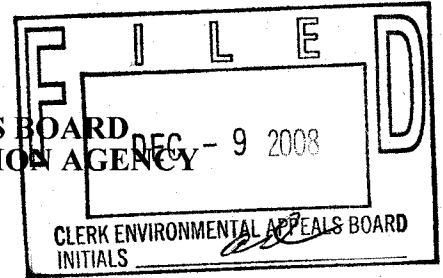


BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.



In re:

Higman Barge Lines, Inc.

CERCLA 106(b) Appeal No. 08-02

SECOND ORDER STAYING PETITION FOR REIMBURSEMENT

By unopposed motion filed with the Board December 8, 2008,¹ U.S. EPA Region 6 ("Region") seeks an addition 30-day stay in the above-captioned matter. *See* Unopposed Motion for Extension of Stay of Petition (Dec. 8, 2008) ("Motion"). The Motion states that the Region and Petitioner, Higman Barge Lines, Inc., are continuing to engage in settlement negotiations and that "[t]hese negotiations involve collateral issues that will require additional time to reach resolution." Motion at 1.

For good cause shown, the Motion is granted. The Region's response to the petition for reimbursement in this matter shall now be filed with the Board no later than January 12, 2009.

So ordered.

Dated:

December 9, 2008

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

By: _____

Anna L. Wolgast
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Environmental Appeals Judge

¹ Documents are "filed" with the Board on the date they are *received*.

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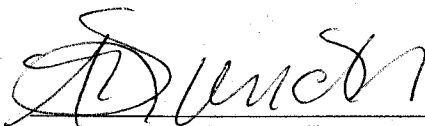
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