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Ms. Wanda Santiago, Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA, Region I 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912

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Re: City Auto Parts, Inc./EPA Docket No. CAA-01-2020-0018 Connecticut Scrap, LLC./EPA Docket No. CAA-01-2020-0019 Nichols Auto Parts, Inc./EPA Docket No. CAA-01-2020-0021 Ross Recycling, Inc./EPA Docket No. CAA-01-2020-00122 Yerrington's Auto Salvage, Inc./EPA Docket No. CAA-01-2020-0023

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced matters are an original and one copy of a *Joint Motion to Extend Time to File Answers to Complaints* ("Motion") for the above-referenced matter. Also attached are an original and one copy of a Certificate of Service.

EPA has also sent copies of the Motion, the Certificate of Service, and this letter to the Respondents by First Class Mail.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

John W. Kilborn Senior Enforcement Counsel

- Cc: David Waddington, President, Connecticut Scrap, LLC Garon Camassar, Registered Agent, Connecticut Scrap, LLC
- Ecc: Cindy J. Karlson, Counsel for Connecticut Scrap, LLC Christine Sansevero, EPA

### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 1

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IN THE MATTER OF
City Auto Parts, Incorporated 28-30 Fishfry Street Hartford, CT 06120
Connecticut Scrap, L.L.C. 140 Route 32 North Franklin, CT 06254
Nichols Auto Parts, Inc. 46 Meadow Road Clinton, CT 06413
Ross Recycling, Inc. 64 Tucker Hill Road, Putnam, CT 06260
Yerrington's Auto Salvage, Inc. 655 Norwich Westerly Road, North Stonington, CT 06359
Respondents
Proceeding under Section 113 of the Clean Air Act

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### JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE ANSWERS TO COMPLAINTS

#### **BACKGROUND OF MOTION TO EXTEND**

1. On December 19, 2019, the United States Environmental Protection Agency –

Region 1 ("EPA" or "Complainant") filed separate Administrative Complaints and Notices of

Opportunity for a Hearing ("Complaints") pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act

("CAA" or "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and the Consolidated Rules of Practice ("Consolidated

Rules of Practice"), 40 C.F.R. Part 22, to Connecticut Scrap, L.L.C. and the other abovereferenced Respondents (collectively, "Respondents").

2. EPA served the Complaints upon Respondents the next day, December 20, 2019, by overnight mail. Pursuant to Section 22.15(a) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, an answer to a complaint must be filed "within 30 days after service of the complaint." 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(a).

3. Thirty days from December 20, 2019 falls on January 19, 2020, which is a Sunday. The next day is a federal holiday, so the Respondents' answers are due Tuesday, January 21, 2020. See 40 C.F.R. § 22.7(a).

4. Counsel for Respondents has represented to EPA that the penalties proposed in the Complaints would have serious adverse economic impacts on the Respondents' businesses. Counsel for Respondents intends to provide EPA with documentation to that effect that is consistent with EPA's *Guidance on Evaluating a Violator's Ability to Pay a Civil Penalty in an Administrative Enforcement Action*, dated June 29, 2015, other relevant EPA guidance, and direction from EPA's regional financial analyst.

5. Respondents believe that further litigating this matter by answering the Complaints without first discussing with EPA the economic impacts of the proposed penalties would not be an efficient use of resources or in the public interest. Respondents seek further time to document their financial status by submitting the appropriate documentation to EPA.

6. EPA concurs that further time is appropriate for Respondents to submit their financial information and for EPA to evaluate the documentation. If Respondents can document

their financial status pursuant to EPA guidance, then a resolution of this case may be possible without litigation.

 EPA notes that it filed a related action against Exeter Scrap Metal, Inc., *In the Matter of Exeter Scrap Metal, Inc.* (EPA Docket No. CAA-01-2020-0020), on December 19,
EPA intends to withdraw that Compliant without prejudice pursuant to Section 14(d) of the Consolidated Rules of Practice. Accordingly, that Complaint is not part of this Motion.

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8. For the reasons stated above, and pursuant to Section 22.16 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, both Respondents and EPA respectfully move and request that you extend the time for the Respondents to file an Answer for an additional 45 days, that is, to Friday, March 6,

2020.

M John W. Kilborn, Esq.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a *Joint Motion to Extend Time to File Answers to Complaints* ("Motion") has been sent to the following persons on the date and in the manner noted below:

Original and one copy, hand-delivered:

Ms. Wanda Santiago, Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA, Region I 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3812

Copy, by First Class Mail:

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Garon Camassar, Registered Agent 181 Broad Street New London, CT 06385

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Cindy Karlson, Counsel for Connecticut Scrap, LLC

Date: 01/16/2020

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