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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

January 15, 2016

Ms. Megan Graves
Aera Energy, LLC
10000 Ming Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93311

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO.: **7014 2870 0001 4613 0767**

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SUBMITTAL OF TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13267 ORDER

SITE: AERA ENERGY LLC OPERATIONS, VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

Dear Ms. Graves:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) has received a written response, dated January 13, 2016 (attached), for an extension to submit a technical report (Report) required under investigative order R4-2015-0271 under the California Water Code (CWC) Section 13267 Order for the site. The original due date for the Report was January 18, 2016. The requested new due date for the Report is March 15, 2016.

The extension is being requested to allow additional time to gather the required information. Aera Energy LLC emphasized that due to the aerial extent of the Ventura Oil Field, an area of approximately 4,300 acres, additional time is required to assess the requirement. As discussed during a telephone conversation on January 13, 2016, Aera Energy, LLC has begun to prepare the report. Aera Energy LLC has requested a 45-day extension to submit the required information. The Regional Board hereby approves the request for extension of the Report due date to **March 15, 2016**.

The above requirement for submittal of a technical report constitutes an amendment to the requirements of the California Water Code section 13267 Order originally dated December 18, 2015. All other aspects of the Order originally dated December 18, 2015, and the amendments thereto, remain in full force and effect. The required technical report is necessary to investigate the characteristics of and extend of the discharges of waste at the site and to evaluate cleanup alternatives, if needed. Therefore, the burden, including costs, of the report bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the report and benefits to be obtained. Pursuant to section 13268 of the California Water Code, failure to submit the required technical report by the specified due date may result in civil liability administratively imposed by the Regional Board in an amount up to one thousand dollars (\$1000) for each day each technical report is not received.

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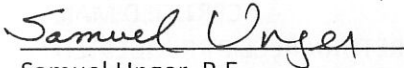
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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Joshua Cwikla at (213) 576-6713 or via email at joshua.cwikla@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

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