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BY FAX (212) 637-3202 AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Ms. Karen Maples
Regional Hearing Clerk
United States Environmental Protection
Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 16th Floor
New York, New York 10007-1866

Dear Ms. Maples:

Re: Extension of Time to Answer or Otherwise Plead to Administrative Complaint and Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing - Docket CAA-02-2008-1216 (Ponce Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant)

On October 20, 2008, the referenced Complaint against the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority ("Respondent") was received by counsel. An answer is due November 19, 2008.

The information necessary to responsibly reply to the Complaint has not been fully made available. Counsel has contacted Ms. Jean Regna, counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency, regarding the referenced matter and her acquiescence to an extension until December 19, 2008 to respond to the Complaint. Ms. Jean Regna has stated she has no objection to such extension and would not oppose a request for one.

Therefore, pursuant to 40 CFR 22.7(b), Respondent respectfully requests an extension until Degember 19, 2008 to answer the Complaint or otherwise plead.

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