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LEOMINSTER WATER POLLUTION : Appeal No. 06-16

CONTROL FACILITY

1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Washington, D.C.

Thursday, June 21, 2007

The HEARING in this matter began at approximately 11:00 a.m. pursuant to notice. BEFORE:

JUDGE SCOTT FULTON

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MR. CADITZ: Yeah, Mr. Blake accurately described the matter we have made considerable progress and there's just a handful of aspects of the administrative order that remain to be resolved.

JUDGE FULTON: Can you give me a a flavor of the types of issues we're talking about with the form of the order?

9 10 MR. CADITZ: We're still in the 11 progress of discussing interim measures that 12 would apply before the end of the compliance 13 schedule when the 2006 limits would go into 14 effect or it would be enforced. We have been 15 discussing essentially some re-opener 16 language that we came to a resolution early 17 this morning. Those are the -- the sort of 18

19 JUDGE FULTON: So, the interim 20 measures -- or that's the feature of the 21 compliance schedule that -- that you're 22 developing?

matters we'll be working with.

council, excuse me.

JUDGE FULTON: Okay. Yeah, I noted that in your status report, you were asking until July 13. I guess what -- what Mr. Blake is saying is that even after you all have arrived at what you think is a workable resolution here, the -- the approval process for the -- for the city is -- yeah. The city might take a few more weeks beyond that time

10 MR. BLAKE: That's -- that's true, Your Honor. What -- what -- I -- I've kept 12 the city apprised and the plant manager has 13 been involved in the negotiations all the way 14 through, and he kept city council apprised, 15 but when we get a final agreement, I need to 16 bring it to the city council for their final 17 approval. 18

And, like I said before, I'm just a little worried that during July, I may have trouble getting a quorum together, especially early in the month of July, being the Fourth of July holiday. And that's why I'm -- just

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MR. CADITZ: Yes.

JUDGE FULTON: I see. And the issues that divide the parties are really just a question of drafting or do you think there -- there are conceptual difficulties still?

MR. CADITZ: In terms of the interim measure, we -- it remains to be seen whether or not the -- the issues will be substantive. It -- it -- I think will primarily be of drafting, but there -- there could be some -- some issues with the types of measures applied, as well.

JUDGE FULTON: Okay. And the timeframe that Mr. Blake mentioned, is this one that would work, for the region, as well?

MR. CADITZ: Yes, I -- I'm very hopeful that we will come to a resolution on the issue that I've been describing in the next few weeks. And then it would be a

20 21 matter of -- of Mr. Blake being able to get 22

approval from the town council. City

would like the additional couple of weeks just to be sure that I can have everything buttoned up.

JUDGE FULTON: Okay. And, Mr. Blake, is -- I don't want to push beyond the bounds of your representational limits here, but if — if we were to establish a schedule that contemplated hearing back from counsel, that, in your view, you've arrived at a 10 resolution of -- of the issues, recognizing that that's the subject of approval and ratification and that sort of thing.

Is that something you would be comfortable with? So, in other words, if we were to say in a scheduling order that we would be looking to hear from you by July 13 or so in terms of whether counsel believed they resolved the issues, subject to follow-up approval, and then set the end of July as kind of a -- a second milestone, is

that an arrange -- an approach that would --

that would be consistent with your working

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1	relationship with the City?	1	we'll try to play a role in that regard.
2	MR. BLAKE: Yes, Your Honor. I	2	MR. CADITZ: Thank you, Your Honor
3	could certainly I could certainly do that.	3	MR. BLAKE: Thank you, Your Honor.
4	JUDGE FULTON: Okay, Okay, well,	}	JUDGE FULTON: Okay, very well
5	think we'll plan an order around that, so it	5	then. We'll go ahead and issue an order
6	sounds like the parties both believe that	6	probably later today that that addresses
7	this is likely to settle and that a lot of	7	the points that have been discussed here and
8	the material issues have been addressed	8	I appreciate, again, your time and your
9	already and but there's confidence that	9	flexibility in getting together, and we'll
10	that there will be a resolution.	10	forward to hearing from you in a few weeks.
11	The remaining issues, and we'll	11	MR. CADITZ: Thank you, Your Honor
12	we'll look to hear back from you by July 13	12	MR. BLAKE: Thank you, Your Honor.
13	in terms of whether the whether counsels	13	JUDGE FULTON: Any further
14	believe they resolved the remaining issues	14	questions?
15	with the recognition that it will take a	15	MR, CADITZ: No.
16	little time beyond that to get the necessary	16	JUDGE FULTON: Okay. Very well
17	approvals lined up with the City.	17	then. We'll adjourn. Thank you, Mr. Bryce.
18	Does that sound satisfactory?	18	THE REPORTER: Thank you.
19	MR. BLAKE: That's satisfactory to	19	MR. CADITZ: Thank you.
20	the City.	20	JUDGE FULTON: Bye now.
21	•	21	(Whereupon, at 11:19 a.m., the
22	MR. CADITZ: Yes, Your Honor. To	21	HEARING was adjourned.)
22	the Region, as well.	22	
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1	JUDGE FULTON: And I I take it	1	* * * *
2	the issues that remain are of the nature that	2	
3	it you don't need the services of a	3	
4	third-party neutral or mediation process.	4	
5	You all are pretty confident you can resolve	5	
6	this between you?	6	
7	MR. CADITZ: I think that's true,	7	
8	Your Honor.	8	
9	JUDGE FULTON: Okay. In the event	9	
10	that things should prove to work differently	10	
11	here and if you think there would be any	11	
12	value in having mediation, I just want you to	12	
13	know that we do have the capacity here on the	13	
14	board to to conduct mediation. We have a	14	<b>.</b> .
15	number of trained mediators, including	15	
16	several of the judges, and that's a service	16	
17	we can provide in the event that you need it.	17	
18	We're not going to impose it on	18	
19	you. At least not at this stage, but if	19	
20	if you do reach an impasse on your interim	20	
21	measures and you think that would be	21	
22	beneficial or helpful, let us know and we'll	22	

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