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CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination

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CEQA Lead Agency: South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)

Project Title: Proposed Rule (PR) 1179.1 – NO_x Emission Reductions from Combustion Equipment

CEQA Document Type: Certified Regulatory Program

State Clearinghouse Number/local agency ID number: 2020080171

Project Location: The project location is the portion within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) jurisdiction which includes the four-county South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties) as defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 60104, and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin (SSAB) and Mojave Desert Air Basin (MDAB).

Brief Project Description: PR 1179.1 proposes to establish Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) requirements for combustion equipment operated at Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) facilities to reduce emissions of: 1) NO_x and CO from boilers, steam generators and process heaters rated greater than 400,000 British thermal units (Btu) per hour fueled by digester gas or a digester gas blend; 2) NO_x and CO from turbines rated less than 0.3 megawatt (MW) fueled by digester gas or a digester gas blend; 3) NO_x and CO from turbines rated at greater than or equal to 0.3 MW fueled by natural gas, digester gas, or a digester gas blend; and 4) NO_x, CO and VOC from engines rated at greater than 50 brake horsepower (bhp) fueled by digester gas or a digester gas blend. In addition, PR 1179.1 establishes requirements for POTWs to conduct source tests and monitoring, keep records, and prepare reports. PR 1179.1 is estimated to reduce up to 0.05 ton per day of NO_x emissions. The Draft EA did not result in the identification of any environmental topic areas that would be significantly adversely affected by PR 1179.1. Two facilities affected by PR 1179.1 were identified on lists compiled by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control per Government Code Section 65962.5.

Determination: Based on a review of the project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (c)) the project has no effect on fish, wildlife or their habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

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Without a valid CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 711.4, subdivision (c)(3).

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
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Jennifer Turner
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Signature

Jennifer Turner, Senior Environmental Scientist
(Supervisory)
Name, Title

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