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> In re: Government of District of Columbia Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, NPDES Permit No. DC 0000221

Dear Ms. Durr:

Enclosed for filing are an original and five (5) copies of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's (1) Motion for Leave to Withdraw as a Petitioner; and (2) Motion to Substitute and Withdraw Counsel along with proposed orders.

Also enclosed is an additional copy of each motion which I ask that you file stamp and return in the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

Stewart T. Leeth

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**Enclosures** 

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Government of the District of Columbia Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System,	) )	NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-07 and 06-08
NPDES Permit No. DC 0000221,	) ) )	

## THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS A PETITIONER

Pursuant to Environmental Appeals Board (Board) Practice Manual § III.D.7.b., the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority ("WASA") hereby moves for leave to withdraw as a Petitioner in NPDES Appeal No. 06-07. In support of its motion, WASA submits the following.

- 1. On April 12, 2006, the Government of the District of Columbia ("District") and WASA jointly filed with the Board a Petition for Review ("Petition") asking the Board to review a determination by Region III of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to modify National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit No. DC0000221 ("Permit") for the District of Columbia's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). This appeal is designated as NPDES Appeal No. 06-07.
- 2. On April 17, 2006, Friends of the Earth and Defenders of Wildlife jointly filed with the Board a Petition for Review asking the Board to review the same EPA determination appealed by the District and WASA. This appeal is designated as NPDES

Appeal No. 06-08. By order dated May 25, 2006, the Board consolidated the two appeals.

- 3. The District, as the Permit holder, has overall responsibility for compliance with the Permit, including coordination of permit compliance and implementation activities of its various agencies, including both those under the direct control of the Mayor and its independent agencies. At the time the Petition was filed, WASA served as the MS4's Storm Water Administrator, and thus appropriately coordinated the District's response to the permit, even though it was separately named to reflect its special status as both an independent agency and the then Stormwater Administrator.
- 4. Effective February 15, 2007, the responsibilities and title of the Storm Water Administrator were transferred from WASA to the newly created Department of the Environment within the executive branch of Government of the District of Columbia. *See* D.C. Code § 8-151.03(b)(2). Therefore, WASA no longer need be separately identified in the petition, but simply can participate with all other affected District agencies through the Mayor and the Stormwater Administrator. <sup>1</sup>
- 5. Counsel for EPA does not object to the granting of the request set forth in this motion. Counsel for Earthjustice could not be reached at the time of the filing of WASA's motion.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons explained above, WASA requests that the Board enter an Order granting WASA's motion for leave to withdraw.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WASA has moved separately, for the same reasons, to substitute counsel in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the date noted below I sent the original and five copies of the foregoing Motion in *In re: Government of the District of Columbia Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, NPDES permit No. DC 0000221*, NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-07 and 06-08, to the Clerk of the Environmental Appeals Board, by facsimile and Overnight Mail:

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In addition, I hereby certify that on the date noted below I sent true and correct copies of the same via e-mail and First Class mail to the following persons:

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