EXHIBIT 2



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October 1, 2014

Mr. Howard Person, Plant Manager Mt. Tom Generating Company, LLC 200 Northampton Street Holyoke, MA 01040

RE:

MassDEP letter dated February 21, 2013

NAAQS - SO₂ Ambient Air Quality Impact Compliance

Mt. Tom Station

Dear Mr. Person:

The Department of Environmental Protection (the "Department" or "MassDEP") was recently informed by Mt. Tom Generating Company, LLC ("Mt. Tom") that it is in the process of deactivating the Mt. Tom Station ("facility"). In a conversation with MassDEP staff engineers you indicated that as of October 1, 2014 the following actions will be underway:

- Staffing levels at the facility will have been reduced to a small security force.
- Existing coal supplies will be placed on the market for sale and eventually removed from the site.
- Coal, activated lime and ammonia storage silos/tanks will have been emptied and the material removed from the site.
- Steps will be taken to preserve/protect the electric generating equipment and other critical components of the facility.
- Damaged water tubes in the furnace will have been removed but will not be replaced until a decision is made about the future of the facility which renders the boiler inoperable until repaired

In a letter dated February 21, 2013, MassDEP had requested Mt. Tom perform an atmospheric dispersion modeling of facility emissions in order to demonstrate compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standard ("NAAQS") for SO₂. A Dispersion Modeling Report ("Report") on facility emissions dated July 22, 2013 was reviewed by MassDEP and in a letter

dated May 22, 2014, the Department provided comments for inclusion in a final analysis. To date Mt. Tom has not completed a final report that incorporates these important elements.

This letter provides notice to Mt. Tom that if it decides to resume operation, then before the facility resumes operation the report must be completed and all related Air Quality Permits amended to reflect adjusted emission rates that will ensure compliance with the SO₂ NAAQS, or Mt. Tom may be subject to enforcement under 310 CMR 5.00.

Further, while Mt. Tom deliberates the future of the facility MassDEP requires Mt. Tom to provide quarterly reports on the operational status of the facility pursuant to 310 CMR 7.02(7)(a). These reports should be sent to MassDEP within 7 days after the close of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th calendar quarters beginning September 30, 2014. The status report should also include an update on deactivation activities and progress on the final disposition of the facility.

In the alternative, if Mt. Tom decides to shut down completely, then Mt. Tom must contact MassDEP to discuss the future of the existing air permits.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (413) 755-2280 or Marc Simpson of this office at (413) 755-2115.

Sincerely.

David Howland Regional Engineer

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Encl. February 21st, 2013 Letter from MassDEP