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

In Re:))
Springfield Water and Sewer Commission,))
Springfield Regional Wastewater Treatment))
Facility))
Reissuance of NPDES Permit No.))
MA0101613))

NPDES Permit Appeal No. 20-07

STATUS REPORT ON SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (the "Commission" or "SWSC") and the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") provide this status report to the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board) regarding settlement discussions in the captioned matters, in accordance with the Board's December 18, 2020 Order.

On December 17, 2020, SWSC filed a motion for extension of time to file a reply, in part, to provide time for SWSC to confer with the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection ("CT DEEP"), Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP"), Connecticut River Conservancy, and Save the Sound (collectively, "Stakeholders") to explore the possibility of settlement. Since that time, SWSC reached out to all Stakeholders. SWSC spoke with the Connecticut River Conservancy and Save the Sound, and with MassDEP, but no progress was made toward resolving any significant issues raised in this appeal. SWSC also attempted to contact CT DEEP, but received no response.

Given that the parties have not resolved any of the issues on appeal, the parties make no further recommendations to the Board regarding settlement in this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on January 22, 2021 the foregoing Status Report was served on to the

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