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**BY FAX (212) 637-3202 AND
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Ms. Karen Maples
Regional Hearing Clerk
United States Environmental Protection
Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 16th Floor
New York, New York 10007-1866

Dear Ms. Maples:

Re: Additional Extension of Time to Answer or Otherwise Plead to Administrative Complaint
and Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing - Docket CAA-02-2008-1216 (Ponce
Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant)

An extension to respond was granted until December 19, 2008. Despite best efforts to respond, an extension of an additional 30 days is needed.

Counsel has been in contact with Ms. Jean Regna, counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency, regarding the referenced matter and another similar case under Docket CAA-02-2008-1214, which involves 30 facilities. Ms. Jean Regna has expressed her acquiescence to and would not oppose an additional extension of 30 days. No prejudice would result from the granting of the additional time requested.

Therefore, Respondent respectfully requests an extension until January 18, 2009 to answer the Complaint or otherwise plead.

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