## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

## **<u>RE:</u>** Proposed Amended Rule 1135 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities and Proposed Rule 429.2 – Startup and Shutdown Exemption Provisions for Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing on the matter of adoption of rules and regulations for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on Friday, January 7, 2022, in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, at 9:00 a.m., or later, at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Board. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of inperson and and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Given the health and safety concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), auditorium seating availability may be limited, and the meeting format may be changed to full remote via webcast. Please refer to the South Coast AQMD's website for information regarding the format of the Public Hearing, updates if the meeting is changed to a full remote via webcast format, and details on how to participate: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meetingagendas-minutes</u>.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1135 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities (Proposed Amended Rule 1135) and Proposed Rule 429.2 – Startup and Shutdown Exemption Provisions for Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities (Proposed Rule 429.2). The objectives of Proposed Amended Rule 1135 are to remove ammonia slip limits which will be addressed during permitting and reference Proposed Rule 429.2 for startup and shutdown requirements. Proposed Amended Rule 1135 will also revise the averaging time for NOx emission limits for diesel internal combustion engines, revise time extension provisions, and update provisions for Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems. Proposed Rule 429.2 will provide an exemption from Rule 1135 NOx concentration limits during startup and shutdown events for specified durations with provisions for best management practices and recordkeeping.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that Proposed Amended Rule 1135 and Proposed Rule 429.2 will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that Proposed Amended Rule 1135 and Proposed Rule 429.2 implement Sections 110, 172, and 182(e) of the Clean Air Act.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a written analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 has been prepared that identifies all existing state and federal air pollution control requirements, all South Coast AQMD existing and proposed rules and regulations, and all air pollution control requirements that apply to the same equipment or source type as the rules proposed for adoption or amendment.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, and if the proposed project is approved, the Notice

of Exemption will be filed for posting with the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the South Coast AQMD has prepared the following documents for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Board, including:

- Proposed Amended Rule 1135
- Proposed Rule 429.2
- Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1135 and Proposed Rule 429.2
- Draft Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1135 and Proposed Rule 429.2, included in the Draft Staff Report
- Comparative Analysis for Proposed Amended Rule 1135 and Proposed Rule 429.2, included in the Draft Staff Report

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the above documents may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD website at <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules</u>, or by calling the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: Mr. Derrick Alatorre – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, <u>dalatorre@aqmd.gov</u>.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that at the conclusion of the public hearing, consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40726, the South Coast AQMD Board may make other modifications to Proposed Amended Rule 1135 and Proposed Rule 429.2, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed amendments.

Questions, comments or requests regarding Proposed Amended Rule 1135 and Proposed Rule 429.2 can be directed to Charlene Nguyen at <u>cnguyen@aqmd.gov</u>, (909) 396-2648. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Ryan Bañuelos at <u>rbanuelos@aqmd.gov</u>, (909) 396-3479. All inquiries regarding the Socioeconomic Impact Assessment can be directed to Brian Vlasich at <u>bvlasich@aqmd.gov</u>, (909) 396-2167. Comments can also be mailed to the above person(s) and directed to Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may provide oral or written statements at the Public Hearing. Ten (10) copies of all written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments for review must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov, on or before 5:00 p.m. on <u>Tuesday</u>, January 4, 2022.

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DATED: December 1, 2021

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