UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION II

Docket No. CWA-02-2013-3357

Yabucoa Development, S.E.

Respondent

REPORT OF STATUS CONFERENCE AND ORDER

The status teleconference in this matter was held on July 17, 2014. Participating were:

Presiding Officer:

Helen S. Ferrara

Respondent's Attorneys:

Wilfredo Soto-Suarez

Complainant's Attorney:

Evelyn Rivera-Ocasio

Introduction: The Presiding Officer established that the purpose of the teleconference was to assess the status of this matter.

Status: Complainant's attorney explained that she discussed the offer made by Respondent on July 11th with program and the newly appointed Branch Chief, and EPA had rejected that offer. Complainant's attorney acknowledged receiving a higher offer from Respondent on July 16th, together with information as to why the sum sought by EPA was too much, including comparable administrative cases. EPA's attorney stated that she would be meeting with the program during the week of July 21st to evaluate the new offer and information. She agreed to get back to Respondent's attorney by the last week of July or the first week of August.

Respondent's attorney agreed that Complainant's attorney had summed up the status of

the case and offered to arrange a meeting, if necessary, to further discuss Respondent's offer.

As far as compliance, Complaint's attorney stated that EPA had remained in close contact with Respondent and based on updated information submitted regarding rehabilitation of the pump station, there were no further issues of compliance.

It was agreed it was in the best interest of both parties to schedule a follow up status teleconference.

IT IS ORDERED:

The Presiding Officer is continuing this status teleconference until Tuesday, August 19, 2014, beginning at 11:00AM, or as soon thereafter as the Presiding Officer can make the necessary arrangements.

Additions or Corrections: The attorneys for the Agency and Respondent may bring errors or omissions in this Report to the attention of the Presiding Officer no later than August 11, 2014, and a corrected report will be issued as appropriate.

Date: July 29, 2014

Helen Ferrara

Presiding Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the **Report of Status Conference and Order** by Regional Judicial Officer

Helen Ferrara in the matter of **Yabucoa Development**, **S.E.**, **Docket No. CWA-02-2013-3357**, was served on the parties as indicated below:

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Dated: July 29, 2014