UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 6 DALLAS, TEXAS

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IN THE MATTER OF:)	
Leroy Tours Gerald Water Supply Corporation)	Docket No. SDWA-06-2021-1297
Respondent))	

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Complainant, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 ("EPA"), filed an Administrative Complaint against Respondent alleging violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act. On October 18, 2021, Respondent filed an extension motion, which I granted until November 22, 2021. On November 16, 2021, Respondent filed a second unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to file an Answer as negotiations continued. That second Motion was granted until March 22, 2022.

On March 15, 2022, Respondent filed a third unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to file an Answer. Unexpected hurdles arose that delayed the settlement, so I granted the third extension motion to June 22, 2022.

The parties have now requested a fourth extension. It seems there are many moving pieces that are apparently out of the parties' control that is delaying the ability to settle this matter or move forward with a hearing. While I can appreciate such circumstances, more defined dates are needed in order to better understand the true progress of this matter. The parties will therefore file a status report by July 15, 2022, detailing if they anticipate having what they need to either settle or move forward with a hearing by August 15, 2022. With a clearer picture, I will consider whether or not to issue a Scheduling Order setting a date for a hearing. If it appears that settlement is likely I will forgo issuing such an Order for the time being.

It is therefore ORDERED that the fourth extension motion be, and hereby is, GRANTED until August 15, 2022.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2022.

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THOMAS RUCKI REGIONAL JUDICIAL OFFICER

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lorena S. Vaughn, the Regional Hearing Clerk for the Region 6 office of the Environmental Protection Agency, hereby certify that a TRUE AND CORRECT copy of SDWA-06-2021-1297, was served upon the parties on the date and in the manner set forth below:

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