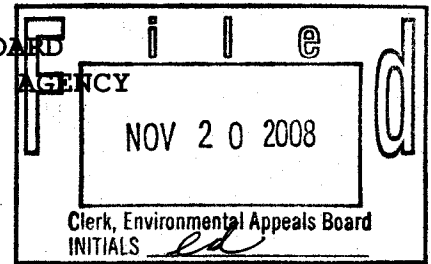


BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.



In re:)
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Upper Blackstone Water)
Pollution Abatement District,) NPDES Appeal Nos. 08-11, 08-12,
) 08-13, 08-14, 08-15, 08-16,
Permit No. MA 0102369) 08-17 & 08-18
)

ORDER GRANTING REGION'S MOTION
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

By order dated October 3, 2008, the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") directed U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 ("Region") to file a single response to NPDES permit appeals Nos. 08-11, 08-12, 08-13, 08-14, 08-15, 08-16, 08-17 & 08-18 no later than December 5, 2008. On November 17, 2008, the Region filed a motion for extension of time seeking to file its response by December 18, 2008. The Region explains that it had requested the December 5, 2008 response date before receipt of Upper Blackstone's and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's supplemental petitions (i.e., NPDES Appeal Nos. 08-11 & 08-12). It adds that the extension will allow the Region to fully evaluate the various and overlapping arguments and to better organize its response to all eight petitions. The Region represents that it contacted seven of the eight petitioners and

none expressed objection to the request. With respect to the eighth petitioner, the Region represents that it attempted, but has not been able to speak directly with the petitioner.

Upon consideration, the Board hereby grants the Region's request. Accordingly, the Region must file its response to each of these petitions no later than Thursday, December 18, 2008.

So ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Dated:

November 20, 2008 By: *Anna L. Wolgast*

Anna L. Wolgast
Environmental Appeals Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Order Granting Region's Motion for Extension of Time in the matter of Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District, NPDES Appeal Nos. 08-11, 08-12, 08-13, 08-14, 08-15, 08-16, 08-17 & 08-18, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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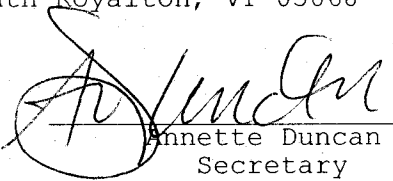
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