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Dated by electronic signature

Via email

Mark Smart
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
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Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: In the Matter of Pine Tree Propane, LLC, Docket No. CAA 01-2023-0024

Dear Mr. Smart:

I am writing to inform you of the above-captioned administrative enforcement case against Pine Tree Propane, LLC, which is close to settlement. An expedited settlement agreement (“ESA”) for this case has been signed by the company and by the Acting Director of EPA Region 1’s Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division (“ECAD”). However, the ESA has not yet been reviewed and signed by EPA’s Regional Judicial Officer, LeAnn Jensen.

In accordance with revised EPA Region 1 procedures, attached is a separate letter to the Regional Judicial Officer requesting that she review and sign the ESA. Also attached is the partially executed ESA itself, which should be filed with the ESA.¹ (Both these documents are being transmitted to the Regional Judicial Officer via an email cc.) After the Regional Judicial Officer signs the ESA’s Final Order, she will transmit the fully executed ESA to you for filing and service on the parties.

Finally, for your convenience, I have attached for your signature an unsigned Certificate of Service suitable for serving the final, fully executed ESA on the parties. Please note that both parties have consented to use electronic service for receipt of the final ESA. Accordingly, the Certificate of Service provides email addresses for both EPA Region 1 and Respondent.

¹ This ESA includes a penalty form, which is appended to the ESA.

If you have any questions regarding the ESA, please contact me at smith.catherine@epa.gov.
Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Catherine Smith
Senior Enforcement Counsel,
Office of Regional Counsel
smith.catherine@epa.gov

Attachments:

- Partially executed ESA
- Transmittal letter to Regional Judicial Officer
- Certificate of Service from Catherine Smith
- Unsigned Certificate of Service for the Regional Hearing Clerk

cc : LeAnn Jensen, Regional Judicial Officer
Andrew Meyer, EPA
Katie Foster, R.H. Foster Energy, LLC
Mary Jane O'Donnell, EPA