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December 5, 2014

Wanda A. Santiago Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA, Region 1 5 Post Office Square – Suite 100 Mail Code: ORA 18-1 Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: United States Environmental Protection Agency v. Waterway Realty, LLC,

Brian Colsia, Owner/Manager - 6 Mitchell Street, Nashua, NH -

Docket No.: TSCA-01-2014-0066

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of Respondent's Amended Answer and Request for Hearing as well as an Assented-To Motion For Leave to File Amended Answer and Request for Hearing in connection with the above-captioned matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Singerely yours,

Michael A. Klass

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cc: Peter DeCambre

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 1

In the Matter of:)	RECEIVED				
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8030 South Willow Street		EPA ORC				
Building 3, Unit 5	TSCA-01-2014-0066 Office of Regional Hear					
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	AMENDED ANSWER AND REQUEST FOR HEARING					
Respondent.						
Proceeding under Section 16(a) of the))					
Toxic Substances Control Act,)					
42 U.S.C. § 2615(a))					
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AMENDED ANSWER AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

NOW COMES the Respondent, Waterway Realty, LLC ("Waterway"), by and through counsel, Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P.A., and answers the Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Complaint") as follows:

I. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY BACKGROUND

- 1. Paragraph 1 of the Complaint is introductory in nature and contains no factual statements requiring a response. In further answering, Waterway states that Paragraph 1 states conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself. To the extent that a response is required, Paragraph 1 is denied.
- 2. Paragraph 2 of the Complaint is introductory in nature and contains no factual statements requiring a response. In further answering, Waterway is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the remaining allegations contained within Paragraph 2 and therefore denies same. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.

- 3. Paragraph 3 of the Complaint is introductory in nature and contains no factual statements requiring a response. In further answering, Waterway is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the remaining allegations contained within Paragraph 3 and therefore denies same. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.
- 4. Paragraph 4 of the Complaint is introductory in nature and contains no factual statements requiring a response. In further answering, Waterway is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the remaining allegations contained within Paragraph 4 and therefore denies same. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself. To the extent that this paragraph states conclusions of law, no response is required.
- 5. Paragraph 5 of the Complaint is introductory in nature and contains no factual statements requiring a response. In further answering, to the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself. Waterway states that this paragraph states conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Waterway denies same.
- 6. Paragraph 6 of the Complaint is introductory in nature and contains no factual statements requiring a response. In further answering, to the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself. Waterway states that this paragraph states conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Waterway denies same.
- 7. Paragraph 7 of the Complaint is introductory in nature and contains no factual statements requiring a response. In further answering, to the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself. To the extent that a response is required, Waterway denies same.

8. Paragraph 8 of the Complaint is introductory in nature and contains no factual statements requiring a response. In further answering, to the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself. Waterway states that this paragraph states conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Waterway denies same.

II. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 9. Waterway admits the allegations contained within the first sentence of Paragraph 9 of the Complaint. With respect to the second sentence, Waterway states that the nature of its business involves general real estate activities, including buying, selling, leasing, and renovating.
- 10. Waterway admits the first sentence contained within Paragraph 10 of the Complaint. In answering the second sentence of Paragraph 10, Waterway admits that it purchased the property located at 6 Mitchell Street in Nashua ("Property") for purposes consistent with Waterway's Certificate of Formation, which include general real estate business. To the extent that a further response is required, Waterway denies same.
- 11. Waterway is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations contained in the first clause of Paragraph 11 regarding the year of the Property's construction, and therefore denies same. The second clause contained within Paragraph 11 contains a conclusion of law to which no response is required. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.
- 12. Waterway admits that Brian W. Colsia ("Mr. Colsia") is a manager and member of Waterway. Waterway denies the allegations contained within the second and third sentences of Paragraph 12 of the Complaint. In further answering, Waterway states that, while it held title the

Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case.

