UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

IN RE: : NPDES Appeal Nos. MIRANT KENDALL, LLC : 06-12, 06-13, 09-04

MIRANT KENDALL STATION

Washington, D.C.

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Thursday, January 21, 2010

The following pages constitute the proceedings held in the above-captioned matter before the HONORABLE KATHIE A. STEIN, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1201 Constitution Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D.C., before Natalia Kornilova, of Capital Reporting Company, a Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia, beginning at approximately 10:04 a.m.

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| 1 | A P P E A R A N C E S | 1 | Counsel for Region 1, EPA, and with me in the rear is David | |
| 2 | On behalf of the Plaintiff: | | Webster, who's the manager of the Industrial Permits | |
| 3 | RONALD FEIN, ESQ. | 3 | | |
| 4 | Region 1 | 4 | MR. SHELLEY: Peter Shelley, counsel for | |
| 5 | Boston, Massachusetts | 5 | Conservation Law Foundation and Charles River Watershed | |
| 6 | PETER SHELLEY, ESQ. | 6 | Association. | |
| 7 | Conservation Law Foundation | 7 | JUDGE STEIN: Thank you. We scheduled this status | |
| 8 | | 8 | conference because I know that the parties have been | |
| 9 | On behalf of Defendant Mirant Kendall: | 9 | working hard on trying to reach a resolution of what I | |
| 10 | RALPH A. CHILD, ESQ. | 10 | understand is a fairly complex matter. At the same time, | |
| 11 | Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, PC | | this matter has been on our docket in one form or another | |
| 12 | One Financial Center | 12 | since October of 2006, and I know there have been various | |
| 13 | Boston, Massachusetts 02111 | | phases where various aspects of the permit have been | |
| 14 | (617) 348-3021 | 14 | withdrawn and new proposals on the table, but it would be | |
| 15 | | 15 | particularly helpful to the board to get a summary, either | |
| 16 | Also Present: | 16 | from each of you or from a representative who speak for all | |
| 17 | MICHELLE WENZEL, ESQ., Counsel of the Board | 17 | of you as to where things stand now and where we think we | |
| 18 | EURIKA DURR, Clerk of the Board | 18 | need to go. | |
| 19 | | 19 | Our goal here this morning is not to cut off | |
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| 21 | | | have a clear understanding of the endgame for a reasonable | |
| 22 | | 22 | period of time in which to conclude if settlement is | |
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6 8 1 being able to reach the agreement in principle on the 1 based on the tenor of the discussions and, I think, the 2 permit modification. There's still work left to be done. 2 good faith on the part of the company and EPA to reach a 3 both in terms of converting that to a written text which we 3 three-part agreement, that we were able to join with EPA 4 would then put out for public notice and there also remains 4 and say we think that this will successfully resolve all 5 to be negotiated the terms of an administrative compliance 5 the issues. 6 order, which would govern the schedule and interim 6 JUDGE STEIN: Well, I'm obviously very, very 7 operating conditions and contingencies while the company 7 pleased to hear this, and I'm not insensitive to the fact 8 installs the technology for which we will be modifying the that these 316(A) and 316(B) issues are challenging. With 8 9 permit. But having gotten past the major substantive 9 that in mind, what is your best estimate of the time that 10 issues and the permit modification itself, we believe that 10 you would need to reach closure on the agreement in 11 the hardest work is behind us and that -- I don't want to 11 principle, come to an understanding of the permit language 12 say it's all downhill from here, but we can certainly see 12 to be proposed and have a permit application submitted? 13 the light at the end of the tunnel now. 13 MR. FEIN: Your Honor, this is Ron Fein from 14 JUDGE STEIN: Am I to understand that this 14 Region 1 again. We think that within 3 1/2 months we can 15 agreement in principle that the REACH IT and the permittee 15 get the final permit text agreed to and have the company 16 have reached is beyond where you were when you submitted submit a permit application and reach an agreement in 16 17 your last request for extension of time? 17 principle on the terms of the administrative compliance 18 MR. FEIN: Absolutely. And I'll allow Mr. Child 18 order. And what I would like to propose -- and with the 19 to modify that if he wants in any way, but I think at this 19 board's permission I will move now orally or I can follow 20 point we have -- with respect to the permit modification 20 up with a written request -- is for an additional extension 21 itself as opposed to the administrative compliance order, 21 of the stay for 3 1/2 months, but with a status report at 22 we have nothing left to negotiate with the company. 22 the end of that term for this purpose. At the end of that 7 MR. CHILD: Your Honor, there were, since the last 1 1 period, assuming that we reach the agreement in principle 2 request for an extension, extensive, intensive and 2 on the administrative compliance order, we would then need 3 successful negotiations. an additional period of time to go through the public 3 4 JUDGE STEIN: Okay. And could you tell us, Mr. 4 notice on the permit modification itself and to reduce the 5 Shelley, where your client stands with respect to this 5 agreement in principle on the administrative order to a 6 agreement in principle? Are there major issues, minor 6 writing, which would then be agreed to. And I don't want 7 issues? I mean, obviously we have had three different 7 to forecast exactly how long that latter phase would take, 8 parties to this appeal, and I don't know whether what we 8 but I think we can have this completely wrapped up by the 9 have done has resolved, at least in principle, the issues end of this calendar year. 9 10 with one of the parties but not the other party or whether JUDGE STEIN: I'd like to hear from the other 10 11 you see room for productive progress that still needs to be counsel as to their assessment of those proposed time 11 12 made. 12 frames. 13 MR. SHELLEY: Thank you, Your Honor. I would say 13 MR. CHILD: Your Honor, this is Ralph Child for 14 we're also very close to agreement on what is being 14 Mirant Kendall. We find those reasonable and certainly 15 proposed for this facility. We do have some concerns with join in the request. 15 16 the temperature endpoint that EPA will have in its new 16 MR. SHELLEY: Your Honor, Peter Shelley. I think 17 permit, although those concerns we expect to be largely, if 17 also that it's reasonable, assuming we're moving forward 18 not entirely, mitigated by the new technology that the productively, and I trust if any of us feel that the train 18 19 company is proposing to install. So I guess our position 19 has come off the tracks at any point in that period, we 20 right -- and the other issue that we want to see some more 20 will be able to approach the board independently and try to 21 flesh on the bones is around the interim compliance order 21 address any problems we have. 22 that will be developed with the company. But we think, 22 JUDGE STEIN: Now, would there be any benefit to a

