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September 29, 2005

Eurika Durr Clerk of the Board, Environmental Appeals Board Colorado Building 1341 G Street, N.W., Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20005

RE:

Beacon Park Yard, Permit Number MA0025704

Appeal Number: NPDES 05-13

Dear Ms. Durr,

Enclosed is the original signature page for a Joint Motion for Stay of the Proceedings in the above-referenced appeal. A copy signed by counsel for Petitioner was faxed to you on Sept. 21, 2005. I apologize for the delay in sending this original.

Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tom Anderson, Counsel, CSX Transportation

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

| In the Matter of: |) }) | NPDES Appeal No. 05-13 |
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| CSX Transportation, Inc. |))) | •• |

JOINT MOTION FOR STAY OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Region 1 of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or the "Region"), Respondent, and CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSX"), Petitioner, respectfully submit to the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") this Joint Motion for Stay of the Proceedings in the above-referenced appeal. The basis for this motion is to allow the parties to resolve the issues raised by Petitioner in its appeal, as discussed below.

On July 1, 2005, EPA reissued a National Poliutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Permit, No. MA0025704, to CSX authorizing wastewater discharges into, and cooling water intake from, the Charles River in connection with CSX's freight train servicing operations in Allston, Massachusetts. On August 10, 2005, CSX filed a petition for review by the Board contesting the permit's revised flow limit and new temperature monitoring requirements, and requesting additional time to comply with several other new permit requirements. The Board directed the Region to submit a response by October 3, 2005 that addresses CSX's contentions and whether CSX has satisfied the requirements for obtaining review.

The parties have entered into settlement negotiations and believe there is a substantial likelihood of resolution of some or all of the issues in this appeal. A settlement of some or all of

the issues in this appeal will simplify or resolve the issues before the Board and thus conserve the Board's resources. Therefore, the Region and CSX request a stay the proceedings before the Board in this case until December 8, 2005. On or as soon as possible before that date, the Parties will submit a status report to advise the Board whether it is appropriate to continue the stay, dismiss the Petition, or establish a schedule for EPA's response to the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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