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February 18, 2011

Jeff Araujo, Plant Manager
Somerset Power LLC
Somerset Operations, Inc.
1606 Riverside Avenue
Somerset, Massachusetts 02726

RE: **APPROVAL REVOCATION**
Amended ECP Approval
-Transmittal No.: W126262/Application No. 4B07009
Conditional Approval
-Transmittal No.: W101376/ Application No.: 4B06046

APPLICATION WITHDRAWAL
Amended ECP Application
-Transmittal No.: X227741/ Application No.: 4B09010
LPA Application
-Transmittal No.: X227610/ Application No.: 4B09011

AT: Somerset Operations, Inc.
1606 Riverside Avenue
Somerset, Massachusetts 02726

Dear Mr. Araujo:

The Department of Environmental Protection (the "MassDEP"), Bureau of Waste Prevention has reviewed your letter dated February 3, 2011 concerning Somerset Power LLC's request to have approvals concerning the Plasma Project (syngas fuel conversion project) revoked and pending applications to amend the approvals withdrawn. Somerset Power LLC has decided not to proceed with the Plasma Project.

In response to your request, the following MassDEP Approvals are hereby revoked:

Syngas Project up to 35% Biomass

- **Amended ECP Approval** (issued January 25, 2008 and re-issued December 8, 2008)
Transmittal No.: W126262/ Application No. 4B07009
- **Conditional Approval** (issued January 25, 2008 and reissued December 8, 2008)
Transmittal No.: W101376/ Application No.: 4B06046

In addition, the following applications pending before MassDEP are hereby deemed withdrawn and the review of the applications terminated:

Syngas Project up to 100% Biomass

- **Amended ECP Application** (Draft Approval issued August 6, 2009)
Transmittal No.: X227741/ Application No.: 4B09010
- **Limited Plan Application**
Transmittal No.: X227610/ Application No.: 4B09011

As Somerset Power LLC acknowledges in your letter, any future operation of Boiler 8/Unit 6 would require Somerset Power LLC to commence a new permitting process and obtain MassDEP's approval pursuant to 310 CMR 7.00 Air Pollution regulations.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (508) 946-2779.

Very truly yours,



John K. Winkler, Chief
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