

State Water Resources Control Board

October 20, 2020

Mr. Thomas Di Ciolli
GenOn – NRG California South LP
Plant Manager
Ormond Beach Generating Station
6635 S. Edison Drive
Oxnard, CA 93033

Dear Mr. Di Ciolli:

RE: INVOICE FOR THE 2018-2019 INTERIM MITIGATION PERIOD FOR ORMOND BEACH GENERATING STATION - ONCE-THROUGH COOLING POLICY

This letter serves as an invoice for Ormond Beach Generating Station's interim mitigation payment for the operating period of October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019 (2018-2019 interim mitigation period). The final determination calculating the interim mitigation payment is included as Attachment A.

The State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Statewide Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (Once-Through Cooling or OTC Policy) requires owners or operators of existing power plants to implement measures to mitigate interim impingement and entrainment impacts resulting from their cooling water intake structures. The interim mitigation period commenced on October 1, 2015, and continues up to and until owners or operators achieve final compliance with the OTC Policy. Section 2.C(3) of the OTC Policy provides options for demonstrating compliance with the interim mitigation requirements.

As stated in the 2017-2018 Final Determination for Ormond Beach Generating Station¹, GenOn – NRG California South LP (GenOn) elected to comply with the interim mitigation requirements in Section 2.C(3)(b) of the OTC Policy. Under this option, GenOn demonstrates compliance with the interim mitigation requirements by providing funding to the Ocean Protection Council or State Coastal Conservancy to fund appropriate mitigation projects.

The State Water Board calculated the interim mitigation payment for the 2018-2019 interim mitigation period using information provided by GenOn in its November 20, 2019 email. The annual interim mitigation payment is the sum of three components: an

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entrainment payment, an impingement payment, and a management and monitoring payment. The interim mitigation payment for Ormond Beach Generating Station for the operating period of October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, is \$137,902.45.

GenOn has 60 days from receipt of this letter to make this payment to the State Coastal Conservancy. When submitting this payment, include a cover letter that identifies the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System number for Ormond Beach Generating Station and copy Karen Mogus, Deputy Director of the Division of Water Quality at the State Water Board. Please make the check payable to the State Coastal Conservancy and send to:

Mary Small
State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay St. Suite 1000
Oakland, CA 94612
Reference Account # 3760-801-8029017 (A)

If you have questions regarding this invoice letter, please contact Julie Johnson at (916) 341-5687 (Julie.Johnson@waterboards.ca.gov), or Katherine Walsh at (916) 445-2317 (Katherine.Walsh@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Eileen Sobeck
Executive Director

Enclosure:

Attachment A - Final Determination for Ormond Beach Generating Station

cc: Ms. Mary Small
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¹ [2017-2018 Final Determination for Ormond Beach Generating Station.](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/cwa316/docs/interim_mitigation/ob_1718.pdf)

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Attachment A – Final Determination for Ormond Beach Generating Station

**FINAL DETERMINATION TO APPROVE MITIGATION MEASURES
FOR THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY ON THE USE OF
COASTAL AND ESTUARINE WATERS FOR POWER PLANT COOLING:**

**ORMOND BEACH GENERATING STATION
OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

Interim Mitigation Requirements and Determinations

The State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (also known as the Once-Through Cooling or OTC Policy) requires owners or operators of existing power plants to implement measures to mitigate interim impingement and entrainment impacts resulting from their cooling water intake structures. The interim mitigation period commenced on October 1, 2015, and continues up to and until owners or operators achieve final compliance with the OTC Policy.

The State Water Board approved Ormond Beach Generating Station's continued request to comply with the interim mitigation measures described in Section 2.C(3)(b) and Section 2.C(3)(e) of the OTC Policy in the Final Determination for the October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 interim mitigation period (2017-2018 Final Determination). Consistent with Resolution No. 2015-0057¹ and the recommendations in the Expert Review Panel's Final Report², the interim mitigation payment is comprised of an entrainment payment, an impingement payment, and a management and monitoring payment.

In the sections below, the State Water Board has calculated Ormond Beach Generating Station's interim mitigation payment for October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019 (also known as the 2018-2019 determination period). This calculation is consistent with the methods and calculations applied in the 2017-2018 Final Determination.

Interim Mitigation Payment Calculation for Ormond Beach Generation Station

Entrainment Payment Calculation

To calculate the portion of the interim mitigation payment to offset entrainment impacts, the State Water Board used the default average cost of entrainment determined in the Expert Review Panel's Final Report. Consistent with Resolution No. 2015-0057 and the Expert Review Panel's Final Report, the State Water Board used a three percent escalator to update the average cost of entrainment from the 2017-2018 Final Determination to 2019 dollars to account for inflation. The resulting average default entrainment cost for October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, increased from \$5.02 per million gallons (MG) to \$5.17/MG:

$$(\$5.02/\text{MG} \times 0.03) + \$5.02/\text{MG} = \$5.17/\text{MG}$$

In its November 20, 2019 email, GenOn Energy, Inc. provided the intake volume for Ormond Beach Generating Station for the 2018-2019 determination period of 22,227.90

MG. The State Water Board verified the intake volume with the data submitted in the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit monitoring reports for Ormond Beach Generating Station.

To calculate the entrainment payment, the State Water Board multiplied the intake volume by the updated average default cost of entrainment:

$$\$5.17/\text{MG} \times 22,227.90 \text{ MG} = \$114,918.24$$

Impingement Payment Calculation

In its November 20, 2019 email, GenOn Energy, Inc. provided a total fish impingement biomass for Ormond Beach Generating Station for the 2018-2019 determination period of 0.591 pounds. The State Water Board calculated the impingement payment using the estimated total pounds of fish impinged multiplied by the average indirect economic value of the fisheries as determined in the Expert Review Panel's Final Report of \$0.80 per pound:

$$\$0.80/\text{pound} \times 0.591 \text{ pounds} = \$0.47$$

Management and Monitoring Payment Calculation

The State Water Board calculated the management and monitoring payment by taking twenty percent of the sum of the entrainment and impingement payments:

$$0.20 \times (\$114,918.24 + \$0.47) = \$22,983.74$$

State Water Board's Final Determination for Ormond Beach Generating Station

Based on the sum of the entrainment, impingement, and management and monitoring payment calculations, the total payment to fulfill the interim mitigation obligation for GenOn Energy, Inc.'s Ormond Beach Generating Station for the interim mitigation period of October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2019, is \$137,902.45.

$$\$114,918.24 + \$0.47 + \$22,983.74 = \$137,902.45$$

¹ [State Water Board Resolution No. 2015-0057](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2015/rs2015_0057.pdf).

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² [Final Report from the Expert Review Panel](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/desalination/docs/erp_intake052512.pdf).

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