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VIA FAX AND VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Eurika Durr, Clerk of the Board Environmental Appeals Board (MC 1103B) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460-0001

Re: NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-12, 06-13 NPDES Permit No. MA 0004898 Mirant Kendall, LLC

November 21, 2008

Dear Ms. Durr,

Enclosed please find the original of Respondent's Status Report and Motion to Extend Stay of Proceedings in the above-captioned case, with an attached certificate of service. The motion and the certificate of service have also been mailed to the Board and to counsel of record today. In lieu of five additional paper copies for the Board, an electronic copy has been posted to the CDX system.

Sincerely.

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

In re: Mirant Kendall, LLC Mirant Kendall Station

NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-12, 06-13

NPDES Permit No. MA 0004898

RÉSPONDENT'S STATUS REPORT AND MOTION TO EXTEND STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

Region 1 ("Region") of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, with the assent of Petitioner Mirant Kendall, LLC, hereby provides this status report and respectfully requests that the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") extend the stay of proceedings in this case, in light of the status of a pending modification to the permit under appeal.

As explained in more detail below, the Region requests that the stay be extended to December 18, 2008, so that the Region may finalize the permit modification.

BACKGROUND

This proceeding is currently stayed pending a permit modification proceeding. *See In re Mirant Kendall, LLC, Mirant Kendall Station*, NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-12 & 06-13, at 1 (EAB Oct. 16, 2008) (Order Granting Unopposed Motion for Fourth Stay of Proceedings). In the Region's most recent status report, filed October 14, 2008, the Region estimated that it would require until November 21, 2008 to finalize the permit modification and response to comments. *See id.*

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STATUS REPORT AND GROUNDS FOR EXTENSION OF STAY

The Region has been working diligently to finalize the permit modification and accompanying response to comments, and is very close to completion. The proceeding raises a number of complex issues and completion of the permitting has required more time than earlier contemplated. The Region expects, however, that it can complete the permit modification and accompanying response to comments by December 18, 2008.

REQUESTED RELIEF

In the interest of judicial economy and to enable the Region to complete the permit modification process contemplated by 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(d), the Region requests that the Board issue an order extending the stay of proceedings. The Region proposes to submit a status report no later than December 18, 2008, advising whether the Board should further extend the stay, establish a revised schedule for the litigation, or take other appropriate action.

The Region represents that its undersigned counsel has discussed this Status Report and Motion to Extend Stay of Proceedings with counsel for Petitioner Mirant Kendall, LLC, and that such Petitioner assents to the motion.¹

Respectfully submitted.

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¹ The Region provided an advance copy of the status report and motion to counsel for Petitioners Conservation Law Foundation and Charles River Watershed Association but was unable to determine in time whether those Petitioners assent.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, <u>Ronald A. Fen</u>, hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Respondent's Status Report and Motion to Extend Stay of Proceedings were sent on the 21st day of November 2008 to the following persons in the manner described below:

Original by first class mail Copy posted to CDX electronic system Copy by fax

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Signed: November 21, 2008

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