

Enclosure
CLEAN AIR ACT STATIONARY SOURCE
EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

DOCKET NO. CAA-01-2021-0074

Respondent: Green Mountain Power Corporation, 163 Acorn Lane, Colchester, VT 05401

1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and Green Mountain Power Corporation (“Respondent”) enter into this Clean Air Act Stationary Source Expedited Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) to settle the civil violations set forth in the enclosed Clean Air Act Stationary Source Inspection Findings, Alleged Violations, and Proposed Penalty Form (the “Form”), pursuant to Section 113 of the Clean Air Act (“CAA”), 42 U.S.C. §7413, and 40 C.F.R. §22.13(b), for a penalty of \$28,800 (“Assessed Penalty”).
2. Respondent admits to being subject to the CAA and its associated regulations and that EPA has jurisdiction over Respondent and Respondent’s conduct described in Table 2 of the Form.
3. Respondent neither admits nor denies the violations specified in the Form.
4. Respondent waives any objections to EPA’s jurisdiction.
5. Respondent certifies that it has completed the required corrective actions set forth in Table 3 of the Form.
6. Respondent acknowledges that there are significant penalties for submitting false information to the United States government, including the possibility of a fine or imprisonment for knowing violations pursuant to Section 113(c)(2) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §7413(c)(2), and 18 U.S.C. §§1001 and 1341.
7. Respondent agrees to pay the Assessed Penalty and agrees to submit proof of payment to EPA within 30 calendar days of receipt of a copy of the ratified Agreement and Final Order.
8. The Assessed Penalty is based upon EPA’s consideration of the factors provided in CAA Section 113(e), 42 U.S.C. §7413(e), and EPA’s Clean Air Act Stationary Source Civil Penalty Policy dated October 25, 1991¹.
9. The payment made by Respondent pursuant to this Agreement is a penalty within the meaning of Section 162(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 USC §162(f), and, therefore, Respondent shall not claim the payment as a tax-deductible expenditure for purposes of federal, state or local law.
10. If Respondent fails to pay the Assessed Penalty in full within 30 calendar days of receipt of a copy of the ratified Agreement and Final Order, the entire unpaid balance of the Assessed

¹ Statutory penalty amounts are adjusted for inflation by the “Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule” effective December 23, 2020. See 40 CFR Section 19.4.

Penalty and accrued interest shall become immediately due and owing. Interest shall be at rates established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §6621(a)(2) from the date of the Final Order. 42 U.S.C. §7413(d)(5).

11. If Respondent fails to timely pay the Assessed Penalty, Respondent may be subject to a civil action pursuant to Section 113(d)(5) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §7413(d)(5) to collect the Assessed Penalty. In any collection action, the validity, amount, and appropriateness of the Assessed Penalty shall not be subject to review.
12. By its first signature below, EPA confirms the alleged violation(s) set forth in Table 2 in the Form. Upon signing and returning this Agreement to EPA, Respondent consents to the terms of this Agreement without further notice.
13. Respondent acknowledges that this Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and becomes effective on the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, after ratification of the Agreement and Final Order by the Regional Judicial Officer.
14. This Agreement, upon approval and incorporation in the Final Order, concludes this action under Sections 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits.
15. This Agreement and Final Order resolves Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged in the Form, up to and including the effective date.
16. The EPA reserves the right to commence action against any person, including Respondent, in response to any condition which the EPA determines may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, public welfare, or the environment.
17. Nothing in this Agreement and Final Order should be construed to limit the authority of the United States to pursue criminal sanctions.
18. This settlement is subject to all limitations on the scope of resolution and the reservation of rights set forth in 40 C.F.R. §22.18(c).
19. EPA reserves any rights and remedies available to it under the CAA, the regulations promulgated thereunder, and any other federal laws or regulations for which EPA has jurisdiction, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement and accompanying Final Order following its filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.
20. Nothing in this Agreement relieves Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable provisions of the CAA, 42 U.S.C §7401 *et. seq.*, and the regulations promulgated under it.
21. The EPA and the United States Department of Justice jointly determined, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §7413(d), that this matter is appropriate for an administrative penalty action

although it involves alleged violations that commenced more than one year before the initiation of this proceeding.

22. Upon the EPA's final approval of the Agreement, Respondent expressly waives its right to contest the allegations. Moreover, in entering into this Agreement, Respondent agrees to bear its own costs and attorney's fees related to this Agreement.
23. Respondent agrees to acceptance of the Complainant's: i. digital or an original signature on this Agreement; ii. service of the fully executed Agreement on the Respondent by mail or electronically by e-mail. Respondent understands that the mailing or e-mail address may be made public when the Agreement and Certificate of Service are filed and uploaded to a searchable database. Complainant agrees to acceptance of the Respondent's digital or an original signature on this Agreement.

ACCEPT THE PROPOSED PENALTY

I/we (Respondent) consent to the proposed penalty.

DECLINE THE PROPOSED PENALTY

I/we (Respondent) decline the proposed penalty. If you choose to decline this proposed penalty, you may be subject to formal enforcement action and, in that event, will have an opportunity to seek a hearing.

COST OF COMPLIANCE


Respondent certifies that it has expended \$ 78,000 to correct the alleged violations and to come into compliance.

APPROVED BY EPA:

James Chow, Deputy Director for Karen McGuire, Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
Environmental Protection Agency
Region 1 – New England

Date: _____

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:



Elizabeth Miller
Name and Title (print): VP + Chief Legal Officer, GMP

Date: 7/20/21

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b) and (c) of EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice, the foregoing Agreement resolving this matter is incorporated by reference into this Final Order and is hereby ratified. Respondent is ordered to pay the civil penalty amount specified in the Agreement in the manner specified. The terms of the Agreement will become effective on the date it is filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

Date: _____

LeAnn Jensen
Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 1 – New England