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CPI Salem One LLC c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., Registered Agent 8130 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. Portland, OR 97225

Re:

Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment and Order

Case No. AQ/ACDP-WR-2022-081

This letter is to inform you that DEQ has issued you a civil penalty of \$3,200 for failing to submit a 2021 annual report to DEQ for your electrical power production operation at 5475 Gaffin Road SE, Salem, Oregon, as required by your Air Contaminant Discharge Permit.

DEQ issued this penalty because annual reports are an important mechanism for DEQ to determine whether sources of air contaminants are operating within the conditions and limits of permits. Without the report, DEQ is unable to determine the compliance status of your facility to ensure emissions are within levels that do not pose harm to the public's health or the environment.

Included in Section IV of the attached Notice is an order requiring you to submit a complete 2021 annual report to DEQ within 30 days of the order becoming final.

You can pay the penalty by sending a check or money order to the address below. If you wish to appeal this matter, DEQ must receive a request for a hearing within 20 calendar days from your receipt of this letter. The hearing request must be in writing. Send your request to DEQ Office of Compliance and Enforcement:

Via mail – 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232 Via email – DEQappeals@deq.oregon.gov Via fax – 503-229-5100

Once DEQ receives your request, we will arrange to meet with you to discuss this matter. If DEQ does not receive a timely written hearing request, the penalty will become due.

The attached Notice further details DEQ's reasons for issuing the penalty and provides further instructions for appealing the penalty. <u>Please review and refer to it when discussing this case</u> with DEQ.

DEQ may allow you to resolve part of your penalty through the completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). SEPs are environmental improvement projects that you sponsor

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instead of paying a portion of the penalty. Further information is available by calling the number below or at http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/Pages/SEP.aspx.

DEQ's rules are available at http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/Pages/Statutes.aspx or by calling the number below.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Root at 503-229-5874 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-4011, extension 5874.

Sincerely,

Kieran O'Donnell, Manager

Office of Compliance and Enforcement

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Enclosures

cc: Peter Susi, Western Region, Salem Office, DEQ

Donald Hendrix, AQ, DEQ

Accounting, DEQ

Evin Feliciano, CPI Salem One LLC, 195 North St., Suite 100, Teterboro, NJ 07608

1	BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION	
2	OF THE STATE OF OREGON	
3	IN THE MATTER OF: CPI SALEM ONE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, ONOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSMENT AND ORDER	
5) NO. AQ/ACDP-WR-2022-081 Respondent.)	
6	I. AUTHORITY	
7	This Notice and Order is issued pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 468.100 and	
8	468.126 through 468.140, ORS Chapters 183 and 468A and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR)	
9	Chapter 340, Divisions 011, 012, 200, 214 and 216.	
10	II. FINDINGS OF FACT	
11	1. On August 20, 2020, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) assigned	
12	an electrical power production operation at 5475 Gaffin Road SE, Salem, Oregon (the Facility),	
13	under its previous owner, 5475 Gaffin Road LLC, to General Air Contaminant Discharge Permit	
14	AQGP-0018 (the Permit) as source number 24-9213. The Permit has remained in effect at all	
15	material times.	
16	2. In or about September 2021, Respondent purchased and began operating the	
17	Facility.	
18	3. On October 15, 2021, Respondent submitted an application to DEQ to transfer the	
19	permit assignment for the Facility from the previous owner to Respondent.	
20	4. The Permit authorizes Respondent to discharge air contaminants from processes	
21	and activities directly related to the electrical power production operation, in accordance with the	
22	requirements, limitations and conditions in the Permit.	
23	5. Condition 8.2 of the Permit requires Respondent to submit an annual report to	
24	DEQ by February 15 th of each year that includes specific information regarding operating	
25	parameters, excess emission events, complaints, facility changes and site contact information for	
26	the previous calendar year of operation of the Facility.	
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6. To date, Respondent has not submitted its 2021 annual report for the Facility to DEQ.

III. CONCLUSION

Respondent violated Condition 8.2 of the Permit and OAR 340-214-0114(1) and (2), adopted pursuant to ORS 468A.050(1), by failing to submit its 2021 annual report to DEQ by February 15, 2022, as further described in Section II, Paragraphs 5 and 6 above. This is a Class II violation according to OAR 340-012-0054(2)(f). DEQ has assessed a \$3,200 civil penalty for this violation.

