

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

July 19, 2021

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Nicholas Wright, VP, Asset Management Pawtucket Power Associates, LP 235 Merrill Road Pittsfield, MA 01201

RE: Notice of Permit Termination Pawtucket Power Associates, LP (Pawtucket Power) RIPDES Permit No. RI0021741

Dear Mr. Wright:

In accordance with the regulations as adopted pursuant to Chapter 46-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management has terminated the above referenced Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Permit as of the date noted in the attached termination. The attached termination and Statement of Basis includes the details of the permit termination.

The permit, which became effective on January 1, 2016, and expired on December 31, 2020, pertained to Pawtucket Power's (RIPDES Permit No. RI0021741) discharge to the Moshassuck River. In accordance with §1.13 of the Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RI Code of Regulations; 250-RICR-150-10-1.13), the conditions of the expired permit have continued in force since a complete application for renewal of the permit was submitted. Correspondence from Pawtucket Power to DEM dated April 1, 2021 indicated that the facility had permanently ceased operations on March 31, 2021. Following an inspection of the facility by DEM on April 12, 2021, the facility has removed hazardous materials from the site and terminated utilities in preparation for demolition of the facility. In a July 13, 2021 termination request letter from Pawtucket Power to DEM, documentation was provided for the offsite shipment of hazardous materials and photographs were submitted to display that the bulk fuel oil storage tank and transformer at the site were empty. Since the facility has ceased operations and any remaining hazardous materials being stored at the site have been removed as of the July 13th termination request, the above-referenced RIPDES Permit is no longer required for your facility.

If you have any questions relative to this matter then please contact me at 401-222-4700, extension 77405 or by email at <u>aaron.mello@dem.ri.gov</u>.

Sincerely, iam Mello Aaron Mello

Environmental Engineer II DEM, Office of Water Resources

ecc: Joseph Haberek, DEM/OWR Crystal Charbonneau, DEM/OWR John Saunders, Pawtucket Power Debby Lemay, Berkshire Environmental Consultants, Inc.

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TERMINATION

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 46-12 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended,

Pawtucket Power Associates, LP

181 Concord Street Pawtucket, RI 02860

is no longer authorized to discharge from a facility located at

181 Concord Street Pawtucket, RI 02860

to receiving waters named

Moshassuck River

All effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions in the original permit are no longer in effect.

This termination shall become effective on June 30, 2021.

This terminates the permit issued on December 21, 2015.

This termination consists of 1 page.

Signed this 19th day of July 2021.

Joseph B. Haberek, P.E., Environmental Engineer IV Office of Water Resources Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES 235 PROMENADE STREET PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908-5767

STATEMENT OF BASIS

PROPOSED TERMINATION OF A RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RIPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE STATE

RIPDES PERMIT NO. RI0021741

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE:

Pawtucket Power Associates, LP

181 Concord Street Pawtucket, RI 02860

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

181 Concord Street Pawtucket, RI 02860

RECEIVING WATER: Moshassuck River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B{a}

TYPE OF FACILITY:

The facility, which has been the source of a wastewater discharge, was issued a permit to discharge on December 21, 2015 (effective on January 1, 2016), and was administratively continued on January 1, 2021. This facility was engaged in the production of steam and electric power. The permit pertains to stormwater runoff from the oil storage and off-loading area that is treated by an oil/water separator and discharged from Outfall 002 and other stormwater runoff from the site that discharges from Outfall 004. Outfalls 002 and 004 combine and leave the site to ultimately discharge to the Moshassuck River. The facility has ceased operations as of March 31, 2021.

BASIS FOR DEM'S TENTATIVE DECISION TO TERMINATE:

On April 1, 2021, Pawtucket Power Associates, LP (Pawtucket Power) informed DEM that their facility located at 181 Concord Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860, had permanently ceased its operations of generating electricity as of March 31, 2021. Pawtucket Power requested a meeting with DEM to discuss the termination of their RIPDES Permit No. RI0021741. DEM inspected the facility on April 12, 2021 to verify that the facility has ceased operation and to determine if there were any actions needed prior to terminating the permit. During the inspection DEM verified that the facility had ceased the operations of generating electricity, but that there was still remaining heating oil, petroleum products associated with the site's transformers, and other chemicals being stored at the site. DEM notified Pawtucket Power in an April 21, 2021 correspondence that once any remaining heating oil, oils associated with the transformers, and other chemicals have been removed from the site and the storage tanks and associated secondary containment structures properly cleaned, the DEM should be provided with documentation (e.g. photos, bills of lading, etc.) and a termination request for the RIPDES Permit No. RI0021741. In a July 13, 2021 termination request letter from Pawtucket Power to DEM, documentation was provided for the offsite shipment of hazardous materials and photographs submitted to display that the bulk fuel oil storage tank and transformer at the site were empty. Since the facility has ceased operations and the remaining hazardous materials being stored at the site have been removed as of the July 13th termination request, the above-referenced RIPDES Permit is no longer required.

DEM CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the permit termination may be obtained, by appointment, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from:

> Aaron Mello **Department of Environmental Management** Office of Water Resources Permits Section 235 Promenade Street Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767 (401) 222-4700 ext. 77405

Joseph B. Haberek, P.E. **Environmental Engineer IV RIPDES** Permitting Section