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

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Appeal No. NPDES 18-02

JOINT NOTIFICATION DECLINING ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

On July 26, 2018, the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB" or "Board") provided an offer letter ("Offer Letter") for voluntary alternative dispute resolution (ADR). The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 ("Region") contacted counsel for the other parties to determine whether they would like to participate in ADR. However, the parties declined to participate in ADR at this time. Therefore, the Region hereby notifies the Board on behalf of all the parties that we will not be participating in the ADR process offered by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused a copy of the attached <u>JOINT NOTIFICATION DECLINING</u> <u>ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION</u> to be served by electronic mail upon the persons listed below.

Date: August 27, 2018

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