



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 15, 2015

Mr. Thomas A. Di Ciolli
Plant Manager
NRG California South LP
393 North Harbor Blvd.
Oxnard, CA 93035

Dear Mr. Di Ciolli:

TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE ORDER (TSO) FOR NRG CALIFORNIA SOUTH LP MANDALAY GENERATING STATION, OXNARD, CA. (NPDES NO. CA0001180, CI NO. 2093).

We have reviewed your letter dated October 1, 2015, requesting a Time Schedule Order (TSO) to come into compliance with the discharge limitations contained in the waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, Order No. R4-2015-0201 (NPDES Permit No. CA0001180). Order No. R4-2015-0201 regulates the discharge of wastewater to surface waters from NRG California South LP, Mandalay Generating Station Facility.

NRG California South LP cannot consistently meet the effluent limitations for pH contained in Order No. R4-2015-0201 for discharges from the retention basins and boiler blowdown. Therefore, a tentative TSO has been developed with interim limitations for pH that will expire on July 2, 2016. This TSO will provide the required time to make infrastructure changes and implement appropriate control measures to bring the Mandalay Generating Station discharge into compliance with the final pH limitations. Attached is the tentative TSO.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Board at a public hearing to be held on December 10, 2015, at 9:00 A.M., at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California, will consider the enclosed tentative TSO and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof. The Board members will hear any testimony pertinent to this tentative TSO. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

Written submissions pertaining to this proposed Board action must be submitted to the Regional Water Board staff at losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy submitted to Rosario Aston at Rosario.Aston@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on **November 16, 2015**, in order to be evaluated by Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that Regional Water Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Regional Water Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to

the comments and issues raised. The Regional Water Board chair may exclude from the record written materials received after this date. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.4.)

With respect to the public notices, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and the California Code of Regulations, you are required to follow the enclosed instructions for publication or posting of the notice no later than October 16, 2015.

Please notify this Regional Water Board by telephone when the notice has been published and submit the proof of publication or posting as required in the enclosed instructions. Proof of posting or publication of the notice must be received by the Executive Officer of this Regional Water Board no later than October 30, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosario Aston at (213) 576-6653.

Sincerely,



Cassandra D. Owens, Chief
Industrial Permitting Unit

Enclosures: Tentative Time Schedule Order

cc: **(VIA Email Only)**

Mr. David Smith, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)
Ms. Robyn Stuber, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)
Ms. Becky Mitschele, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)
Mr. Kenneth Wong, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Ms. Crystal Marquez, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Bryant Chesney, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Mr. Renan Jauregui, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality
Ms. Marylou Taylor, California Energy Commission
Mr. Jeff Phillips, Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Mr. William Paznokas, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5
Ms. Sutida Bergguist, State Water Resources Control Board, Drinking Water Division
Ms. Teresa, Henry, California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region
Mr. Theodore Johnson, Water Replenishment District of Southern California
Mr. Tim Smith, Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Waste Management
Division
Mr. Angelo Bellomo, Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health
Mr. Gerhardt Hubner, County of Ventura, Flood Control District
Ventura Port District Harbor Patrol
Ms. Elena Brokaw, City of San Buenaventura
City of San Buenaventura, Parks and Recreation
Sierra Club, Southern Coastal Coordinator
Mr. Mati Waiya, Ventura CoastKeeper
Mr. Jason Weiner, Wishtoyo Foundation and its Ventura Coastkeeper Program

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cc: **(VIA Email Only) Cont'd**

Mr. Al Wagner, California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region
Friends of the Ventura River
Mr. Paul Jenkin, Surfrider Foundation, Ventura County Chapter
Ms. Jessica Altstatt, Santa Barbara Channel Keeper
Ms. Betsy Weber, Environmental Defense Center
Mr. Greg Nyhoff, City of Oxnard
Ms. Rita Kampalath, Heal the Bay
Mr. Bruce Reznik Los Angeles WaterKeeper
Ms. Johanna Dryer, Natural Resources Defense Council
Mr. Damon Wing, Ventura County
Mr. Daniel Cooper, Lawyers for Clean Water
Mr. Jae Kim, Tetra Tech
Ms. Kristy Allen, Tetra Tech
Mr. Scott Warnock, NRG California South LP, Ormond Beach Generating Station
Mr. William Probasco, NRG California South, LP
Ms. Julie Babcock, NRG California South, LP
Mr. George Piantka, NRG California South, LP
Ms. Mary Welch, PG Environmental, LLC
Mr. Matthew Reusswig, PG Environmental, LLC