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REGION II

IN THE MATTER OF:

PUERTO RICO AQUEDUCT AND SEWER AUTHORITY,

Ponce Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Permit No. PR 0021563

RESPONDENT

Proceeding to Assess Class II Civil Penalty Under Section 309(g)(2)(B)

DOCKET NUMBER CWA-02-2008-3451

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Complainant, the United States Environmental

Protection Agency ("EPA") through the undersigned attorney and respectfully alleges and prays as follows:

Pursuant to the Prehearing Order issued by the Administrative Law Judge, Honorable Susan L. Biro, dated January 30, 2008, Counsel for Complainant submits the following status report in the above captioned matter.

The parties in this case have been actively participating in good faith negotiations, including meetings and numerous conference calls in order to expedite a final settlement of this matter. The parties have presented each other with arguments and settlement proposals, which the parties are still considering.

This Motion was discussed on February 6 and February 20, 2008, with

Jorge Marrero-Narváez, counsel for Respondent, who agreed to the filing of this

status report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 21, 2008

San Juan, Puerto Rico

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this day I caused to be sent the foregoing Status Report, dated February 21, 2008, and bearing the above-referenced docket number, in the following manner to the respective addressees below:

Original and copy by facsimile, Overnight Mail to:

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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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