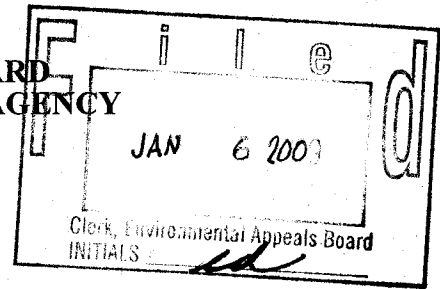


BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.



In re:

Higman Barge Lines, Inc.

CERCLA 106(b) Appeal No. 08-02

THIRD ORDER STAYING PETITION FOR REIMBURSEMENT

By unopposed motion filed with the Board on January 2, 2009,¹ U.S. EPA Region 6 (“Region”) seeks an additional 30-day stay in the above-captioned matter. *See* Unopposed Motion for Second Extension of Stay of Petition (Jan. 2, 2009) (“Motion”). The Motion states that the Region and Petitioner, Higman Barge Lines, Inc., are continuing to conduct good faith settlement negotiations but require additional time to reach resolution. The Motion further states that “because of the confluence of the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, key individuals involved with both parties have been unavailable.” 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 February 12, 2009.

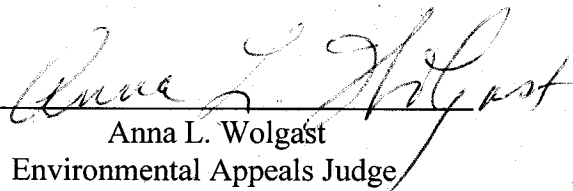
So ordered.

Dated:

January 6, 2009

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

By:


Anna L. Wolgast
Environmental Appeals Judge

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing Third Order Staying Petition for Reimbursement in the matter of Higman Barge Lines, Inc., CERCLA 106(b) Appeal No. 08-02, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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