UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Region 2

IN THE MATTER OF:

US Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority

Respondent

Proceeding under Section 3008 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6928 COMPLAINT, COMPLIANCE ORDER, AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Docket No. RCRA-02-2012-7108

Motion Requesting Extension of Time to file Pre Hearing Exchange

COMES NOW Complainant, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Complainant") through the undersigned attorney, and respectfully alleges, prays and requests as follows:

- 1. As stated in the Status Report submitted on February 15, 2013, Complainant and the US Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority ("Respondent") (herein together the "Parties") have been actively participating in good faith negotiations.
- 2. On February 8, 2013, the Parties held a face to face meeting in which the allegations of the Complaint and the requirements of the Compliance Order were discussed. Respondent raised a number of allegations and offered supporting documentation.
- 3. During the meeting, the Parties agreed on the possibility of reaching a settlement agreement and scheduled further discussions.
- 4. On conference call held on February 13, 2012, Respondent stated its intention to: (1) submit the remaining documentation in support of the allegations raised by Respondent during the February 8, 2013 meeting; (2) submit a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Proposal.

- 5. Considering the Parties' ongoing conversation in order to reach a settlement agreement and Complainant's need to review the documentation offered by Respondent prior to submitting a complete and accurate Pre Hearing Exchange, the Parties agreed to request an extension of time to modify the Prehearing Exchange schedule.
- 6. Complainant requests this Honorable Court to modify the Prehearing Exchange schedule in the light of the status of settlement conversations and in order to allow Complainant the benefit of the documentation offered by Respondent prior to filing its Initial Prehearing Exchange.
- 7. The Prehearing Order sets February 22, 2013, as the deadline to file Complainant's Initial Prehearing Exchange. For the reasons stated above, Complainant respectfully requests this Honorable Court to grant a 30 days extension of this deadline.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true copy of this Status Report was served to: Monica Derbes Gibson, Venable LLP, 575 7th Street NW, Washington, DC 20004.

Respectfully submitted, in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, this 22nd day of February, 2013.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, on the date noted below, I caused to be mailed a copy of the foregoing "Motion" to the following persons, at the addresses listed below and in the following manner:

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