



ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In re:
Ocean Era, Inc. – Velella Epsilon Facility
NPDES Permit No. FL0A00001
NPDES Appeal Nos. 20-08 & 20-09

ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES FOR ORAL ARGUMENT AND DECISION AND SCHEDULING ORAL ARGUMENT

Pending before the Environmental Appeals Board (“Board”) are two petitions for review challenging a Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 issued to Ocean Era, Inc. to operate a pilot-scale offshore marine aquaculture facility, referred to as the Valella Epsilon Project. See Friends of Animals Petition for Review, NPDES Appeal No. 20-08, and Center for Food Safety Petition for Review, NPDES Appeal No. 20-09. The Environmental Appeals Board (“Board”) is administratively consolidating these two petitions for the purposes of oral argument and decision.

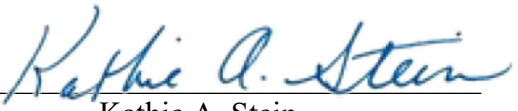
Upon review of the administrative record and the briefs filed, the Board has concluded that oral argument will assist in its deliberation of these two petitions for review. For over a year, the Board has conducted oral arguments by videoconference. Accordingly, the Board will hold oral argument by videoconference on Thursday, November 4, 2021, beginning at

1:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Closer to the date of the argument, the Board will, by order, provide the parties with additional information about participating in the oral argument.

So ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Dated: August 10, 2021

By: 
Kathie A. Stein
Environmental Appeals Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing *Order Consolidating Cases for Oral Argument and Decision and Scheduling Oral Argument* in the matter of Ocean Era, Inc. – Vellella Epsilon Facility, NPDES Appeal Nos. 20-08 and 20-09, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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