IV. ORDER TO PAY CIVIL PENALTY AND COMPLY

Based upon the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSION, Respondent is hereby ORDERED TO:

- 1. Pay a total civil penalty of \$3,200. The determination of the civil penalty is attached as Exhibit 1 and is incorporated as part of this Notice.
- 2. Within 30 days of this order becoming final by operation of law or on appeal, submit a complete 2021 annual report to DEQ to: AQ Permit Coordinator, DEQ Western Region Salem Office, 4026 Fairview Industrial Drive, Salem, OR 97302.

If you do not file a request for hearing as set forth in Section V below, your check or money order must be made payable to "State Treasurer, State of Oregon" and sent to the DEQ, Business Office, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232.

V. NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

You have a right to a contested case hearing on this Notice, if you request one in writing.

DEQ must receive your request for hearing within 20 calendar days from the date you receive this Notice. If you have any affirmative defenses or wish to dispute any allegations of fact in this Notice or attached exhibit, you must do so in your request for hearing, as factual matters not denied will be considered admitted, and failure to raise a defense will be a waiver of the defense.

(See OAR 340-011-0530 for further information about requests for hearing.) You must send your request to: DEQ, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite NOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSMENT AND ORDER

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EXHIBIT 1

FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF RESPONDENT'S CIVIL PENALTY PURSUANT TO OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULE (OAR) 340-012-0045

<u>VIOLATION</u>: Failing to submit to DEQ, the 2021 annual report for Respondent's

facility, in violation of Condition 8.2 of AQGP-018 and OAR 340-

214-0114(1) and (2).

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>: This is a Class II violation pursuant to OAR 340-012-0054(2)(f).

MAGNITUDE: The magnitude of the violation is moderate pursuant to OAR 340-

012-0130(1), as there is no selected magnitude specified in OAR 340-012-0135 applicable to this violation, and the information reasonably available to DEQ does not indicate a minor or major

magnitude.

<u>CIVIL PENALTY FORMULA</u>: The formula for determining the amount of penalty of each

violation is: $BP + [(0.1 \times BP) \times (P + H + O + M + C)] + EB$

"BP" is the base penalty, which is \$2,000 for a Class II, moderate magnitude violation in the matrix listed in OAR 340-012-0140(3)(b)(B)(ii) and applicable pursuant to OAR 340-012-0140(3)(a)(A) because Respondent operates the Facility under a General Air Contaminant Discharge Permit and is not listed under another penalty matrix.

- "P" is whether Respondent has any prior significant actions, as defined in OAR 340-012-0030(19), in the same media as the violation at issue that occurred at a facility owned or operated by Respondent and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(2)(a)(A), because there are no prior significant actions.
- "H" is Respondent's history of correcting prior significant actions and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(3)(c), because there is no prior history.
- "O" is whether the violation was repeated or ongoing and receives a value 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(4)(a), because there was one occurrence of the violation. Respondent failed to submit one (2021) annual report.
- "M" is the mental state of the Respondent and receives a value of 4 pursuant to OAR 340-012-0145(5)(c) because Respondent's conduct was negligent. Respondent's Permit expressly requires Respondent to submit an annual report to DEQ by February 15th of each year. DEQ notified Respondent in an April 27, 2022, Warning Letter with Opportunity to Correct and in a May 20, 2022, Pre-Enforcement Notice, that Respondent's 2021 annual report was past due. By failing to take adequate measures to ensure the 2021 annual report would be submitted timely to DEQ, Respondent failed to take reasonable care to avoid a foreseeable risk that Respondent would violate the Permit and Oregon law.

- "C" is Respondent's efforts to correct or mitigate the violation and receives a value of 2 according to OAR 340-012-0145(6)(g), because Respondent did not address the violation as described in paragraphs (6)(a) through (6)(e) and the facts do not support a finding under paragraph (6)(f). To date, Respondent has not submitted a 2021 annual report to DEQ.
- "EB" is the approximate dollar value of the benefit gained and the costs avoided or delayed as a result of Respondent's noncompliance. It is designed to "level the playing field" by taking away any economic advantage the entity gained and to deter potential violators from deciding it is cheaper to violate and pay the penalty than to pay the costs of compliance. In this case, "EB" receives a value of \$0 as any economic benefit derived is likely to be de minimis.

PENALTY CALCULATION: Penalty = BP +
$$[(0.1 \times BP) \times (P + H + O + M + C)] + EB$$

= $$2,000 + [(0.1 \times $2,000) \times (0 + 0 + 0 + 4 + 2] + 0
= $$2,000 + (200 \times 6) + 0
= $$2,000 + $1,200 + 0

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