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**Message:** Enclosed please find the Status Report and Motion to Extend the Stay of Proceedings in the matter of City of Portsmouth Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility and Combined Sewer Overflows, NPDES Appeal Number 07-13, with accompanying Certificate of Service and Transmittal Letter.



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Eurika Durr, Clerk of the Board  
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Washington, DC 20460-0001

Re: City of Portsmouth Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility  
and Combined Sewer Overflows  
NPDES Appeal Number 07-13

Dear Ms. Durr:

Enclosed please find one original and five copies of the Status Report and Motion to Extend the  
Stay of Proceedings in the above referenced NPDES permit appeal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann H. Williams", is written over a horizontal line.

Ann H. Williams  
Senior Assistant Regional Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Thomas F. Irwin, Esq.  
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**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD  
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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In the Matter of: )

City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire )  
Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility) )  
and Combined Sewer Overflows )

NPDES Appeal No. 07-13

NPDES Permit No. NH0100234 )  
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**STATUS REPORT AND MOTION TO EXTEND THE STAY OF PROCEEDINGS**

Region 1 of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or the "Region"), Respondent, respectfully submits to the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") this status report and motion to extend the stay of proceedings related to the petition for review filed by the Conservation Law Foundation ("CLF") in the above-referenced appeal. The basis for this motion is to allow the parties an additional twenty-one (21) days to continue their settlement discussions to resolve the issues raised on appeal, as discussed below. Counsel for CLF and the City of Portsmouth ("City") have assented to this motion.

On April 10, 2007, the Region reissued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Permit, No. NH0100234 (the "Permit"), to the City authorizing wastewater discharges into the Piscataqua River and combined sewer overflow discharges into South Mill Pond and the Piscataqua River. CLF filed its petition for review with the Board on May 3, 2007,

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and the City filed a letter with the Board stating its desire to participate in the proceedings as a party on June 20, 2007.

The Board issued an order on June 27, 2007 which granted the City's request to intervene as a party, and also granted the Region's motion to stay the proceedings until August 31, 2007 to enable the parties to explore settlement of the issues on appeal. On September 5, 2007, and October 23, 2007, the Board granted further stays of the proceedings based on the parties' progress in negotiations described in the status reports that the Region filed on August 31, 2007 and October 16, 2007. The Board's October 23, 2007 order directed the parties to provide to the Board, on or before November 30, 2007, a report describing the status of settlement negotiations and suggesting a future course of action.

Since the date of the last status report, the parties have reached an agreement in principle (contingent on an overall agreement being reached) on a final plan related to interim measures that could be employed before the new secondary treatment plant is completed. The parties are continuing their negotiations related to future nitrogen controls and remain optimistic that a final agreement can be achieved.

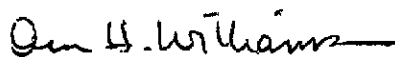
The Region, with the assent of counsel for CLF and the City, requests an extension of the stay of proceedings for an additional twenty-one (21) days, until December 21, 2007, to provide time for the parties to continue the discussions aimed at reaching final resolution of the issues on appeal. On or as soon as possible before that date, the parties will submit a status report to

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advise the Board whether it is appropriate to continue the stay, dismiss the petitions, or establish a schedule for EPA's and the City's responses to the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

United States EPA/Region I



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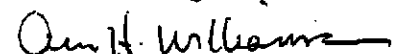
### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing Status Report and Motion to Extend the Stay of Proceedings in the above-captioned matter by facsimile and by mailing one original and five copies by First Class Mail on this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2007 to the Environmental Appeals Board (MC 1103B), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460-0001; and that a true copy of the foregoing was sent by facsimile and by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, to:

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