



**UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**In the Matter of:** )  
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**Thomas Petroleum, LLC, and** ) **Docket No. EPCRA-06-2019-0501**  
**Pilot Thomas Logistics, LLC,** )  
 )  
**Respondents.** )

**ORDER INITIATING ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE  
RESOLUTION PROCESS AND APPOINTING NEUTRAL**

Pursuant to the request of the parties, Chief Administrative Law Judge Susan L. Biro is hereby designated as a neutral to initiate and conduct such processes as may facilitate a settlement of this proceeding.

The following procedures shall apply:

1. The Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”) process will be conducted in a confidential manner. The neutral will not disclose to anyone the contents of any of the parties’ ADR communications.
2. For the ADR process to be effective, the persons communicating with the neutral must either have authority to commit his or her side to a settlement or have ready access to someone with such authority.
3. Unless terminated earlier at the request of either party, the ADR process shall automatically terminate on **June 1, 2020**. An extension of up to 60 days may be granted by the undersigned, but in no event shall ADR continue for longer than four months. At that time, if no settlement has been reached, the case will be assigned to a litigation Judge to proceed with the litigation process.
4. A party requesting termination of this process shall so advise the neutral either orally or in writing. The ADR process initiated by this Order shall terminate upon order of the undersigned.
5. At the termination of the ADR process, the parties will be sent a questionnaire to elicit their views and experience with the process. The contents of individual questionnaires will be kept confidential and made available to the neutral and others only in a composite format.



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Susan L. Biro  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Dated: April 1, 2020  
Washington, D.C.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Order Initiating Alternative Dispute Resolution Process and Appointing Neutral**, dated April 1, 2020, and issued by Chief Administrative Law Judge Susan L. Biro, was sent this day to the following parties in the manner indicated below.

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