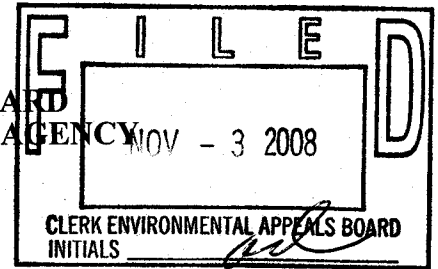


BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.



In re:

Higman Barge Lines, Inc

CERCLA 106(b) Appeal No. 08-02

ORDER STAYING PETITION FOR REIMBURSEMENT

By unopposed motion filed with the Board on October 30, 2008,¹ U.S. EPA Region 6 (“Region”) seeks a 30-day stay in the above-captioned matter. *See* Unopposed Motion for Stay of Petition (Oct. 30, 2008) (“Motion”). The Motion states that Petitioner, Higman Barge Lines, Inc., has agreed to the stay request so that “further settlement negotiations may be conducted.” Motion at 1.

For good cause shown, the Motion is granted. The Region’s response to the petition for reimbursement in this matter shall be filed with the Board no later than December 12, 2008.

So ordered.

Dated: NOV - 3 2008

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

By: Anna L. Wolgast
Anna L. Wolgast
Environmental Appeals Judge

¹ Document are “filed” with the Board on the date they are *received*.

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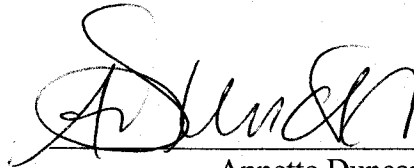
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