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Dear Mr. McKenzie,

RE: Amendment Request for Environmental Permit # 2009-01017-EP00076 for the Proposed West Kingston Power Plant

The National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) acknowledges receipt of letter dated April 30, 2010, from Jamaica Energy Partners requesting amendments to the Environmental Permit for the proposed West Kingston Power Plant (Permit# 2009-01017-EP00076). The requests and the position of the Agency are outlined below:

1. The description of the permitted activity to be amended to read: *"The facility will interconnect with the JPSCO transmission grid by means of a dedicated transmission line used to interconnect this substation to JPSCO Hunts Bay Station"*. The Agency has no objection to this amendment request.

2. The description of permitted activity to be amended to also reflect the use of a maximum 2% Sulphur w/w fuel instead of the of use 0.5 % Sulphur w/w. Based on the Air Dispersion Modelling report submitted with the abovementioned cover letter. The Agency has no objections to this amendment request.

3. The description of permitted activity to be amended to also reflect the removal of the sentence *"Each engine will be equipped with selective Catalytic converters to reduce the concentration of nitrogen oxides in the exhaust"* in the third paragraph on page 2 of the permit. The Agency has no objections to this amendment request.

4. The Agency has no objection to the request for the name change of the Permittee to Jamaica Energy Partners (JEP) to West Kingston Power Partners (WKPP). JEP is however required to come into the Agency and amend the Application forms accordingly.

5. The omission of the word "*exchange*" was an error on the part of the Agency and shall be corrected.

6. As you will be required to apply for and obtain Environmental Permits for the construction and operation of the Reverse Osmosis unit and the oily wastewater treatment facility, Specific Conditions 4 and 5 will be amended to remove the requirement for Environmental Licences as the discharge will be sent to the National Water Commission's sewer main.

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7. The Agency has no objections to including in the description of permitted activity that water may be obtained from a well onsite subject to the approval of the Water Resources Authority.

8. Specific Condition 7 speaks to the end of construction and during operational phase. An amendment of this condition is therefore not necessary to allow for the use of chemical toilets etc. during the construction phase

9. The Agency has no objections to removing Specific Condition 10 since JEP will not be undertaking this exercise.

10. The Agency has no objections to the amendment of the Environmental Permit to reflect a power generation of 66MW as granted to JEP by the Office of Utilities Regulations.

11. The Agency has no objection to the removal of SO_2 as a parameter to be tested during stack testing from Specific Condition15 of the Environmental Permit

12. The Agency has no objection to the amendment of Specific Condition 16, which speaks to submission of a detailed Operation and Maintenance Plan to reflect "*8 weeks after the commissioning of the plant*" instead of "*8 weeks after receipt of permit*".

13. The Agency grants the extension from eight (8) weeks to three (3) months for the submission of plans referred to in Specific Conditions 17 and 20 of the Environmental permit.

The Agency's position regarding the amendments requested will be forwarded to the Natural Resources Conservation Authority for a decision to be made, which we expect to be favorable under the circumstances.

Yours truly,

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For Chief Executive Officer