

79 Elm Street • Hartford, CT 06106-5127	www.ct.gov/deep	Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer
STATE OF CONNECTICUT	) )	ORDER NO. 2500
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vs.	)	
NORWALK CENTED II C	)	
NORWALK CENTER, LLC	)	
	CONSENT ORDER	

- A. With the agreement of Norwalk Center, LLC ("Respondent"), the Commissioner of Energy & Environmental Protection ("Commissioner") finds the following:
  - 1. The Respondent owns a commercial building at 10 Norden Place, Norwalk, Connecticut ("facility").
  - 2. At the facility, the Respondent operates and maintains two 12.9 MMBTU/hr Cleaver Brooks Boilers, one 7.3 MMBTU/hr Cleaver Brooks Boiler, two Detroit Diesel Fire Pumps and one Cummins Emergency Engine to supply heat, hot water and backup power to the facility.
  - 3. As defined in Section 22a-174-33(a)(10)(F) of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies ("Regulations"), the facility is a Title V Source because its potential emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) are greater than 25 tons per year in a severe ozone non-attainment area.
  - 4. On March 4, 2011, the Commissioner approved coverage for the facility under the General Permit to Limit Potential to Emit ("GPLPE") issued on November 19, 2010. The GPLPE established practicably enforceable conditions that limit the potential emissions of air pollutants to less than the Title V thresholds during the 5-year life of the permit.
  - 5. On November 19, 2015, the GPLPE expired. A new GPLPE was issued on November 9, 2015.
  - 6. On September 13, 2017 and September 26, 2017, a representative of the Department inspected the facility and determined that the Respondent failed to obtain coverage under the November 9, 2015 GPLPE after the November 19, 2010 GPLPE expired on November 19, 2015. As a result, the facility became subject to Section 22a-174-33 of the Regulations.
  - 7. Pursuant to Section 22a-174-33(f)(2) of the Regulations, the owner or operator of a Title V source, is required to apply for a Title V permit within twelve (12) months of becoming a Title V source. The Respondent failed to do so, and as a result, Notice of Violation ("NOV") No. 17861 was issued to the Respondent on November 17, 2017.
  - 8. Pursuant to Section 22a-174-26(d) of the Regulations, the owner or operator of a Title V Source shall pay emissions fees, calculated in accordance with Section 22a-174-26(d)(2) of the Regulations on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

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- 9. In January 2018, the Department reviewed the Respondent's annual emission summaries and determined that the Respondent owes emissions fees pursuant to Section 22a-174-26(d)(2) of the Regulations for emissions that occurred during 2016 and 2017. To date, the Respondent has not paid the emissions fees due for emissions that occurred during 2016 and 2017.
- 10. By virtue of the above, the Respondent has violated Sections 22a-174-26 and 22a-174-33 of the Regulations.
- B. With the agreement of the Respondent, the Commissioner, acting under §§22a-6, 22a-171, 22a-174, 22a-177, and 22a-178 of the Connecticut General Statutes orders the Respondent as follows:
  - 1. The Respondent shall comply with the requirements of Sections 22a-174-26 and 22a-174-33 of the Regulations.
  - 2. On or before thirty (30) days after issuance of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall submit an application to obtain a Title V permit or coverage under the November 2015 GPLPE to limit the facility's potential to emit.
  - 3. Avoided Title V Emissions Fees. On or before thirty (30) days after issuance of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay a total of ten thousand one hundred and fifteen dollars (\$10,115), in avoided Title V emission fees, for emissions that occurred in calendar years 2016 and 2017.
  - 4. Payment of Avoided Title V Emissions Fees. Payment of Title V emission fees under this Consent Order shall be mailed or personally delivered to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Financial and Support Services, Accounts Receivable Office, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, and shall be by certified or bank check payable to Treasurer, State of Connecticut. The check shall state on its face, "Bureau of Air Management, Title V Emission Fees, Consent Order No. 2500."
  - 5. <u>Civil Penalty</u>. The Respondent shall pay a penalty of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) as the total civil penalty to be sought by the Commissioner for the violation identified in Paragraph A.7. of this Consent Order. The Respondent shall submit the penalty of \$15,000 in accordance with the following payment schedule.
    - a. The Respondent shall submit the penalty amount of \$5,000 by July 1, 2018.
    - b. The Respondent shall submit the penalty amount of \$5,000 by September 1, 2018.
    - c. The Respondent shall submit the penalty amount of \$5,000 by November 1, 2018.
  - 6. <u>Payment of penalties</u>. Payment of penalties under this Consent Order shall be mailed or personally delivered to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Financial and Support Services, Accounts Receivable Office, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, and shall

be by certified or bank check payable to Treasurer, State of Connecticut. "The check shall state on its face, "Bureau of Air Management civil penalty, Consent Order No. 2500."

