

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

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In re:	)	
Springfield Water & Sewer Commission	)	NPDES Appeal No. 20-07
NPDES Permit No. MA0101613	)	
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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR**  
**EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY BRIEF**

On December 17, 2020, Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (“Springfield”) filed a motion for a twenty-one-day extension of time to file a reply brief in the above-captioned matter. Springfield’s reply is presently due on or before January 6, 2021.

Springfield reports that on December 15, 2020, it conferred with U.S. EPA Region 1 regarding the possibility of resolving some or all of the issues raised in Springfield’s petition. During that conference, the Region stated that its ability to negotiate a settlement would depend in part on the positions of certain other stakeholders, including the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Connecticut River Conservancy, and Save the Sound (collectively, “Stakeholders”). Springfield agreed that it would confer with the Stakeholders to discuss the potential for settlement. Motion at 1-2.

To provide time for such conferences, and recognizing that the intervening holidays may complicate conference scheduling and affect Springfield’s ability to fully develop a reply by January 6, 2021, Springfield seeks three additional weeks, through January 27, 2021, to file its

reply. *Id.* at 2. Springfield reports that it discussed this possible extension with the Region, and the Region stated that it takes no position on the motion. *Id.*

In order to provide Springfield time to confer with the Stakeholders and to avoid spending unnecessary administrative decisionmaking resources while Springfield, the Region, and the Stakeholders explore the possibility of settlement, the Environmental Appeals Board hereby **GRANTS** Springfield's motion. Springfield's reply brief must be filed with the Board on or before **Wednesday, January 27, 2021**. The parties must file a status report on the progress of settlement discussions no later than **Friday, January 22, 2021**.

So ordered.

**ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD**

Dated: **Dec 18 2020**

By:   
Mary Kay Lynch  
Environmental Appeals Judge

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing **Order Granting Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Brief** in the matter of *Springfield Water & Sewer Commission*, NPDES Appeal No. 20-07, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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