

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

In the Matter of:)
)
Town of Northbridge Wastewater)
Treatment Plant)
)
NPDES Permit MA0100722)
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Appeal No. NPDES 06-11

JOINT MOTION FOR STAY OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The New England Regional Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“Region”) and the Town of Northbridge (“Town”), respectfully submit to the Environmental Appeals Board (“Board”) this Joint Motion for Stay of the Proceedings in the above-referenced appeal until March 6, 2007.

On September 13, 2006, the Region reissued NPDES Permit, No. MA0100722 (“Permit”), to the Town, authorizing wastewater discharges from the Northbridge Wastewater Treatment Plant into an unnamed tributary to the Blackstone River and establishing effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions for such discharges. On October 16, 2006, the Town filed a petition for review by the Board contesting the Permit’s phosphorus limit of 0.2 mg/l from April 1 – October 31, the phosphorus limit of 1.0 mg/l from November 1 – March 31, and the fecal coliform limits for the period of November 1– March 31. The Board received the petition on October 16, 2006, and directed the Region to respond to the petition no later than December 4, 2006.

The parties believe that resolution of some or all of the issues in this appeal is possible and have agreed to enter into settlement discussions. A settlement of some or all

of the issues in the appeal will simplify or resolve the issues before the Board and thus conserve the Board's resources.

For the foregoing reasons, the Region and the Town request a stay of the proceedings before the Board in this case until March 6, 2007. On or as soon as possible before that date, the Parties will submit a status report to advise the Board of the status of settlement discussions and whether it is appropriate to continue the stay, dismiss the petition, or establish a schedule for the Region's response to the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

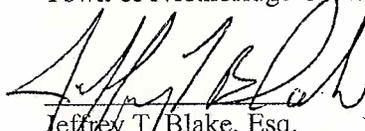
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