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Jamison E. Colburn Associate Professor of Law Western New England College School of Law 1215 Wilbraham Road Springfield, MA 01119

John P. Curtin, Esq. Boston & Maine Corporation Iron Horse Park, High Street North Billerica, MA 01862

Re: Notice of Uncontested and Severable Conditions

NPDES Permit No. MA0000272

NPDES Appeal No. 05-17

Boston & Maine Corporation (East Deerfield, Massachusetts)

Dear Ms. Durr, Prof. Colburn, and Mr. Curtin:

On September 23, 2005, EPA reissued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, No. MA0000272 ("Permit"), to the Boston & Maine Corporation ("Permittee"). The Permit superseded the prior permit issued by the Region on November 19, 1975. On October 27, 2005, the Connecticut River Watershed Council, Inc., and Jamison E. Colburn ("Petitioners") filed a petition for review with the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board"). By order of the Board, the proceedings are currently stayed until July 3, 2006 to allow the parties to resolve the Petition by settlement.

The Petition alleges that, with respect to the five stormwater outfalls (Outfalls 001, 002, 003, 005 and 006), EPA erred by (1) not including numeric effluent limits in the Permit, (2) not requiring more extensive monitoring, (3) not requiring that the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan be made subject to public comment; and (4) inadequately discharging its duties to ensure, after consultation with appropriate federal wildlife agencies, that the permit issuance is not likely to jeopardize endangered or threatened species.

The Petition does not, however, request that any of the specific conditions in the Permit be modified or deleted. Therefore, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.16(a)(2)(ii), I have determined that the Petition does not contest any specific conditions of the Permit.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.16(a)(2)(ii), this letter notifies you of my determination that all of the specific conditions of the Permit are uncontested. Thus, all of the conditions will become fully effective enforceable obligations effective thirty days from the date of this notice, as provided by 40 C.F.R. § 124.16(a)(2)(i).

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact Ronald Fein, the Region's legal counsel in this matter, at 617-918-1040, or Steven Calder, in our Office of Ecosystem Protection, at 617-918-1744.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Varney

Regional Administrator

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cc:

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Re: Notice of Contested and Uncontested Conditions of NPDES Permit No. NH0100234 City of Portsmouth Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Appeal No. 07-13

Dear Ms. Durr, Mr. Irwin, and Mr. Bohenko:

On May 3, 2007, the Conservation Law Foundation ("CLF") filed a Petition for Review of NPDES permit No. NH0100234 ("Permit") with the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a). The Permit had been reissued to the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire on April 10, 2007 by the New England Regional Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("Region"). The Permit superseded the permit issued by the Region on January 18, 1985.

In its Petition, CLF contests the Region's failure to impose permit conditions on the wastewater discharge related to total nitrogen. CLF also objects to what it asserts is the Region's intent,

through an enforcement order and/or judicial consent decree, to establish a schedule to construct and implement secondary treatment which extends beyond the term of the permit.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R.§§ 124.16(a)(2)(ii) and 124.60(b), contested permit conditions, and uncontested conditions that are not severable from contested conditions, are stayed upon the filing of a petition for review until final agency action under 40 C.F.R.§ 124.19(f). In this case, I find that none of the conditions in the permit is contested. Rather, CLF is contesting the absence of a condition, in the case of total nitrogen, and is objecting to an enforcement strategy that in its view will give the City too much time to construct and implement secondary treatment.

All conditions of the Permit are uncontested and severable from the issues raised in CLF's petition for review. Therefore, none of the conditions are stayed, and all will become fully effective enforceable obligations of the Permit on August 1, 2007, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §124.16(a)(2)(i).

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact Ann Williams, the Region's legal counsel in this matter, at 617-918-1097, or Damien Houlihan, in the Region's Office of Ecosystem Protection, at 617-918-1586.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Varney

Regional Administrator

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Lisa Peterson, Commissioner City of Cambridge Department of Public Works 147 Hampshire Street Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Notice of Contested and Uncontested Conditions NPDES Permit No. MA0101974 City of Cambridge, Department of Public Works NPDES Appeal No. 09-17

Dear Ms. Durr and Ms. Peterson:

On November 3, 2009, Stephen H. Kaiser, PhD, filed a petition for review of NPDES Permit No. MA0101974 ("Permit") with the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board"), pursuant to 40 CFR § 124.19(a). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1, had reissued the Permit to the City of Cambridge, Department of Public Works on September 30, 2009. The Permit superseded the permit issued by the Region on March 26, 1993. On December 3, 2009, the City of Cambridge ("City") moved to intervene as a party respondent in this matter. By Order dated December 9, 2009, the Board granted the City's motion.

In his petition, Mr. Kaiser contests the Region's alleged failure to sufficiently limit combined sewer overflow ("CSO") inflow from Alewife Brook floodwaters in the Permit. Pursuant to 40 CFR §§ 124.16(a)(2)(ii) and 124.60(b), contested permit conditions, and uncontested conditions that are not severable from contested conditions,

are stayed upon the filing of a petition for review until final agency action under 40 CFR § 124.19(f). In this case, I find that none of the conditions in the Permit are contested. Rather, Mr. Kaiser is contesting the absence of conditions related to CSO inflow and flood levels in Alewife Brook.

All conditions of the Permit are uncontested and severable from the issues raised in Mr. Kaiser's petition for review. Therefore, none of the conditions are stayed, and all will become fully effective, enforceable obligations of the Permit on February 1, 2010, pursuant to 40 CFR § 124.16(a)(2)(i).

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact Amanda Helwig, the Region's legal counsel in this matter, at (617) 918-1180, or Brian Pitt, the Region's Manager of the Municipal Permits Branch, at (617) 918-1875.

Sincerely

H. Curtis Spalding

Regional Administrator

cc: Stephen H. Kaiser, PhD.

Hetal Dhagat, Esq., Anderson & Kreiger

Amanda J. Helwig, Esq., U.S. EPA

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I caused a copy of REGION IX'S ATTACHMENT TO REPLY TO PETITIONERS' RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO PARTIALLY DISMISS PETITION AND ESTABLISH REVISED BRIEFING SCHEDULE to be served by electronic mail upon the persons listed below.

Dated: October 22, 2018

/S/ Thomas M. Hagler

Thomas M. Hagler

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