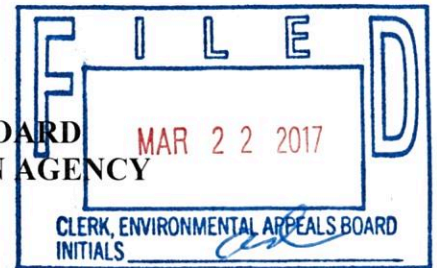


BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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In re:)
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Bridgewater Wastewater Treatment Plant) NPDES Appeal No. 16-01
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NPDES Permit No. MA0100641)
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**ORDER GRANTING SECOND JOINT MOTION
FOR FURTHER STAY OF PROCEEDINGS**

In response to the February 7, 2017, Order of the Environmental Appeals Board (“Board”), the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and Region 1 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency filed a status report and joint motion for further stay of proceedings in this petition for review (“Motion”). The parties state that they adhered to a series of agreed-to interim actions and milestones regarding exchanges of information and settlement proposals, and they agree that their discussions are nearly completed. Motion at 1. The parties seek an additional two weeks to conclude their discussions and therefore request that the Board continue the present stay of proceedings until April 3, 2017. *Id.* at 1-2.

If the parties’ settlement negotiations are successful, the Town of Bridgewater represents that it will voluntarily seek to dismiss its pending petition for review. *Id.* at 1. If it appears that the parties will not be able to agree to a settlement by April 3, 2017, the Region suggests that it does not anticipate requesting a further stay of proceedings and may file a motion asking the Board to proceed with consideration of the Region’s pending motion to dismiss the petition. *Id.* at 2 n.1.

In consideration of the Motion and the representations therein, the Board **GRANTS** the Motion. The Board will continue to defer consideration of the Region's motion to dismiss until **Monday, April 3, 2017**.

It is further ordered that, on or before **Monday, April 3, 2017**:


- (a) the parties (jointly or independently) file a report on the status of their settlement discussions and whether a further deferral of the Board's consideration of the Region's motion to dismiss is appropriate and the basis for a further deferral; or
- (b) the Town of Bridgewater files a motion to voluntarily dismiss its pending petition for review; or
- (c) the parties (jointly or independently) file a motion to govern further proceedings.

The Board's previous stay of the Region's response to the petition for review and certified index filings remains in effect pending further order of the Board.

So ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Dated: March 22, 2017

By: 

Aaron P. Avila
Environmental Appeals Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **Order Granting Second Joint Motion for Further Stay of Proceedings** in the matter of *Bridgewater Wastewater Treatment Plant*, NPDES Appeal No. 16-01, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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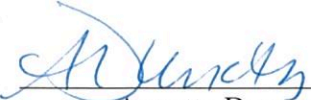
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