

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In re ALBUQUERQUE

BERNALILLO COUNTY WATER

UTILITY AUTHORITY

Permit No. NM 0022250

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Appeal No. 26-01M

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 (EPA) requests that the Environmental Appeals Board grant a thirty (30) day extension of time, until April 24, 2026, for EPA to file its response to the petition for review, the certified index to the administrative record and relevant portions of the administrative record in the above-captioned matter.

EPA seeks this extension for the following reasons. The Parties are in active discussions over the possibility of resolving this appeal without the need for the filing of a response to the petition for review. An additional thirty (30) days would give the parties time to further explore this possibility and decide upon a path forward. Further, the issues raised by this petition are complex and concern matters central to the agency's implementation nationally of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program and therefore require close coordination with the EPA Office of Water and the EPA Office of General Counsel. If current discussions between the parties do not result in resolution of the appeal, the requested extension of time will enable sufficient time for consultation and coordination between the Regional Office

and EPA Headquarters to determine how best to address the issues raised by the petition. EPA does not believe the requested extension will result in prejudice to any party.

EPA has consulted with counsel for Petitioner, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, and has been informed that Petitioner is not opposed to this motion for extension of time.

DATE: March 20, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Ryland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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