

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4

IN THE MATTER OF) CWA SECTION 311 CLASS I
) CONSENT AGREEMENT
Carolina Power & Light) AND FINAL ORDER
Company) UNDER 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b)
dba Progress Energy)
Carolinas, Inc.)
100 E. Davis Street TPP 16)
Raleigh, NC 27601)
)
Respondent) Docket No. CWA-04-2007-5160(b)
_____)

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This Consent Agreement is proposed and entered into under the authority vested in the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") by Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the Clean Water Act ("Act"), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(i), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and under the authority provided by 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2). The Administrator has delegated these authorities to the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 4, who has in turn delegated these authorities through the Division Director, RCRA Division, to the Branch Chief, RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch, RCRA Division (Complainant).

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Stipulations

The parties, in their own capacity or by their attorneys or other authorized representatives, hereby stipulate:

1. Respondent is a corporation organized under the laws of North Carolina, doing business as Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., with a place of business located at 100 E. Davis Street, TPP 16, Raleigh, NC. The Respondent is a person within the meaning of Sections 311(a)(7) and 502(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1321(a)(7) and 1362(5).

2. The Respondent was at all times relevant to this Consent Agreement an owner or operator within the meaning of Section 311(a)(6) of the Act, U.S.C. § 1321(a)(6), of the transformer banks and regulators at the 230 kV substation located at East Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard in Raleigh, North Carolina (“the facility”).

3. The facility is an onshore facility within the meaning of Section 311(a)(10) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(10).

4. The Garner Branch of Walnut Creek is a navigable water as that term is defined in Section 502(7) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 110.1, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of Section 311 of the Act.

5. Section 311(b)(3) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3), prohibits the discharge of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines in such quantities that have been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare or environment of the United States.

6. For purposes of Section 311(b)(3) and (b)(4) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3) and (b)(4), discharges of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States in such quantities that have been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare or environment of the United States are defined in 40 C.F.R. § 110.3 to include discharges of oil that (1) violate applicable water quality standards or (2) cause a film or a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shorelines or cause a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or upon the adjoining shorelines.

7. Respondent admits the jurisdictional statements contained herein.

Allegations

Complainant alleges, and Respondent neither admits nor denies, that:

8. On August 7, 2001, Respondent discharged approximately 600 gallons of non-PCB mineral oil as defined in Section 311(a)(1) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(1), from its facility into or upon Garner Branch of Walnut Creek at Raleigh, North Carolina.

9. Respondent's discharge of oil from its facility, on August 7, 2001, caused a sheen upon or discoloration of, or caused a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath, the waters of the Garner Branch of Walnut Creek, and, therefore was in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R § 110.3, in violation of Section 311(b)(3) of the Act.

Waiver of Rights

10. Respondent waives the right to a hearing under Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(i), to contest the allegations and to appeal any Final Order accompanying the Consent Agreement in this matter pursuant Section 311(b)(6)(G)(i) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(G)(i) and 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2), and consents to the issuance of a Final Order without further adjudication.

11. Respondent waives any right it may have pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.8 to be present during any discussions with, or to be served with and reply to, any memorandum or communication addressed to EPA officials where the purpose of such discussion, memorandum or communication is to persuade such official to accept and issue this Consent Agreement or the Final Order.

Penalty

12. The Complainant proposes, and Respondent consents to, the assessment of a civil penalty of one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,750.00), which shall constitute a full and final settlement and resolution of all causes of action alleged in this Consent Agreement.

Payment Terms

Based on the forgoing, the parties, in their own capacity or by their attorneys or authorized representatives, hereby agree that:

13. No later than 30 days after the effective date of the Final Order, the Respondent shall pay the amount of one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,750.00) by means of a cashier's or certified check, or by electronic funds transfer (EFT). If paying by check, the Respondent shall submit a cashier's or certified check, payable to "Environmental Protection Agency," and bearing the notation "OSLTF – 311." If the Respondent sends payment by the U.S. Postal Service, the payment shall be addressed to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 371099M
Pittsburgh, PA 15251

If the Respondent sends payment by a private delivery service, the payment shall be addressed to:

Mellon Client Service Center
ATTN: Shift Supervisor
Lockbox 371099M Account 9109125
500 Ross Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15262-0001

If paying by EFT, the Respondent shall transfer one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750.00) to:

Mellon Bank
ABA 043000261
Account 9109125
22 Morrow Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

In the case of an international transfer of funds, the Respondent shall use SWIFT address MELNUS3P.

14. If paying by check, the Respondent shall note on the penalty payment check the title and docket number of this case. The Respondent shall submit copies of the check (or, in the case of an EFT transfer, copies of the EFT confirmation) to the following people:

Ms. Patricia Bullock
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

AND

Mr. Larry L. Lamberth, Acting Chief
South Section
RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

15. Respondent's failure to pay the penalty assessed by the Final Order in full by its due date may subject Respondent to a civil action to collect the assessed penalty, plus interest, attorney's fees, costs and an additional quarterly nonpayment penalty pursuant to Section 311(b)(6)(H) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(H). In any such collection action, the validity, amount and appropriateness of the penalty agreed to herein shall not be subject to review.

General Provisions

16. The Final Order shall be binding upon Respondent and Respondent's officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, and successors or assigns.

17. The Final Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension or modification of the requirements of Section 311 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321, or any regulations promulgated thereunder, and does not affect the right of the Administrator or the United States to pursue any applicable injunctive or other equitable relief or criminal sanctions for any violation of law. Payment of the penalty pursuant to this Consent Agreement resolves only Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations and facts stipulated to and alleged herein.

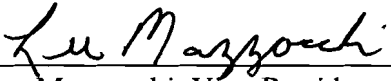
18. The undersigned representative of Respondent hereby certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and to execute and legally bind Respondent to this Consent Agreement.

Effective Date

19. This Consent Agreement and attached Final Order is effective upon the filing of the Final Order with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINAS, INC.

Date: 3/20/07



Lee Mazzocchi, Vice-President
Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Date: 4/19/07



Narindar Kumar, Chief
RCRA & OPA Enforcement and
Compliance Branch
Region 4
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to Section 311(b)(6) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6), and the delegated authority of the undersigned, and in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits," codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22, the foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Final Order, and the Stipulations by the parties and Allegations by the Complainant are adopted as Findings in this Final Order.

The Respondent is ordered to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement.

Date: May 1, 2007

Susan S. Schub

Susan Schub
Regional Judicial Officer