BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WASHINGTON, D.C.  Clerk, Environmental Appeals Board INITIALS  Te:	
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In re:	
Government of the District of Columbia,	) NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-07
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System	) and 06-08
NPDES Permit No. DC0000221	
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## ORDER GRANTING SEVENTH JOINT MOTION FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

On June 5, 2007, all parties involved in NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-07 and 06-08 filed a joint motion for a seventh stay of the proceedings and an extension of time for EPA Region III to file a response to the petitions for review in the above-captioned case. On June 8, 2007, the parties participated in a status conference in EPA's Administrative Courtroom, at which time they reported on their progress in negotiating a settlement of the disputes in this matter. The parties reported that they anticipate engaging in further settlement discussions and possibly formal mediation during the next ninety days, and they jointly seek a ninety-day stay of these proceedings and extension of the Region's time to file a response so that the parties can continue their attempts to resolve this case short of litigation.

Based on the parties' representations in their motion and at the status conference, and for good cause shown, the joint motion for another stay of the proceedings and extension of time is hereby **GRANTED**. The Region's consolidated brief in response to the two petitions for review must now be filed with the Environmental Appeals Board on or before **Friday**, **September 14**, **2007**. In the interim, the parties must file a report with the Board on or before **Wednesday**,

August 15, 2007, informing the Board of the status of the settlement negotiations and the likelihood of resolving this matter short of litigation.

So ordered.

Dated: June 13, 2007

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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