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

In re:

General Electric Company

NPDES Appeal No. 08-25



NPDES Permit No. MA0003891

ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINE TO FILE REGION'S RESPONSE

By motion dated November 20, 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 ("Region"), and General Electric Company ("GE"), jointly request that the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") extend the deadline for the Region to file its response to GE's petition for review in the above-captioned matter. Joint Motion to Extend the Deadline for Filing the Region's Response to the Petition for Review (Nov. 20, 2008) ("Motion"). For the foregoing reasons, the Motion is GRANTED.

After GE filed its petition for review of NPDES permit number MA0003891 on November 3, 2008, the Clerk of the Board directed the to Region file a response to the petition no later than December 23, 2008. Letter from Eurika Durr, Clerk of the Board, Environmental Appeals Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Nov. 6, 2008). The Region and GE now seek to extend the deadline for the Region to file its response to April 23, 2009, so that the parties may undertake settlement negotiations. *Id.* Accordingly, the parties propose to file a status report on the progress of the settlement negotiations no later than March 23, 2009. *Id.* At that time, the parties intend to move for additional relief as warranted.

In the interest of judicial economy and for good cause shown, the Board hereby grants the Motion and extends the deadline for the Region to file its response to April 23, 2009. The parties

shall file a status report no later than March 23, 2009. This status report shall advise whether the Board should further extend the deadline, establish a revised briefing schedule, or take other appropriate action.

So ordered.

Dated: November $\frac{25}{,2008}$

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

By:

Edward E. Reich Environmental Appeals Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing Order Extending Deadline to File Region's Response, in the matter of *General Electric Company*, NPDES Petition No. 08-25, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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