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# California Energy Commission DOCKETED 12-CAI-04

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#### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Karen Douglas, Commissioner and Presiding Member Robert B. Weisenmiller, Chair and Associate Member California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Bottle Rock Power, LLC (12-CAI-04)

Dear Commissioner Douglas and Chair Weisenmiller:

Bottle Rock Power's letter dated March 13, 2013, fails to remedy Bottle Rock's failure to comply with the Committee's February 6, 2013, Decision Sustaining Complaint Against Bottle Rock Power, LLC. ("Decision"). In that letter, Bottle Rock states it "anticipates the study to completed and submitted to the Commission on or before April 15, 2013." First, Bottle Rock failed to meet the March 8<sup>th</sup> deadline in providing the required information. Second, providing the date that Bottle Rock "anticipates" completion of the Study fails to satisfy paragraph 6 of the Decision.

Paragraph 6 requires that on or before March 8, 2013, Bottle Rock Power shall "file a new surety bond in the principal amount of \$5 million, naming the California Energy Commission as obligee for closure and site restoration of the Bottle Rock Power Plant upon decommissioning." To invoke the stay, on or before March 8, 2013, Bottle Rock must "submit an engineering study establishing the costs of decommissioning the Bottle Rock Power Plant, or else provide documentation indicating that Respondent has entered into a contract for completion of such a study and specifying the date by which the study will be completed and submitted to the Energy Commission for use in acting upon the amendment application." (Emphasis added.) Thus, the Decision requires a "date certain", not an "anticipated date." Such date should be specified in the contract with the consultant. Bottle Rock, however, refuses to provide the Committee a date certain by which the study will be completed and submitted to the Energy Commission. Moreover, Bottle Rock refuses to provide evidence to the Committee that it has entered into a contract for completion of the study and that the contract indicates the date by which the study will be completed and submitted. (See February 6, 2013, Order at § 6.)

As previously stated by Mr. Coleman, Bottle Rock's refusal to specify the date is no mere oversight on Bottle Rock's part, but instead a continuing and flagrant disregard of the Committee and the Committee's February 6, 2013 Decision. Bottle Rock's March 6,

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2013 letter and March 8, 2013 Petition selectively quote only a portion of paragraph 6 regarding the contract for a decommissioning study. Both documents deliberately omitted the last part of the sentence which states: "and specifying the date by which the study will be completed and submitted to the Energy Commission for use in acting upon the amendment application." Having been put on notice that it failed to provide a date certain, Bottle Rock's response is to provide an anticipated date with no evidence that the consultant is bound by such date. That is not what the Committee's Decision ordered. Now for a third time, Bottle Rock refuses to provide the Committee a date certain of when the study will be completed and submitted.

As Bottle Rock has failed to satisfy the requirements to invoke the stay of the bond requirement, Mr. Coleman respectfully requests that the Committee direct Bottle Rock to submit a surety bond in the principal amount of \$5 million as required by the Committee's February 6, 2013 Order.

Sincerely,

Donald B. Mooney

Attorney for David Coleman

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

# **Energy Resources Conservation** and Development Commission

In the Matter of the	)	
	)	Docket No. 12-CAI-04
COMPLAINT AGAINST THE	)	Proof of Service
BOTTLE ROCK GEOTHERMAL	)	
POWER PLANT (79-AFC-4C)		

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Dated: March 25, 2013

Donald B. Mooney