

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

IN THE MATTER OF

MATTHEW BUPP, AND) d/b/a LENDERS GROUP MORTGAGE) DOCKET NO. CAA-03-2008-0179 COMPANY, LENDER GROUP AND) L&S RECYCLING INC.,) RESPONDENTS)

ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S ATTORNEY HAWS' REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM REPRESENTATION OF RESPONDENT

On August 14, 2009, Attorney Charles Haws submitted a request that he and his firm, Barley Snyder, LLC, be permitted to withdraw from representation of Respondent Matt Bupp, d/b/a Lenders Group Mortgage Company and Lender Group. In support of this request, Attorney Haws states that Respondent has been unable or unwilling to cooperate and communicate with counsel regarding this matter. Additionally, Attorney Haws states that Respondent has failed to provide payment.

While the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (the "Rules of Practice"), 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.1-32, grant the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") authority to take all measures necessary for the maintenance of order and for the efficient, fair and impartial adjudication of issues arising in the proceedings, the Rules of Practice do not specifically address the withdrawal of counsel. 40 C.F.R. § 22.4(c). The Rules of Practice do provide that counsel must conform to the standards of conduct and ethics required of practitioners before the courts of the United States. 40 C.F.R. § 22.10.

For good cause shown, Respondent's Attorney Haws' Request to Withdraw is Granted, subject to counsel certifying that he has notified Respondent Bupp of his withdrawal and that he has provided Respondent with a copy of the Prehearing Order. $\frac{1}{2}$

Respondent is advised that the granting of this motion does not disturb the requirement for meeting the October 16, 2009 deadline for filing its prehearing exchange. See Matter of Turner Copter Services, Inc., FIFRA Appeal No. 85-4, 2 E.A.D. 96 (CJO, Nov. 5, 1985).

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Barbara A. Gunning Administrative Law Judge

Dated: August 19, 2009 Washington, DC

1/ Attorney Haws' letter reflects that he has notified opposing counsel, but not Respondent Bupp.

In the Matter of Matthew Bupp, and d/b/a Lenders Group Mortgage Company, Lender Group and L&S Recycling Inc., Respondent. Docket No. CAA-03-2008-0179

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Order Granting Respondent's Attorney Haws' Request to Withdraw From Representation of Respondent, dated August 20, 2009, was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees listed below.

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Dated: August 20, 2009 Washington, D.C.