

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

In re:

Ocean Era, Inc. – Velella Epsilon Facility

NPDES Permit No. FL0A00001

NPDES Appeal No. 20-08

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Petitioner Friends of Animals ("FOA") has filed an unopposed motion seeking an extension of time to file its reply to the response brief filed by EPA Region 4 on December 18, 2020. Currently FOA's reply brief is due on January 4, 2021. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(c)(2). Petitioner seeks an extension of time to file its reply brief until February 1, 2021.

In support of the extension, FOA states that it "has a limited staff, some of whom have scheduling conflicts during the time to file the reply." Friends of Animals' Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time at 2 (Dec. 22, 2020). FOA states further that its offices were closed on December 25, 2020, and January 1, 2021. *Id.* Finally, FOA states that it has a hearing in the 10th Circuit scheduled for January 2021. *Id.*

Based on representations in the unopposed motion, the Board grants FOA's motion for extension of time to file a reply brief under 40 C.F.R. §§ 124.19(c), (g). Any reply brief in this

matter must be filed on or before Monday, February 1, 2021. See 40 C.F.R. § 124.20(c).

So ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Dated: January 4, 2021

By: Kathie a. Stein

Kathie A. Stein Environmental Appeals Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing *Order Granting Extension of Time* in the matter of Ocean Era, Inc. – Velella Epsilon Facility, NPDES Appeal No. 20-08, were sent by email to the following persons:

For EPA:

Paul Schwartz U.S. EPA Region 4 Office of Regional Counsel 61 Forsyth St., NW Atlanta, GA 30303 Schwartz.Paul@epa.gov Tel. (404) 562-9576

Steven Neugeboren Assoc. General Counsel Water Law Office U.S. EPA Office of General Counsel Mail Code: 2310A 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20460 Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov Tel: 202-564-5488

For Friends of Animals:

Jennifer Best Adam Kreger Friends of Animals 7500 E. Arapahoe Rd., Ste. 385 Centennial, CO 80112 jennifer@friendsofanimals.org adam.kreger@friendsofanimals.org Tel: (720) 949-7719

For Ocean Era, Inc.:

Neil Anthony Sims Ocean Era, Incorporated P.O. Box 4239 Kailua-Kona, HI 96745 neil@ocean-era.com Tel: (808)989-2438

Dated: Jan 04, 2021

Buila Dun

Eurika Durr Clerk of the Board