

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 2

IN THE MATTER OF:

The Battery Recycling Company, Inc.,

RESPONDENT

DOCKET NUMBER
EPCRA-02-2011-4301

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STATUS REPORT

To the Honorable Court:

COMES NOW the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Complainant in the instant matter, and very respectfully avers and prays as follows:

1. Pursuant to this Honorable Court's Prehearing Order, dated May 23, 2012, the parties were directed to engage in a settlement conference on or before June 8, 2012, and Complainant was directed to file a Status Report on the status of settlement by no later than June 15, 2012.
2. That on Friday, June 8, 2012, Respondent submitted updated financial statements, balance sheets, and income statements, in order for Complainant to conduct an ability-to-pay analysis regarding the proposed penalty.
3. That Complainant is in the process of engaging an outside contractor to conduct an ability-to-pay analysis in order to fully and diligently entertain Respondent's inability to pay position.

4. That due to the procedures Complainant must follow to secure the services of an outside contractor and secure such analysis are expected to take between thirty (30) and forty five (45) days.
5. That after the contractor provides an ability to pay analysis, the parties must secure internal approval in order to settle this matter and execute a Consent Agreement and Final Order (CA/FO).
6. That Complainant believes that fully and diligently entertaining Respondent's inability to pay position, prior to engaging in prehearing exchange, is good cause for granting the parties additional time to file a fully-executed CA/FO, will promote judicial economy, and will reduce both parties expenditure of significant amounts of time and financial resources.
7. That Complainant proposes to file a second Progress Report as soon as the ability-to-pay analysis is completed by the outside contractor.

WHEREFORE it is respectfully requested that this Honorable Court take notice of the status settlement and grant the parties an additional sixty (60) days, until Tuesday, August 14, 2012, to file a fully-executed CA/FO.

Respectfully submitted in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on this 14th day of June, 2012.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Status Report**, dated June 14, 2012, was sent in the following manner to the addresses listed below:

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