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Subject: Chalk Point BATW Project Status

Mr. Curry,

As discussed with Dan McDevitt in early May, GenOn is providing an update regarding our progress with the installation of the remote submerged flight conveyor ("SFC") system at Chalk Point to comply with the NPDES Permit 14-DP-0627, Special Condition X.1. by November 1, 2020.

GenOn initiated work on the remote SFC on an expedited basis in early 2019. Requests for proposals ("RFPs") were submitted to vendors in Q2 of 2019. The RFPs were carefully evaluated by GenOn, and contracts with United Conveyor to initiate design and fabrication began in September 2019. Contracts with United Conveyor to complete the balance of plant, civil, mechanical and electrical activities were entered in October 2019. The project construction timeline was approximately 14 months from contract approval in early September to project startup.

Demolition of existing equipment and piping within the building for installation of the SFC system was initiated in February 2020. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a National Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Our demolition contractors stopped work and left the site on March 20, 2020. The Governor of Maryland later issued COVID-19 restrictions on March 30, 2020. The COVID-19 restrictions have yet to be lifted.

New contractors were engaged and began mobilization on May 5, 2020 with COVID-19 precautions in place to continue the equipment demolition and began re-routing piping. This work stoppage has created at least a 7-week delay in project completion. Upcoming activities include:

- Demolition of the existing foundation began June 1 following the completion of retaining wall support bracing and installation of new concrete foundations is scheduled to be completed in September.
- Re-routing of piping/structural steel at the south end of the E2 precipitator hopper to open up the area to allow equipment and material to enter the building during construction is ongoing.
- Mechanical work scope was awarded the first week of June and is currently scheduled for completion in December.
- Electrical/Controls Bid Packages were received on May 28th and were awarded the first week of June.
- Installation of the ash hopper and large equipment that is onsite is scheduled to begin and be completed in September.
- Installation of electrical and controls is scheduled to begin September 1st and commissioned in December.
- Installation of the bottom ash bunker foundation and access is scheduled to begin in September and completed in October.
- Commissioning and testing currently estimated to begin in January 2021.

Efforts are being made to complete all SFC System work at Chalk Point on an expedited project timeline. Since work scopes were recently awarded and as work progresses, changes to the above schedule are anticipated.

As included in our May 26th comment letter regarding the draft tentative determination, we requested a modest extension to complete this work until March 1, 2021. We also requested that MDE retain the ability to extend this

compliance deadline in 1 month increments in the event additional delays are encountered due to COVID-19 related restrictions or other force majeure events.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards, Steve



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