their CEQAnet Web upon Portal which. posting, may he accessed via the following weblink: https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent. In addition, the NOC and Draft SEA and other relevant documents have been electronically posted on the South Coast AOMD's webpage which can be accessed via the http://www.agmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-scagmdweblink: following projects.

Comments focusing on your area of expertise, your agency's area of jurisdiction, if applicable, or issues relative to the environmental analysis for the proposed project will be accepted during a 46-day public review and comment period beginning August 2, 2024 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on September 17, 2024. Please send any comments relative to the CEQA analysis in the Draft SEA to Sina Taghvaee via email to staghvaee@aqmd.gov, or by mail (c/o PRDI/CEQA) to the address shown above. Please include the name, phone number and email address of the contact person, and the organization name, if applicable. Questions regarding the proposed amended rule language should be directed to Michael Morris at (909) 396-3282 or by email to mmorris@aqmd.gov.

The proposed project will be considered at the Governing Board Meeting (Public Hearing) on October 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. (subject to change). The Public Hearing agenda with details on how the public can participate will be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting on South Coast AQMD's website at: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION (NOC) OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

To: Governor's Office of Planning and Research – State From: South Coast Air Quality Management District

Clearinghouse (South Coast AQMD)
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Project Title: Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1135 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities

Project Location: PAR 1135 applies to electric generating units at electricity generating facilities located in the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction, which includes the four-county South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portion of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the non-Palo Verde, Riverside County portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin. However, only the electricity generating facility located on Santa Catalina Island within Los Angeles County, will be expected to undergo physical modifications to comply with PAR 1135 requirements.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: PAR 1135 proposes revisions specific to electric generating units located on Santa Catalina Island which will: 1) remove the nitrogen oxides (NOx) emission limit of 50 tons per year (tpy) because the January 1, 2024 compliance date has passed; 2) delay the compliance dates of the NOx emission limits of: a) 45 tpy from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2027, and b) 13 tpy from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2030 (with a three-year extension option to meet 13 tpy by January 1, 2033) to allow for the installation of no more than three new diesel internal combustion engines with a cumulative rating of 5.5 megawatts (MW); 3) establish new 30 tpy and six tpy NOx emission limits with compliance dates of January 1, 2028 and January 1, 2035 respectively (with a three-year extension option to meet 6 tpy by January 1, 2038); 4) require the installation of Santa Catalina Island near zero emission (NZE) and/or zero emission (ZE) electric generating units by January 1, 2030 (with a three-year extension option to meet by January 1, 2033); 5) prohibit the installation of equipment after January 1, 2028 that does not meet the definition of a Santa Catalina Island NZE electric generating unit or a Santa Catalina Island ZE electric generating unit; 6) require all prime power diesel internal combustion engines installed prior to the Date of Adoption to be removed from service by January 1, 2030 or six month any applicable extensions; and 7) establish provisions for monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping for NZE electric generating units. The Draft SEA concluded that significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impacts may occur for the topic of air quality during operation due to interim emission reductions foregone, interim exceedances of the PM2.5 and PM10 ambient air quality standards, and interim health risk impacts. However, upon full implementation, PAR 1135 would be expected to reduce NOx emissions by 65.3 tpy by January 1, 2038. No other significant adverse impacts were identified. Facilities subject to the proposed project may be identified on lists compiled by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control per Government Code Section 65962.5. However, implementation of PAR 1135 is not expected to alter the status of the facilities and other locations on the lists.

Lead Agency: South Coast AQMD

Division: Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation

The NOC, Draft SEA and all supporting documentation are available for public review from:

1) South Coast AQMD website at http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-scaqmd-projects; 2) South Coast AQMD Public Information Center by email at PICrequests@aqmd.gov and by phone at (909) 396-2039; and 3) State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research website at https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent.

The Draft SEA tiers off of the November 2018 Final Mitigated SEA for Rule 1135 which is available from South Coast AQMD's website at: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-scaqmd-projects-year-2018.

PAR 1135 and all supporting documentation are available from South Coast AQMD's website at:

http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1135.

The NOC is provided to the public through the following:

☑ Los Angeles Times (August 2, 2024) ☑ South Coast AQMD Mailing List & Interested Parties

☑ South Coast AQMD Website ☑ South Coast AQMD Public Information Center

☑ State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research Website

Draft SEA Review Period (46 days): August 2, 2024 to September 17, 2024

NOC of a Draft SEA for PAR 1135 (concluded)

Scheduled Public Meeting Date(s) (subject to change): The proposed project will be considered at the Governing Board Meeting (Public Hearing) on October 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. (subject to change). The Governing Board Meeting agenda with details on how the public can participate will be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting on South Coast AQMD's website at: http://www.agmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes.

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Date: August 1, 2024 Signature:

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