

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

In re City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire NPDES Permit No. NH0109000 NPDES Appeal No. 22-02

SECOND ORDER EXTENDING STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

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On September 7, 2022, the City of Portsmouth ("City") petitioned the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") to review certain conditions of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit no. NH0109000, which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Region 1 issued to the City on August 8, 2022. The City and EPA Region 1 agreed to participate in the Board's Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") program. On October 14, 2022, the Board issued an order staying all proceedings until December 13, 2022, to allow for the ADR process to proceed and on December 6, 2022, the Board extended the stay until January 31, 2023.

On January 27, 2023, the parties informed the Board that they have reached an agreement through the ADR process and request a further stay of all proceedings for four months through May 31, 2023, to allow the Region to take certain steps as described in the Joint Motion for Extension of Stay prior to the City withdrawing its permit appeal. Based on the representations in the Joint Motion for Extension of Stay, the Board **GRANTS** the motion. Accordingly, all proceedings in this matter are stayed until **Wednesday**, **May 31**, 2023.

So ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Dated: January 31, 2023

By: Wendy L. Blake

Environmental Appeals Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing *Second Order Extending Stay of Proceedings* in the matter of City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, NPDES Appeal No. 22-02, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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Dated: _____ Jan 31, 2023 _____

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