- 13. The allegations contained within Paragraph 13 of the Complaint state conclusions of law to which no response is required. In further answering, to the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself. To the extent that a further response is required, Waterway denies same.
- 14. The allegations contained within Paragraph 14 of the Complaint state conclusions of law to which no response is required. In further answering, to the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself. To the extent that a further response is required, Waterway denies same.
- 15. The allegations contained within Paragraph 15 of the Complaint state conclusions of law to which no response is required. In further answering, to the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.
- 16. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 16 of the Complaint. In further answering, this paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.

 Although Waterway held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case.
- 17. Waterway admits that an individual identifying himself as an EPA inspector inspected the Property on October 3, 2012. Waterway is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations contained in the second clause of Paragraph 17 and therefore denies same. Waterway admits that such individual spoke with Mr. Colsia at the Property on October 3, 2012. Waterway admits the

allegations contained within the third sentence of Paragraph 17 of the Complaint. Waterway denies the fourth sentence of Paragraph 17 of the Complaint.

- 18. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 18 of the Complaint. In further answering, Waterway states that while it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case. As such, Waterway's RRP Rule status was unnecessary at the time of the renovations at issue. Notwithstanding the above, shortly after the October 3, 2012 meeting, Waterway took immediate actions to obtain appropriate firm and renovator certifications, which it obtained on or around October 17 and October 19, 2012, respectively.
- 19. Waterway is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 and therefore denies same. To the extent that Paragraph 19 contains conclusions of law, no response is required.

III. VIOLATIONS

Count 1 - Failure to Obtain Firm Certification

- 20. Waterway incorporates by references paragraphs 1 through 19.
- 21. The allegations contained within the first sentence of Paragraph 21 of the Complaint state conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that the first sentence of Paragraph 21 refers to a statute, regulation, or writing, it speaks for itself. Waterway is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations contained in the second sentence of Paragraph 21 and therefore denies same. In further answering, the process identified in the second sentence of Paragraph 21 appears consistent with how Waterway obtained firm certification from the EPA in October 2012.

- 22. The allegations contained within Paragraph 22 of the Complaint state conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that Paragraph 22 refers to a statute, regulation, or writing, it speaks for itself.
- 23. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 23 of the Complaint. In further answering, Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case. As such, Waterway's RRP Rule status was immaterial at the time of the renovations at issue.

 Notwithstanding the above, shortly after the October 3, 2012 meeting, Waterway took immediate actions to obtain appropriate firm and renovator certifications, which it obtained on or around October 17 and October 19, 2012, respectively. To the extent that Paragraph 23 contains conclusions of law, no response is required.
- 24. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 24 of the Complaint. To the extent that Paragraph 24 contains conclusions of law, no response is required. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself. In further answering, Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case. As such, Waterway's RRP Rule status was immaterial at the time of the renovations at issue. Notwithstanding the above, shortly after the October 3, 2012 meeting, Waterway took immediate actions to obtain appropriate firm and renovator certifications, which it obtained on or around October 17 and October 19, 2012, respectively.

Count 2 - Failure to Cover Floor with Plastic Sheeting

- 25. Waterway incorporates by references paragraphs 1 through 24.
- 26. Paragraph 26 of the Complaint contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.
- 27. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 27 of the Complaint. In further answering, Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case.
- 28. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 28 of the Complaint. In further answering, this paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case.

Count 3 - Failure to Cover Ground with Plastic Sheeting

- 29. Waterway incorporates by references paragraphs 1 through 28.
- 30. Paragraph 30 of the Complaint contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.
 - 31. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 31 of the Complaint.
- 32. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 32 of the Complaint. In further answering, this paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required.

 Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of

the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case.

Count 4 - Failure to Contain Waste from Renovation Activities

- 33. Waterway incorporates by references paragraphs 1 through 32.
- 34. Paragraph 34 of the Complaint contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.
- 35. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 35 of the Complaint. In further answering, Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case. With respect to the allegations within Paragraph 35 concerning alleged observations by the inspector, Waterway is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations contained therein and therefore denies same.
- 36. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 36 of the Complaint. In further answering, this paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case.