- 7. <u>Full compliance</u>. Respondent shall not be considered in full compliance with this Consent Order until all actions required by this Consent Order have been completed as approved and to the Commissioner's satisfaction.
- 8. Approvals. Respondent shall use best efforts to submit to the Commissioner documents, if any, required by this Consent Order in a complete and approvable form. If the Commissioner notifies Respondent that any document or other action is deficient, and does not approve it with conditions or modifications, it is deemed disapproved, and Respondent shall correct the deficiencies and resubmit it within the time specified by the Commissioner or, if no time is specified by the Commissioner, within 30 days of the Commissioner's notice of deficiencies. In approving any document or other action under this Consent Order, the Commissioner may approve the document or other action as submitted or performed or with such conditions or modifications as the Commissioner deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Consent Order. Nothing in this paragraph shall excuse noncompliance or delay.
- 9. <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this Consent Order, "Commissioner" means the Commissioner or a representative of the Commissioner.
- 10. <u>Dates</u>. The date of "issuance" of this Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is deposited in the U.S. mail or personally delivered, whichever is earlier. The date of submission to the Commissioner of any document required by this Consent Order shall be the date such document is received by the Commissioner. The date of any notice by the Commissioner under this Consent Order, including but not limited to notice of approval or disapproval of any document or other action, shall be the date such notice is deposited in the U.S. mail or is personally delivered, whichever is earlier. Except as otherwise specified in this Consent Order, the word "day" as used in this Consent Order means calendar day. Any document or action which is required by this Consent Order to be submitted or performed by a date which falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a Connecticut or federal holiday shall be submitted or performed by the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Connecticut or federal holiday.
- 11. Certification of documents. Any document, including but not limited to any notice, which is required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this Consent Order shall be signed by Respondent or, if Respondent is not an individual, by Respondent's chief executive officer or a duly authorized representative of such officer, as those terms are defined in §22a-430-3(b)(2) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and by the individual(s) responsible for actually preparing such document, and Respondent or Respondent's chief executive officer and each such individual shall certify in writing as follows:

"I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto, and I certify, based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement

- made in the submitted information may be punishable as a criminal offense under §53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable law."
- 12. <u>Noncompliance</u>. This Consent Order is a final order of the Commissioner with respect to the matters addressed herein, and is nonappealable and immediately enforceable. Failure to comply with this Consent Order may subject Respondent to an injunction and penalties.
- 13. <u>False Statements</u>. Any false statement in any information submitted pursuant to this Consent Order may be punishable as a criminal offense under §53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable law.
- 14. Notice of transfer; liability of Respondent. Until Respondent has fully complied with this Consent Order, Respondent shall notify the Commissioner in writing no later than 15 days after transferring all or any portion of the facility, the operations, the site or the business which is the subject of this Consent Order or after obtaining a new mailing or location address. Respondent's obligations under this Consent Order shall not be affected by the passage of title to any property to any other person or municipality.
- 15. Commissioner's powers. Except as provided hereinabove with respect to payment of civil penalties, nothing in this Consent Order shall affect the Commissioner's authority to institute any proceeding or take any other action to prevent or abate violations of law, prevent or abate pollution, recover costs and natural resource damages, and to impose penalties for past, present, or future violations of law. If at any time the Commissioner determines that the actions taken by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order have not successfully corrected all violations, fully characterized the extent or degree of any pollution, or successfully abated or prevented pollution, the Commissioner may institute any proceeding to require Respondent to undertake further investigation or further action to prevent or abate violations or pollution.
- 16. <u>Respondent's obligations under law</u>. Nothing in this Consent Order shall relieve Respondent of other obligations under applicable federal, state and local law.
- 17. No assurance by Commissioner. No provision of this Consent Order and no action or inaction by the Commissioner shall be construed to constitute an assurance by the Commissioner that the actions taken by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order will result in compliance.
- 18. Access to site. Any representative of the Department of Environmental Protection may enter the facility without prior notice for the purposes of monitoring and enforcing the actions required or allowed by this Consent Order.
- 19. No effect on rights of other persons. This Consent Order neither creates nor affects any rights of persons or municipalities that are not parties to this Consent Order.
- 20. Notice to Commissioner of changes. Within 15 days of the date Respondent becomes aware of a change in any information submitted to the Commissioner under this Consent Order, or that any such information was inaccurate or misleading or that any relevant information was omitted, Respondent

shall submit the correct or omitted information to the Commissioner.

- 21. Notification of noncompliance. In the event that Respondent becomes aware that it did not or may not comply, or did not or may not comply on time, with any requirement of this Consent Order or of any document required hereunder, Respondent shall immediately notify by telephone the individual identified in the next paragraph and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that any noncompliance or delay is avoided or, if unavoidable, is minimized to the greatest extent possible. Within five (5) days of the initial notice, Respondent shall submit in writing the date, time, and duration of the noncompliance and the reasons for the noncompliance or delay and propose, for the review and written approval of the Commissioner, dates by which compliance will be achieved, and Respondent shall comply with any dates which may be approved in writing by the Commissioner. Notification by Respondent shall not excuse noncompliance or delay, and the Commissioner's approval of any compliance dates proposed shall not excuse noncompliance or delay unless specifically so stated by the Commissioner in writing.
- 22. <u>Submission of documents</u>. Any document required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this Consent Order shall, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Commissioner, be directed to:

Mr. Seng Phouthakoun
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air Management
Engineering & Enforcement Division
79 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127

Respondent consents to the issuance of this consent order without further notice. The undersigned certifies that he/she is fully authorized to enter into this consent order and to legally bind the Respondent to the terms and conditions of the consent order.

Norwalk Center, LLC

Signature:

Type Name: Alexandre Czertok

Type Title: Mana ger

Date: Mach. 15.18

Issued as a final order of the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Robert E. Kaliszewski, Deputy Commissioner

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

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