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12 **BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD OF THE**
13 **SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**
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15 **In the Matter of**

16 SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
17 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT,

18 Petitioner,

19 v.

20 ORGANIC ENERGY SOLUTIONS [Facility
21 ID No. 184672], R3 SUSTAINABILITY,

22 Respondents.
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Case No. 6292-1

DECLARATION OF ADEBOLA JOHN

Hearing Date: August 19, 2026
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: 21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

24 I, Adebola John, declare:

25 1. I am employed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District as an Air
26 Quality Inspector II. If called as a witness, I would testify to the following based on personal
27 knowledge.

28 2. I have inspected and am familiar with Organic Energy Solutions (Fac. ID
184672)("OES"), a facility located at 2586 Shenandoah Way, San Bernardino, CA 92407.

3. I understand Organic Energy Solutions is a facility that processes renewable energy
from compost waste.

1 4. I am aware that the facility had previously submitted permit applications (A/N) Nos.
2 594048, 594049, 59052, 610611, 610612, 610613, and 610614 on May 10, 2017. Those
3 applications were denied on January 30, 2025.

4 5. I visited the facility on April 15, 2025 for an inspection. I issued a Notice to Comply
5 E36708 to not operate any equipment that requires a South Coast AQMD Permit to Operate
6 without an active Permit to Operate. At that time, I did not observe equipment operating.

7 6. On February 12, 2026, I visited OES for an inspection and observed the following
8 equipment installed:

- 9 a. Food Waste Anaerobic Digestion Operations;
- 10 b. Digester Gas (Biogas) Handling and Treatment System;
- 11 c. Ground Flare- John Zink, digester gas fired;
- 12 d. Air Pollution Control System (Selective Catalytic Reduction Unit No. 1);
- 13 e. Air Pollution Control System (Selective Catalytic Reduction Unit No. 2);
- 14 f. Cogeneration System (Internal Combustion Engine, No. 1);
- 15 g. Cogeneration System (Internal Combustion Engine, No. 2).

16 7. On February 12, 2026, during my inspection, I observed the following equipment
17 operating:

- 18 a. Food Waste Anaerobic Digestion Operations;
- 19 b. Digester Gas (Biogas) Handling and Treatment System;
- 20 c. Ground Flare- John Zink, digester gas fired.

21 8. At the time of my inspection, Organic Energy Solutions did not have a Permit to
22 Operate or a Permit to Construct for any of the equipment.

23 9. Based on these facts, on February 19, 2026, I issued NOV P79731 to OES for
24 violations of South Coast AQMD Rules 201 and 203(a). A copy of NOV P79731 is attached to the
25 Petition.

26 10. NOV P79731 alleges that OES is in violation of Rule 201 by installing the Food Waste
27 Anaerobic Digestion Operations equipment, Digester Gas (Biogas) Handling and Treatment System,
28 Ground Flare- John Zink (digester gas fired), two Air Pollution Control Systems (Selective Catalytic

1 Reduction Units Nos. 1 and 2), and two Internal Combustion Engines (Nos. 1 and 2) without having
2 a Permit to Construct.

3 11. NOV P79731 further alleges that OES is in violation of Rule 203(a) by operating the
4 Food Waste Anaerobic Digestion Operations equipment, Digester Gas (Biogas) Handling and
5 Treatment System, and Ground Flare-John Zink (digester gas fired) without first obtaining a Permit
6 to Operate.

7 12. As of today's date, I understand the facility has not obtained the required permits to
8 allow for operation of the equipment.

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10 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

11 Executed on August 12, 2026 at Diamond Bar, California.

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14 Adebola John