

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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December 14, 2017

## UPS NEXT DAY DELIVERY

Mr. Linwood Bubar, Executive Vice President Detroit Renewable Power, LLC 5700 Russell Street Detroit, Michigan 48211-2545

Dear Mr. Bubar:

On October 20, 2014, Detroit Renewable Power, LLC (Company) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD) entered into a Consent Judgment filed in Ingham County Circuit Court File No: 14-1184-CE. The Consent Judgment was entered to resolve alleged violations of Part 55 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), Rule 901, and common law nuisance. It also subjects the Company to stipulated fines for failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Judgment.

In the Violation Notice dated October 17, 2017, the AQD cited the Company for violating Rule 901(b) on October 17, 2017, after AQD inspectors verified moderate to strong, consistent garbage odors emitting from the Company's facility and impacting nearby neighborhoods.

Paragraph 6.2 b. of the Consent Judgment states the following condition:

b. Defendants are subject to a stipulated fine of up to \$5,000.00 for each calendar day Defendants fail to be in compliance with Rule 901, whatever the cause, and even if the compliance failure is the result of operations subject to the Odor Management Plan. Rule 901 states:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of any other department rule, a person shall not cause or permit the emission of an air contaminant or water vapor in quantities that cause, alone or in reaction with other air contaminants, either of the following:

(a) Injurious effect to human health or safety, animal life, plant life of significant economic value, or property.

(b) Unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.""

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After reviewing the Violation Notice and the Company's November 13, 2017 letter of response to the AQD Detroit Field Office, the following conclusions were made:

- 1) AQD Complaint investigation on October 17, 2017, detected odors of sufficient intensity and frequency to confirm a violation of Rule 901(b).
- 2) The Company is subject to a stipulated fine of up to \$5,000.00 for each calendar day of confirmed Rule 901 violation.

Therefore, the AQD has determined the amount of the stipulated fines to be \$5,000.00.

The Company is hereby requested to submit the stipulated fines of \$5,000.00 in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 6.2.e of Consent Judgment No: 14-1184-CE within 30 days, by January 14, 2018. To ensure proper credit, all payments shall include the Agreement Identification No. AQD-400060-S on the face of the check. Stipulated fines submitted under this Consent Judgment shall be by check, payable to the "State of Michigan" and delivered to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Accounting Services Division, Cashier's Office, P.O. Box 30657, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8157.

Sincerely,

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