Count 5 - Failure to Ensure Workers are Certified or Trained by a Certified Renovator

37. Waterway incorporates by references paragraphs 1 through 36.

- 38. Paragraph 38 of the Complaint contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.
- 39. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 39 of the Complaint. In further answering, Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case. Notwithstanding the above, shortly after the October 3, 2012 meeting, Waterway took immediate actions to obtain appropriate firm and renovator certifications, which it obtained on or around October 17 and October 19, 2012, respectively.
 - 40. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 40 of the Complaint.
- 41. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 41 of the Complaint. In further answering, this paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required.

 Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case.

Count 6 - Failure to Assign a Certified Renovator

- 42. Waterway incorporates by references paragraphs 1 through 41.
- 43. Paragraph 43 of the Complaint contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.
- 44. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 44 of the Complaint. In further answering, Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which

are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case. Notwithstanding the above, shortly after the October 3, 2012 meeting, Waterway took immediate actions to obtain appropriate firm and renovator certifications, which it obtained on or around October 17 and October 19, 2012, respectively.

- 45. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 45 of the Complaint.
- 46. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 46 of the Complaint. In further answering, this paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case.

Count 7 - Failure to Post Signs

- 47. Waterway incorporates by references paragraphs 1 through 46.
- 48. Paragraph 48 of the Complaint contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.
- 49. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 49 of the Complaint. In further answering, Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case. With respect to the second sentence of Paragraph 49 of the Complaint, concerning alleged observations by the inspector, Waterway is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations contained therein and therefore denies same.

- 50. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 50 of the Complaint.
- 51. Waterway denies the allegations contained within Paragraph 51 of the Complaint. In further answering, this paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required.

 Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case.

IV. PROPOSED PENALTY

- 52. Paragraph 52 of the Complaint states conclusions of law to which no response is required. In further answering, to the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.
- 53. Waterway is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations contained within the first and second sentences of Paragraph 53 of the Complaint and therefore denies same. Waterway denies, and/or objects to, the proposed penalty identified in the third and fifth sentence of Paragraph 53. In further answering, Waterway states that it did not conduct the renovation activities at the Property which are the subject of the Complaint. While it held title to the Property, it hired a third-party general contractor (Kevin Pinet) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case. The fourth sentence of Paragraph 53 refers to a document that speaks for itself.

V. NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING

54. Paragraph 54 of the Complaint purports to provide statutory notice and contains no factual statements requiring a response. In further answering, to the extent that this paragraph contains conclusions of law, no response is required. To the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.

- 55. Paragraph 55 of the Complaint contains no factual statements requiring a response and contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. In further answering, to the extent that this paragraph refers to a statute, regulation, or written document, it speaks for itself.
- 56. Paragraph 56 of the Complaint contains no factual statements requiring a response and contains conclusions of law to which no response is required.
- 57. Paragraph 57 of the Complaint contains no factual statements requiring a response and contains conclusions of law to which no response is required.
- 58. Paragraph 58 of the Complaint contains conclusions of law to which no response is required.

VI. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

- 59. Paragraph 59 of the Complaint contains no factual statements requiring a response and contains conclusions of law to which no response is required.
- 60. Paragraph 60 of the Complaint refers to certain attachments to the Complaint that speak for themselves.

WATERWAY'S DEFENSES AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

- 61. Waterway refers to and incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 60, above.
- 62. Waterway requests a hearing on the issues raised in the Complaint and this Answer.
- 63. Waterway contests material facts upon which the Complaint is based, and Waterway contends that the alleged violation and the proposed penalty is inappropriate.
- 64. To the extent that any factual allegations were not addressed, above, Waterway herby denies same.

