

# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Protection

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June 3, 2024

Sent electronically to: <u>Daems@jea.com</u>

Mr. Michael Dae, Director of Regulatory & Permitting Programs Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) 21 West Church Street Jacksonville, Florida 32202

SUBJECT: Department of Environmental Protection v. Jacksonville Electric Authority

OGC File No. 24-1385 Air Facility ID No. 0310561

**Duval County** 

Dear Mr. Dae:

Enclosed is a copy of the executed Consent Order to resolve Case Number 24-1385. The effective date of this Order is June 3, 2024, and all timeframes will be referenced from this date.

As a reminder, a Consent Order is a binding legal document and was voluntarily entered into by both parties.

Should you have any questions concerning the Consent Order, please contact Tori Rohde, at <u>Tori.Rohde@FloridaDEP.gov</u>, or by phone at (904) 256-1614. Your continued cooperation in the matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Kallemeyn Assistant Director

Enclosure: Executed Consent Order

ec: FDEP-OGC: Lea Crandall, Agency Clerk

FDEP-NED: Tom Kallemeyn, Chris Azcuy, Zach Winkler, Tori Rohde, Sarah Harris,

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Mr. Dae:

The State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") finds that Jacksonville Electric Authority ("Respondent") operated Combustion Turbine Unit No. 2 at the Greenland Energy Center in such a manner that exceeded the unit's emission standard for Nitrogen Oxides ("NOx") on two instances. Combustion Turbine Unit No. 2 exceeded the NOx emissions standard for 79 minutes on December 22, 2023, and for 89 minutes on January 3, 2024, in violation of Permit Condition A.8.a. of Title V Air Operation Permit No. 0310561-009-AV and Rules 62-4.160(1) and 62-210.700(1), Florida Administrative Code ("Fla. Admin. Code").

Although there are no actions required to correct the violations, the Respondent remains subject to civil penalties as a result of the violations. The Respondent is also responsible for costs incurred by the Department during the investigation of this matter.

### The Department's Offer

Based on the violations described above, the Department is seeking \$6,000.00 in civil penalties and \$750.00 for costs and expenses the Department has incurred in investigating this matter, which amounts to a total of \$6,750.00. The civil penalties are apportioned as follows: \$1,500.00 for exceeding the air emissions standard for Nitrogen Oxides, with a \$4,500.00 add-on since the facility is classified as a major source of pollution for Nitrogen Oxides, in violation of Permit Condition A.8.a. of Title V Air Operation Permit No. 0310561-009-AV and Rules 62-4.160(1) and 62-210.700(1), Fla. Admin. Code.

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## Respondent's Acceptance

If you wish to accept this offer and fully resolve the enforcement matter pending against the Respondent, please sign this letter and return it to the Department at the Northeast District Office at 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida, 32256, within 30 days of the date this Consent Order was issued. The Department will then countersign it and file it with a designated clerk of the Department. Once the document is filed with the designated clerk, it will constitute a final order of the Department pursuant to Section 120.52(7), Florida Statutes ("Fla. Stat."), and will be effective unless a request for an administrative hearing is filed by a third party in accordance with Chapter 120, Fla. Stat., and the attached Notice of Rights.

By accepting this offer you, Michael Dae:

- (1) Certify that you are authorized and empowered to negotiate, enter into, and accept the terms of this offer in the name and on behalf of Respondent;
- (2) Acknowledge and waive Respondent's right to an administrative hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat., on the terms of this offer, once final;
- (3) Acknowledge and waive Respondent's right to an appeal pursuant to Section 120.68, Fla. Stat.; and
- (4) Acknowledge that payment of the above amount does not constitute a waiver of the Department's right, if any, to recover emergency response related costs and expenses for this matter.

The Department acknowledges that the Respondent's acceptance of this offer does not constitute an admission of liability for the violations referenced above.

#### Respondent's Performance

After signing and returning this document to the Department,

- (1) Respondent must pay \$6,750.00 in full within 30 days of the effective date of this Order.
- (2) Respondent shall make all payments required by this Order by cashier's check, money order or on-line payment. Cashier's check or money order shall be made payable to the "Department of Environmental Protection" and shall include both the OGC number assigned to this Order and the notation "Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund." Online payments by e-check can be made by going to the DEP Business Portal at: http://www.fldepportal.com/go/pay/.

It will take a number of days after this order is final, effective, and filed with the Clerk of the Department before the ability to make online payment is available.

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The Department may enforce the terms of this document, <u>once final</u>, and seek to collect monies owed pursuant to Sections 120.69 and 403.121, Fla. Stat.

<u>Until clerked by the Department, this letter is only a settlement offer and not a final agency action.</u> Consequently, neither the Respondent nor any other party may request an administrative hearing to contest this letter pursuant to Chapter 120, Fla. Stat. Once this letter is clerked and becomes a final order of the Department, as explained above, the attached Notice of Rights will apply to parties, other than the Respondent, whose interests will be substantially affected.

Electronic signatures or other versions of the parties' signatures, such as .pdf or facsimile, shall be valid and have the same force and effect as originals. No modifications of the terms of this Order will be effective until reduced to writing, executed by both Respondent and the Department, and filed with the clerk of the Department.

Please be aware that if the Respondent declines to respond to the Department's offer, the Department will assume that the Respondent is not interested in resolving the matter and will proceed accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Rohde at (904) 256-1614, or via email at Tori.Rohde@FloridaDEP.gov.

Sincerely,

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FOR THE RESPONDENT:
I,[Michael Dae], HEREBY ACCEPT THE
TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT OFFER IDENTIFIED ABOVE.
By: Mich O S. D. Date: 23 MAY 2024 [Signature]
Title: Director of Regulatory & Permitting Programs, Jacksonville Electric Authority
FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY  DONE AND ORDERED this 3rd day of June 2024, in Duval County, Florida.
STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  Gregory J. Strong District Director
Filed, on this date, pursuant to section 120.52, Fla. Stat., with the designated Department Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.    June 3, 2024   Date
Attachments: Notice of Rights
Final clerked copy furnished to:  FDEP-OGC: Lea Crandall [executed copy only]  FDEP-NED: Chris Azcuy, Zach Winkler, Tori Rohde, Sarah Harris, Tom Kallemeyn, Monique Jordan, DEP_NED  Kevin Holbrooks, holbke@jea.com, Nay Hlaing, hlaidn@jea.com, Nick Evans, evannb@jea.com,Gunar McKendree, mckegg@jea.com  Kelsey Hope, hopekb@jea.com

#### **NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

Persons who are not parties to this Order, but whose substantial interests are affected by it, have a right to petition for an administrative hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition concerning this Order means that the Department's final action may be different from the position it has taken in the Order.

The petition for administrative hearing must contain all of the following information:

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- (b) The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;
  - (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
- (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate:
- (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
- (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received) at the Department's Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS# 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 or received via electronic correspondence at Agency Clerk@floridadep.gov, within 21 days of receipt of this notice. A copy of the petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the District Office at the address indicated above. Failure to file a petition within the 21-day period constitutes a person's waiver of the right to request an administrative hearing and to participate as a party to this proceeding under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available in this proceeding.