BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BO UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WASHINGTON, D.C. In re: Government of the District of Columbia,) NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-07

and 06-08

NPDES Permit No. DC0000221

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

ORDER GRANTING FIFTH JOINT MOTION FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

On February 12, 2007, all parties involved in NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-07 and 06-08 filed a joint motion for a fifth stay of the proceedings and an extension of time for EPA Region III to file a response to the petitions for review in the above-captioned case. As before, the parties seek another stay and extension of filing deadlines to facilitate settlement discussions among the parties. The parties report that they have been actively involved in settlement negotiations, having met in person or by teleconference most recently on December 11, 2006, and January 26, 2007. They state that a number of issues remain unresolved and seek more time to continue the negotiation process, which may include a formal mediation. Accordingly, the parties jointly move for an additional stay of proceedings and extension of Region III's filing obligations until April 16, 2007.

For good cause shown, the parties' joint motion for another stay of the proceedings and extension of time is hereby **GRANTED**. The Region's consolidated brief in response to the two petitions for review must now be filed with the Board on or before **Monday**, April 16, 2007.

So ordered.

Dated: February 20, 2007

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD By:___ KM Anna L. Wolgast

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **Order Granting Fifth Joint Motion for Stay of Proceedings** in the matter of Government of the District of Columbia, Municipal Separate Sewer System, NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-07 and 06-08, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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