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| 1 | status conference part way through that $3 1/2$ months, or a | 1 | JUDGE STEIN: And I want to tell you that it's |
| 2 | | | very helpful to have all three of you in the same room. We |
| 3 | 3 1/2 months you have enough incentive of your own to keep | 3 | |
| | things moving, that the Court's assistance would not be of | 4 | |
| 5 | any additional benefit? I'm not interested in running up | | I really appreciate your cooperation even in being there |
| 6 | bills for any clients or unnecessarily holding status | | |
| 7 | conferences or having reports, but if it would be helpful, | 6 | <i>b</i> , i |
| 8 | we're certainly open to that. | 7 | |
| | | 0 | commend you on your progress thus far and I am looking |
| | MR. SHELLEY: Your Honor, this is Peter Shelley. | 9 | |
| 10 | I think that would be a good idea, actually, to have a | | months. And don't hesitate to enlist the board's help if |
| 11 | status report and potentially a conference, although I | | you feel that there is a role that we can play in moving |
| 12 | think we can maybe wait on that untilschedule it- | | this to closure. |
| 13 | sometime shortly around this maybe the four-month period | 13 | MR. SHELLEY: Thank you, Your Honor. |
| 14 | ······································ | 14 | MR. CHILD: Thank you. |
| 15 | all did on this first set of tasks. | 15 | JUDGE STEIN: Thank you. And with that the status |
| 16 | JUDGE STEIN: So you're suggesting that the report | 16 | |
| 17 | and conference be at the end of the 3 1/2 months and not | 17 | (Whereupon, at 10:18 a.m., the proceedings were |
| 18 | MR. SHELLEY: I think that would make the most | 18 | concluded.) |
| 19 | sense. We have worked pretty well together. | 19 | |
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