

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION II

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Municipality of Culebra, :
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Respondent :

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Docket No. CWA-02-2010-3358

REPORT OF STATUS CONFERENCE AND ORDER

The status teleconference in this matter was held on March 25, 2014. Participating were:

Presiding Officer:	Helen S. Ferrara
Respondent's Attorneys:	Celso Rivera Flores Beatriz Hernandez Toro
Complainant's Attorney:	Evelyn Rivera-Ocasio

Introduction: The Presiding Officer requested that the parties' attorneys provide an update on efforts to resolve this matter.

Status: Complainant's attorney volunteered to summarize the status of this case. In addressing the long delay between the date the Complaint was filed and Respondent's February 26, 2014 *Motion Requesting Additional Time to Submit an Answer to the Complaint* was filed, Complainant's attorney explained that there were three mayors of the Respondent municipality during that time and each mayor had new staff, resulting in a lack of continuity in addressing this matter. Complainant's attorney said she is currently actively involved in negotiations with Respondent's attorneys. Respondent's attorneys indicated that their client had proposed a SEP, and that they are confident that settlement will be reached in the near future. They also agreed to

keep EPA apprised of their client's progress in devising a SEP.

In addition, the Undersigned notes the filing of a *Notice of Appearance of Additional Counsel for Complainant* dated March 21, 2014. By this Notice, Complainant, with the concurrence of Respondent, requests that the Undersigned take notice of the appearance of Evelyn Rivera-Ocasio as co-counsel to the attorney of record for the Complainant, Héctor L. Vélez Cruz.

The parties agreed that it was in the best interest of all parties to schedule a follow up status teleconference to apprise the Undersigned of their progress in resolving this matter. In light of the facts set forth herein, the Undersigned issues the following **ORDER**.

IT IS ORDERED:

The Undersigned hereby takes notice of the appearance of Evelyn Rivera-Ocasio as co-counsel to the attorney of record for the Complainant. A status teleconference is hereby scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 10:00AM. Please advise the Undersigned if you are unavailable to participate in this call. Unless you advise me otherwise, I will call Ms. Rivera-Ocasio at (787) 977-5859 and Mr. Rivera Flores and Ms. Hernandez Toro at (787) 754-1102.

Dated: April 1, 2014



Helen S. Ferrara
Presiding Officer

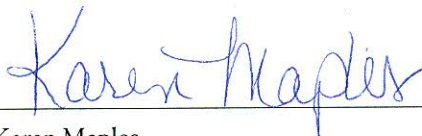
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the **Report of Status Conference and Order** by Regional Judicial Officer Helen Ferrara in the matter of **Municipality of Culebra, Docket No. CWA-02-2010-3358**, was served on the parties as indicated below:

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Dated: April 2, 2014