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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
 REGION X

In the Matter of:

GREASY GREG’S, LLC,
 POSEY’S MECH-ELEC REPAIR LLC,
 &
 GREG S. POSEY,
 Lewiston, Idaho,
 Respondents.

DOCKET NO. CAA-10-2022-0123

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
 TO FILE ANSWER**

Pursuant to the authority set forth in the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, Respondents, by and through their undersigned counsel, move the Regional Judicial Officer to grant a 30-day extension of time to respond to the complaint in the above-entitled action to May 13, 2022. Counsel for Respondents conferred with counsel for Complainant via teleconference on April 5, 2022. Counsel for Complainant advised that Complainant does not oppose a 30-day extension of time for Respondents to file an answer.

I. BACKGROUND

On March 15, 2022, Complainant filed a civil administrative action against Respondents in the above-entitled action. Complaint alleges violations of Section 203 of the Clean Air Act (“CAA”), 42 U.S.C. § 7522. Respondents were served with the Complaint on March 17, 2022, and Respondents’ response to the Complaint is currently due by April 15, 2022. Respondent Greg Posey retained undersigned counsel on March 31, 2022, on behalf of all respondents. Mr. Posey has directed counsel to engage in good faith settlement discussions with Complainant in the hope of resolving this matter with the need for litigation.

II. ARGUMENT

The Regional Judicial Officer may grant an extension of time to file an answer upon a filing of a timely motion, a showing of good cause, and after consideration of prejudice to other parties in the action. 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.7(b) and 22.16. This motion satisfies these criteria.

This motion is timely, having been filed prior to the due date for Respondent’s answer to the Complaint.

This motion also complies with the “good cause” requirement of 40 C.F.R. § 22.7(b). The Consolidated Rules of Practice, and Complainants’ policy, encourage settlement to avoid litigation. 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b). Respondents desire to resolve this matter through informal settlement discussions with Complainant. To that end, counsel for Respondents and Complainant met on April 5, 2022, to initiate settlement discussions in this matter. As part of the informal settlement discussions, Respondents will need to prepare and submit information to Complainant in response to two outstanding Requests for Information. Respondents need additional time to gather the requested information and prepare their response to Complainant. Further, once Respondents have submitted this information, Respondents and Complainant will need time to further engage in good faith settlement discussions.

Finally, granting this motion will not result in prejudice. As noted above, the parties have initiated settlement discussions that will likely resolve this matter without the need for litigation. Complainant does not object to this motion. Failure to grant this motion will result in prejudice to Respondents by requiring them to prepare an Answer before one is necessary.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Respondents respectfully request that the Regional Judicial Officer grant Respondents' motion for a 30-day extension of time to file an answer to and including May 13, 2022.

DATE: April 5, 2022.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the on April 5, 2022, the original MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER and PROPOSED ORDER in the above-captioned matter were delivered via electronic mail to:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
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Further, I certify that on April 5, 2022, a true and correct copy of the MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER and PROPOSED ORDER were served on Complainant via electronic mail to:

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