

UNITED STATES
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REGION 8

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Docket No. TSCA-08-2007-0014

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IN THE MATTER OF:

United Power, Inc.
500 Cooperative Way
Brighton, CO 80601

Respondent.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Complainant, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (EPA), and Respondent, United Power, Inc., by their undersigned representatives, hereby consent and agree as follows:

1. On September 27, 2007, Complainant issued a Complaint alleging certain violations of section 16 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. §2615. The Complaint proposed a civil penalty for the violation alleged therein.

2. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint and neither admits or denies the specific factual allegations of the Complaint.

3. Respondent waives its right to a hearing before any tribunal, to contest any issue of law or fact set forth in the Complaint, or this Consent Agreement.

4. This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order, applies to and is binding upon EPA and upon Respondent and Respondent's heirs, successors or assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate status of Respondent, including, but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall not alter Respondent's responsibilities under this agreement. This Consent Agreement contains all terms of the settlement agreed to by the parties.

5. Respondent consents and agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) in the manner described below in this paragraph:

- a. Payment is due within 30 calendar days from the date written on the Final Order, issued by the Regional Judicial Officer, that adopts this Consent Agreement. If the due date falls on a weekend or legal federal holiday, the due date is the next business day. The date the payment is made is considered to be the date of the deposit

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ticket (standard form 215) issued by the Mellon Bank described below. Payments must be received by 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time to be considered as received that day.

- b.. The payment shall reference the name and docket number of this case and be made by remitting a cashier's or certified check, for this amount, payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," or be paid by one of the other methods listed below, and sent as follows:

Regular Mail:

US Environmental Protection Agency
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
P.O. Box 979076
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

Federal Express, Airborne, or other commercial carrier.:

U.S. Bank
Government Lockbox 979077
US EPA Fines & Penalties
1005 Convention Plaza
SL-MO-C2-GL
St. Louis, MO 63101
314-418-1028

Wire Transfers:

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
ABA: 021030004
Account Number: 68010727

ACH Transactions:

PNC Bank/Remittance Express
ABA: 051036706
Account Number: 310006
CTX Format, Transaction Code 22, checking

There is now an On Line Payment Option, available through the US Department of Treasury. This payment option can be accessed from the information below:

www.PAY.GOV

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A copy of the check, or notification that the payment has been made by one of the other methods listed above, shall be sent simultaneously to:

Kim Le
Environmental Engineer
Technical Enforcement Program (8ENF-AT)
U.S. EPA Region 8
1595 Wynkoop
Denver, CO 80202-1129

and

Tina Artemis
Regional Hearing Clerk (8RC)
U.S. EPA Region 8
1595 Wynkoop
Denver, CO 80202-1129

- c. In the event payment is not received by the specified due date, interest accrues from the date of the final order, not the due date, at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. §3717, and will continue to accrue until payment in full is received. (i.e., on the 1st late day, 30 days of interest accrues).
- d. In addition, a handling charge of fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be assessed on the 31st day from the date of the final order, and each subsequent thirty day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, remains unpaid. In addition, a six percent (6%) per annum penalty shall be assessed on any unpaid principal amount if payment is not received within 90 days of the due date (i.e., the 121st day from the date the final order is signed). Payments are first applied to handling charges, 6% penalty interest, late interest, and any balance is then applied to the outstanding principal amount.
- e. Respondent agrees that the penalty shall never be claimed as a federal or other tax deduction or credit.
- f. Respondent further agrees and consents that if Respondent fails to pay the entire penalty amount within 60 days of the date on the final order, the full penalty amount proposed in the Complaint shall become immediately due and owing by Respondent.

6. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall relieve Respondent of the duty to comply with TSCA and its implementing regulations.

7. Failure by Respondent to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Agreement shall constitute a breach of the consent agreement and may result in referral of the matter to the U.S. Department of Justice for enforcement of this agreement and for such other relief as may be appropriate.

8. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed as a waiver by the EPA or any other federal entity of its authority to seek costs or any appropriate penalty associated with any collection action instituted as a result of Respondent's failure to perform pursuant to the terms of this Consent Agreement.

9. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and to bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of this Consent.

10. The parties agree to submit this Consent Agreement to the Regional Judicial Officer, with a request that it be incorporated into a final order.

11. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorney fees in connection with this matter.

12. This Consent Agreement, upon incorporation into a final order by the Regional Judicial Officer and full satisfaction by the parties, shall be a complete and full civil settlement of the specific violations alleged in the Complaint.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 8,
Complainant.

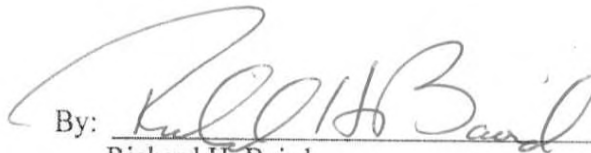
Date: 2/6/08

By: Cynthia J. Reynolds
Cynthia J. Reynolds, Director
Technical Enforcement Program

Date: 6 February 2008

By: Louise M. Ross acting for:
Matt Cohn, Supervisory Attorney
Legal Enforcement Program

Date: 2/5/08

By: 

Richard H. Baird
Senior Enforcement Attorney,
US Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 8, MC 8ENF-L
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202-1129
Telephone No.: (303) 312-6642
FAX No.: (303) 312-7202

United Power, Inc.

Date: 1/31/08

By: 

Its: Chief Operations Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **CONSENT AGREEMENT/FINAL ORDER** in the matter **UNITED POWER, INC.; DOCKET NO.: TSCA-08-2007-0014** was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on February 7, 2008.


Further, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to Richard Baird, Senior Enforcement Attorney, U. S. EPA – Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129. True and correct copies of the aforementioned document was placed in the United States mail certified/return receipt requested on February 7, 2008, to:

Andrew R. Joppa
Mountain States Employer's Counsel
Attorney for United Power, Inc.
1799 Pennsylvania Street
P. O. Box 539
Denver, CO 80201-0539

E-mailed to:

Michelle Angel
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cincinnati Finance Center
26 W. Martin Luther King Drive (MS-0002)
Cincinnati, Ohio 45268

February 7, 2008


Tina Artemis
Paralegal/Regional Hearing Clerk

