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

| In the Matter of: |) | |
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| City of Lowell |) | |
| |) | NPDES Appeal No. 19-03 |
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| NPDES Permit No. MA0100633 |) | |
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RESPONDENT EPA'S NOTICE REGARDING ORAL ARGUMENT

EPA Region 1 hereby notifies the U.S. Environmental Appeals Board that Michael Knapp and Cayleigh Eckhardt, both of Region 1's Office of Regional Counsel, will be presenting argument to the Board in person on February 20, 2020. At argument, Mr. Knapp will address issues 2 (flow), 3 (*E. coli*), and 6-7 (CSO and bypass issues) of the City's Petition for Review, and Ms. Eckhardt will address issues 1 (Phosphorus limits), 4, 5, and 10 (monitoring frequency), and 8-9 (narrative water quality standards). The oral argument will be divided in the manner described above due to the numerous distinct issues presented in the Petition and the workload pressures resulting from regional efforts to reduce the NPDES permitting backlog.

Additionally, EPA requests that the Board make the argument available via videoconference so that EPA staff who have worked on this Permit, but who will not present argument, may observe the proceedings.

Dated: January 16, 2020

| Respectfully | submitted. |
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice Regarding Oral Argument, in connection with In re City of Lowell, NPDES Appeal No. 19-03, was sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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