CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER No. R2-2011-0047

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR

GENON POTRERO, LLC
POTRERO POWER PLANT
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

WHEREAS the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter "Regional Water Board"), finds that:

1. GenOn Potrero, LLC, owns and operates the Potrero Power Plant, located at 1201-A Illinois Street, San Francisco. The plant produces electricity. One of four generating units onsite withdraws and discharges cooling water from and to San Francisco Bay.

2. On May 10, 2006, the Regional Water Board reissued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0005657 for the Potrero Power Plant through Order No. R2-2006-0032. The order permitted once-through cooling water and some industrial stormwater to be discharged into San Francisco Bay. The Regional Water Board also included mercury discharges from the Potrero Power Plant under the watershed permit implementing the San Francisco Bay Mercury TMDL, NPDES Permit No. CA0038849, Order No. R2-2007-0077.

3. The Potrero Power Plant ceased discharge on November 23, 2010, and ceased operations on February 28, 2011; therefore, NPDES Permit No. CA0005657 can be rescinded, along with coverage for mercury discharges under NPDES Permit No. CA0038849.

4. Pursuant to Water Code §13389, rescissions of waste discharge requirements are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

5. The Regional Water Board notified GenOn Potrero, LLC, and other interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind the plant's waste discharge requirements, and provided an opportunity to submit written comments and participate in a public hearing.

6. The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of the waste discharge requirements.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to the Clean Water Act and Division 7 of the California Water Code, and the regulations, plans, and policies adopted thereunder, that effective July 13, 2011, Order No. R2-2006-0032 (NPDES Permit No. CA0005657) is hereby rescinded, except for enforcement purposes. Likewise, the Potrero Power Plant's coverage under the provisions of NPDES Permit No. CA0038849, Order No. R2-2007-0077, is hereby terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Region, on July 13, 2011.

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Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer