

The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 (the Region), after consultation with the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Water, files this Motion for Stay of Proceedings, seeking a 60-day stay of proceedings. The proposed stay will extend by sixty (60) days the deadline for filing a Status Report. In support of its Motion for Stay of Proceedings, the Region states that, due to the number of matters on which the new Administration is being briefed, the Region is not able to fully and adequately brief new Administration officials so that they can make an informed decision prior to the deadline specified in the Order. The requested stay will allow the Agency to take actions in this case in a manner consistent with the policies and directions in the Board's Order and in the Agency's Executive Order. *Cf. In re Granite Shore Power Merrimack LLC*, NPDES Appeal Nos. 20-05 and 20-06 (Order Granting Region 1's Motion for Continuance of Oral Argument Date and Abeyance) (Feb. 9, 2021) (granting, among other things, a 60-day abeyance to allow for consultation with EPA leadership in new Administration in light of Executive Order 13,990). Accordingly, the Region requests a 60-day stay so that the due date for the Status Report will be Monday May 31. (The 60th day, May 30, would fall on a Sunday).

I am authorized to report that the Petitioners do not object to the granting of this Motion.

For the foregoing reasons, the Region respectfully requests that this Motion for Stay of Proceedings be granted.

Respectfully submitted.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Paul Schwartz, hereby certify that on March 22, 2021, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Stay of Proceedings, via the EAB's electronic filing system, and by sending a true and correct copy, via e-mail, to the following:

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