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Subject: Constructive Withdrawal of the Blythe Energy Project II PSD Application

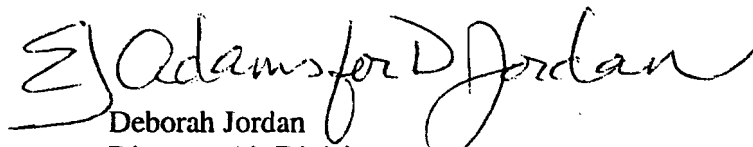
Dear Ms. Oster:

This letter is in reference to your application for a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit extension in October 2008 and for a PSD permit revision in November 2009 for the Blythe Energy Project II in Blythe, California, with an addendum submitted in April 2010.

EPA Region 9 has had numerous communications with Caithness Blythe II over the course of several years regarding the additional information that EPA has determined is necessary for you to provide in order for EPA to process this application. These communications have included several written requests for additional information dated February 15, 2013, June 10, 2013 and December 23, 2013. Although we have received some additional information from you, we have not yet received significant components of the necessary information, which have been outstanding for a considerable length of time. In our most recent correspondence to you, dated December 23, 2013, we stated that we would consider your application withdrawn if we did not receive the requested information by March 7, 2014. To date, we have not received the substantive information that we requested and we therefore consider your application to be withdrawn.

You may of course submit a new PSD permit application for the project when you are ready to provide the necessary information, and we look forward to working further with you at that time. As part of this new application, you may utilize any relevant material prepared and previously submitted. If you have any questions please contact LaWeeda Ward of my staff at (213) 244-1812 or ward.laweeda@epa.gov, or Gerardo C. Rios, Chief of the Permits Office, at (415) 972-3974 or rios.gerardo@epa.gov.

Sincerely,


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