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Jeff Araujo, Plant Manager
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RE: **FACILITY SHUTDOWN**
FMF Facility No. 316744

Dear Mr. Araujo:

The Department of Environmental Protection (the "MassDEP"), Bureau of Waste Prevention has reviewed your letter dated June 14, 2011 concerning Somerset Power LLC's request to have approvals and a permit concerning the Somerset Power LLC facility withdrawn. Somerset Power LLC in an e-mail to MassDEP provided further clarification regarding the shutdown status of the facility with respect other equipment at the site.

Based upon the information provided in the above referenced communications and contained in MassDEP's letter to Somerset Power LLC dated February 18, 2011, the facility will shutdown and no longer operate as an electric power generating facility. The shutdown includes all electric power generation equipment (Boiler 7/Unit 5, Boiler 8/Unit 6, and Combustion Turbine J2), Boiler 9 and all coal and ash handling equipment. The shutdown includes all Emission Units (EUs) as defined in Table 1 of the Final Air Quality Operating Permit dated October 12, 2004.

In response to your request, the following MassDEP Approvals are hereby revoked:

- Plan Approval, December 28, 1976, Application No. SM-76-019-CO, Unit 9 Auxiliary Boiler,
- Conditional Approval, November 21, 2000, Application No. 4B00001, NO_x RACT Boiler 7, 8 and 9 and Combustion Turbine J2,

- Conditional Approval, February 24, 2003, Application No. 4B02003, Natural Gas Reburn Boiler 8,
- Final Restricted Emission Status Approval, April 14, 1995, Application No. 4B94113, Boiler 9,
- Plan Approval, December 21, 1990, Application No. 4B87080, 2.2% Sulfur Oil Boiler 7 and 8,
- Plan Approval, January 14, 1994, Application No. 4B91002, Massachusetts Acid Rain Control Plan Boiler 7 and 8, and
- Final Air Quality Operating Permit, October 12, 2004, Application No. 4V95057, CAA Title V.

In addition, the following applications submitted to MassDEP are hereby deemed withdrawn and the review of the applications terminated:

- Operating Permit Renewal Application, submitted April 13, 2009, Transmittal No. X227741, Application No. 4B09012,
- Operating Permit Minor Modification Application, submitted February 23, 2009, Transmittal No. X227016, Application No. 4M09003, and
- CAIR 310 CMR 7.32 Application, submitted September 28, 2007, Transmittal No. W156066, Application No. 4B07042.

Prior to any future operation of coal handling equipment, ash handling equipment, Boiler 7/Unit 5, Boiler 8/Unit 6, Boiler 9 or Combustion Turbine J2 (Operating Permit EU1A, EU1B, EUC, EU2A, EU2B, EU7, EU8, EU9 or EUJ2) it would require Somerset Power LLC to commence a new permitting process and obtain MassDEP's Plan Approval pursuant to 310 CMR 7.00 Air Pollution Control regulations.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (508) 946-2779.

Sincerely,

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