UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

In the Matter of:

CITY OF SANDPOINT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

NPDES Permit No. ID0020842

Appeal No. NPDES 18-01

EPA REGION 10'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE BRIEF

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 ("Region") respectfully requests an extension of time in which to file its response brief to Appeal No. NPDES 18-01. The extension would move the date by which the Region must respond to the Petition for Review ("Petition") filed by Idaho Conservation League ("ICL") from August 10, 2018 to September 24, 2018. As grounds for the motion, the Region states as follows:

 On July 11, 2018, ICL filed with the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB") a Petition for Review of NPDES Permit No. ID0020842 issued to the City of Sandpoint Wastewater Treatment Plant ("Facility"). This Petition was assigned Appeal No. NPDES 18-01.

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- 2. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(b)(2), "the Regional Administrator must file a response to the petition, a certified index of the administrative record, and the relevant portions of the administrative record within 30 days after the filing of the petition." Therefore, the Region's response brief and certified index of the administrative record is currently due on August 10, 2018.
 - ICL's challenge to the Facility's NPDES permit raises an issue involving the interaction between state water quality standards and NPDES permitting. This issue will require coordination with multiple offices at EPA Headquarters. In preparing this response to the Petition, the Region will need to consult and coordinate with appropriate personnel in the EPA Headquarters Office of General Counsel and Office of Water, in particular, the sub-offices within the Office of Water that oversee national NPDES permitting and water quality standards policy.
 - The EPA regional attorney assigned to this appeal will be out of the office from August 28, 2018 to September 5, 2018.
 - In addition, numerous EPA staff needed to review the response brief will be out of the office from August 22, 2018 to September 10, 2018.

On July 23, 2018, in a phone conversation with the EPA regional attorney, ICL indicated that it did not object to this motion and the proposed due date for the response brief. There are no other parties to the proceedings.

As such, the Region requests that the EAB grant an extension on the time to file a response brief and certified index of the administrative record to September 24, 2018.

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DATED: July 30, 2018

Respectfully Submitted

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing "EPA Region 10's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Response Brief" was sent to the following persons, in the manner specified, on the date below:

By electronic filing (and hard copy via U.S. Mail) to:

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DATED: July 30, 2018

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