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September 24, 2007

Ms. Julie Babcock Reliant Energy Ormond Beach, Inc. 7251 Amigo Street, Suite 120 Las Vegas, NV 89119

Dear Ms. Babcock:

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER No. R4-2004-0119 FOR RELIANT ENERGY ORMOND BEACH, INC., ORMOND BEACH GENERATING STATION, OXNARD, VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 02-158, CI-8561)

Our letter of July 27, 2007, transmitted a tentative Order for rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements, Order R4-2004-0119, for Reliant Ormond Beach, Inc (Discharger).

Pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code, this Regional Board at a public meeting held on September 6, 2007, considered all factors in the case, and adopted rescission Order No. R4-2007-0045 (copy enclosed).

We are sending the rescission Order to the Discharger only. For recipients on the mailing list, an electronic or hard copy of these enclosures will be furnished upon request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Mr. Orlando H. Gonzalez at (213) 620-2267.

Sincerely,

CC:

Rodney H. Nelson, Unit Chief

Groundwater Permitting and Landfills

Enclosure: Rescission Order No. R4-2007-0045

Mr. Bill Stratton, Ventura County Environmental Health Division, Liquid Waste

Mr. Rob Roshanian, Development Service Manager, City of Oxnard

Mr. Mark Pumford, Wastewater Program, City of Oxnard

Mr. Tony Schneider, Manager, Reliant Energy Ormond Beach, Inc.

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State of California CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LOS ANGELES REGION

ORDER NO. R4-2007-0045 FOR RELIANT ENERGY ORMOND BEACH, INC. (ORMOND BEACH GENERATING STATION) RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND/GROUNDWATER

- 1. Reliant Energy Ormond Beach, Inc. (Discharger) owns and operates the Ormond Beach Generating Station, which is a power generation plant (Plant) with a capacity of 1,500 megawatts located at 6635 South Edison Drive, Oxnard, California.
- 2. The Plant is located in an unsewered area of the City of Oxnard. This area relies upon subsurface disposal systems. The nearest sewer collection system is approximately 2640 feet from the Plant.
- 3. This Regional Board (Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), Order No. R4-2004-0119 (Order) for the discharge of domestic wastewater from the Plant through two septic tank systems by infiltration on August 5, 2004. The primary septic system consisted of an 8,400 gallon-per day (gpd) septic tank and two leach fields. The secondary septic system servicing the guard shack consisted of an 800-gpd septic tank and a leach field. The septic systems were in operation since 1968.
- 4. On June 9, 2006 the Discharger received the final construction permit from the City of Oxnard to connect to the City of Oxnard sewer collection system. On July 15, 2006, the two septic systems were capped off from their leach fields
- 5. Section D.3. of the Order requires that by June 1, 2005, the Discharger shall complete construction and testing to achieve full compliance with all requirements contained in the Order. Section D. 6. states that "in the event that the septic system upgrade is delayed by local permitting or construction delays which are beyond the Discharger's control, the Executive Officer may, at his discretion, extend the time schedule by as many as two time periods, each not to exceed six months to achieve compliance with these requirements." The Regional Board staff issued two time extensions to comply with the Order after considering that the delays were beyond the Discharger's control. The last extension set a due date to comply by July 17, 2006. The Plant was connected on November 3, 2006 to the City of Oxnard sewer collection system. From July 15, 2006 to November 3, 2006, the Discharger through a contract with a septic pumping company hauled away the domestic waste to a legal disposal site.
- 6. By a letter dated January 12, 2007, the Discharger requested rescission of Order No. R4-2004-0119. The Discharger stated that the discharge had ceased on November 3, 2006.
- 7. Regional Board staff conducted a field inspection on June 7, 2007 and verified that Plant is no longer discharging domestic wastewater to land, and that two leach field system were decommissioned.

- 8. The Board finds that the requirements of Order No. R4-2004-0119 are no longer applicable and should be rescinded.
- 9. The Board has transmitted copies of this tentative Order to the Discharger and to interested agencies and persons, and has notified them of its intent to rescind requirements at a public meeting to be held on September 6, 2007.
- 10. At that public meeting, the Board gave the opportunity for a hearing and considered comments and correspondence pertaining to this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R4-2004-0119 be rescinded.

The Executive Officer of this Regional Board, is authorized, and is hereby directed, to certify and submit copies of this Order to the discharger, and to such individuals and governmental agencies as may have need therefor, or may request same.

I, Deborah J. Smith, Interim Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on September 6, 2007.

Deborah J. Smith

Interim Executive Officer