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Re: In the Matter of Municipality of Mayagüez DOCKET NUMBER CWA-02-2011-3453 Motion Informing Agreement in Principle Reached by the Parties

Date: August 24, 2012

Good afternoon.

Enclosed please find the *Motion Informing Agreement in Principle Reached* by the Parties for the above captioned matter.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

IN THE MATTER OF:

Municipality of Mayagüez

MOTION DOCKET NUMBER CWA-02-2011-3453

RESPONDENT

Motion Informing Agreement in Principle Reached by the Parties and Request for Extension of Time to File Executed Consent Agreement and Final Order

COMES NOW Complainant, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the undersigned attorney, and respectfully alleges, prays and requests as follows:

On August 24, 2012, the Municipality of Mayaguez (Respondent) and the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Complainant") (together, "the Parties") reached an agreement in principle dispositive of all matters asserted in the Administrative Complaint, including a penalty.

The Parties are engaged in settlement discussions in order to reach an agreement as to the final language and terms of the Consent Agreement and Final Order (CA/FO). Once the CA/FO is finalized it will be placed into concurrence within several EPA officers located in Region 2's San Juan and New York offices for their

RECEIVED BY OALJ 2012 AUG 24 PH 4: 27 review and concurrence. Also, in order to file a duly executed CA/FO, the signature of the Respondent and the signature of the Regional Administrator are required. Once this process concludes, the fully executed CA/FO will immediately be filed.

This Motion has been filed today in order to have the Chief Administrative Law Judge, Honorable Susan L. Biro, take notice of the agreement reached by the Parties and of the progress made in formalizing this agreement in a fully executed CA/FO. Due to the complexity of the review and concurrence process within the Agency and between the Parties in order to finalize a fully executed CA/FO, the Parties request the Honorable Presiding Officer, sixty (60) days, until October 23, 2012, in order to file the duly executed CA/FO and notify its execution to the Presiding Officer.

This Motion was discussed today, August 24, 2012, with Luis Sánchez Mercado, Esq., attorney for Respondent, who agreed to the filing of this motion.

Respectfully submitted, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 24th day of August, 2012.

Hector

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION II

IN THE MATTER OF:

Municipality of Mayagüez

MOTION

DOCKET NUMBER

CWA-02-2011-3453

RESPONDENT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day caused to be sent the foregoing Motion Informing Agreement in Principle Reached by the Parties and Request for Extension of Time to File Executed Consent Agreement and Final Order, dated August 24, 2012, and bearing the above-referenced docket number, in the following manner to the respective addressees below:

Original and copy by facsimile, Overnight Mail to:

Karen Maples

Regional Hearing Clerk Region II U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 290 Broadway, 16th Floor New York, NY 10007-1866 Fax (212) 637-3202.

Copy by facsimile, **Overnight Mail** to: Attorney for Respondent, Municipality of Mayagüez Luis J. Sánchez Mercado, Esq. Sánchez Mercado Law Offices, P.S.C. P. O. Box 6551 Mayagüez, P.R. 00681-6551 Tel: (939) 717-9886 / (787) 374-2976 Fax: (866) 395-8215 sanchezmercadolaw@gmail.com

Copy by facsimile, **Overnight Mail** to: Chief Administrative Law Judge **Honorable Susan L. Biro** Office of Administrative Law Judges U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1099 14th Street, N.W., Suite 350 Washington, D.C. 20005 Fax (202) 565-0044.

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