- 65. Waterway states that neither it, nor Mr. Colsia, functioned as the general contractor for the Property's renovations that are the subject of this Complaint and did not perform such renovation activities.
- 66. With respect to the Property and the alleged improper renovations, Waterway was not a "renovator," as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 745.83.
- 67. Waterway reserves its right to claim that it employed less than four employees at times relevant to the Complaint and this Answer.
- 68. While Waterway held title to the Property, it hired a third-party, non-employee general contractor (Kevin Pinet ("Pinet")) to perform work on the Property, including the renovations at issue in this case. Waterway and Pinet did not memorialize their agreement concerning the Property in an integrated, formal written contract; however, in connection with their agreement, Waterway obtained a certificate of Pinet's liability insurance. A partially redacted copy of such Certificate, naming Waterway as Certificate Holder, is attached hereto for reference. Waterway paid Pinet a total of approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000 in connection with Pinet's work on the Property. A yearly Form 1099 was completed. A partially redacted copy of information found on Waterway's Form 1099-MISC from 2012, as obtained from the IRS's taxpayer assistance center in Manchester, NH, is attached hereto for reference.
- 69. Waterway first became aware of potential issues concerning the Property's renovation and lead paint during the October 3, 2012 inspection. While Waterway maintains that it was not the general contractor in charge of the Property's renovations at issue here, and that it did not perform such renovations, following the October 3, 2012 inspection, Waterway took immediate actions to obtain appropriate firm and renovator certifications, which it obtained on or around October 17 and October 19,

2012, respectively. Shortly thereafter, Waterway communicated notice of such certifications with the EPA.

70. In conclusion and consistent with the above, Waterway denies the Complaint's alleged violations and objects to the proposed penalty.

Respectfully Submitted, Waterway Realty, LLC By and through their counsel, Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P.A.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the following copies of the foregoing Amended Answer and Request for Hearing was this 5 day of December, 2014 sent via regular 1st class mail to:

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Michael A. Klass



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 05/09/2012

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Form 1099-MISC

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Recipient:

Recipient's Identification Number: KEVIN PINET 34 PEASLEE RD MERRIMACK, NH 03054-0000

Submission Type: Original document Account Number (Optional): N/A

Tax Withheld: 0.00

Non-Employee Compensation: \$51,179.00

Medical Payments: 0.00 Fishing Income: 0.00

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Substitute Payments for Dividends: 0.00

Excess Golden Parachute: 0.00

Crop Insurance: 0.00 Attorney Fees: 0.00

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 1

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NOW COMES the Respondent, Waterway Realty, LLC ("Waterway"), by and through counsel, Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P.A., and, pursuant to Rule 22.15(e) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties ("Rules"), respectfully moves for leave to file the enclosed, signed Amended Answer and Request for Hearing. Attorney Peter DeCambre, counsel for the Complainant, has assented to Waterway seeking leave to amend its Answer. In support of this Motion, Waterway states the following:

Waterway filed its original Answer and Request for Hearing under cover letter dated November 14, 2014. Waterway seeks leave to file this Amended Answer to (a) correct references to the appropriate entity of the third-party contractor that Waterway hired in connection with the Property, (b) confirm and clarify regarding said contractor's insurance during the time period in question, and (c) supplement the attached supporting documentation by including the relevant Form 1099 MISC

information from 2012. This information is provided to clarify the record, to support Waterway's affirmative defenses, and to more fully answer the allegations against Waterway.

The Rules allow for amendments of the answer upon motion granted by the Presiding Officer.

See 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(e). While Rule 22.15(e) does not specifically provide a standard for determining when leave should be granted, reference to Rule 15(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure proves instructive. Rule 15(a)(2), regarding other amendments, states that courts "should freely give leave when justice so requires." This is a liberal standard allowing amendment absent any apparent reason such as undue delay, bad faith, or dilatory motive. See Foman v. Davis, 371 U.S. 178, 182 (1962).

Given that this motion is filed less than one month after Waterway's original Answer, and that a Presiding Officer has yet to be assigned to the matter, there is no undue delay. Moreover, Waterway moves to amend its Answer in good faith in an effort to clarify the record and further support its affirmative defenses with documentation obtained after it filed its original Answer. The Complainant will not be prejudiced by such motion given the infancy of the matter.

Finally, prior to filing this motion, undersigned counsel for Waterway conferred with Attorney Peter DeCambre, who assents to Waterway seeking leave to file its Amended Answer.

WHEREFORE, Waterway respectfully requests that the Amended Answer and Request for Hearing, filed herewith, be allowed.

Respectfully Submitted, Waterway Realty, LLC

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