BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGE: 3 WASHINGTON, D.C. 2007 CLERK, ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire NPDES Appeal No. 0 Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility and Combined Sewer Overflows

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR FOURTH STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

On November 30, 2007, Region 1 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency filed a motion seeking an extension of the stay of proceedings in the above-captioned matter. The Region reports that it has been actively engaged in negotiations with the Conservation Law Foundation ("CLF"), petitioner, and the City of Portsmouth, permittee, and, at this juncture, the parties have reached an agreement in principle to settle their disputed issues regarding the City's NPDES permit. With the assent of CLF and the City, the Region requests an additional twentyone day extension in the current stay to provide time for the parties to reach final resolution of the appealed issues.

For good cause shown, the Region's motion for a fourth stay of proceedings is hereby **GRANTED**. The parties are directed to provide the Board with a report, on or before **Friday**, December 21, 2007, describing the status of settlement negotiations in this case and suggesting a future course of action.

So ordered.

In re:

NPDES Permit No. NH0100234

Dated: De Cenher 3 2007

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

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Environmental Appeals Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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