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> In Re: Government of the District of Columbia, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-07 and 06-08 (Consolidated)

Dear Ms. Durr:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and five copies of the Fourth Joint Motion for Stay of Proceedings and Extension of Time in the above-captioned matter, along with a proposed Order.

Sincerely,

Lori G. Kier

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(via facsimile and regular mail)

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BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NOV 23 PM 12: 42 WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In Re:)
Government of the District of Columbia, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-07) and 06-08)
NPDES Permit No. DC 0000221)
Government of the District of Columbia and District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority,))
Friends of the Earth and Defenders of Wildlife,	
Petitioners,)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III,)
Respondent.)

FOURTH JOINT MOTION FOR STAY OF PROCEEDINGS AND EXTENSION OF TIME

The Respondent in this proceeding, the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region III ("EPA"); and Petitioners, the Government of the District of Columbia ("DC Government"); the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority ("DC WASA"); and Friends of the Earth and Defenders of Wildlife ("FOE/DOW"), collectively, "the Parties," hereby submit this Fourth Joint Motion for Stay of Proceedings and Extension of Time for EPA to file a response to the Petitioners' petitions ("Response") and certified index to the administrative record. Pursuant to Order of the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") dated September 26,

2006, EPA's consolidated brief in response to the DC and FOE/DOW's Petitions for Review is currently due December 1, 2006.

As indicated in previous filings in this matter, the parties engaged in settlement discussions on June 30, 2006. In addition, the parties have met in person on July 19, 2006 and by telephone on September 12, 2006. Further, the parties have met in person on October 16, 2006, and by teleconference on November 9, 2006. During all such meetings, the parties have made progress toward resolving the issues raised in the individual appeals.

Moreover, the November 7, 2006 election has resulted in a change of administration to the Government of Washington, D.C., with the new elected officials beginning their positions on January 2, 2007. While the parties are scheduled to reconvene on December 11, 2006, they also anticipate that the transition to a new administration will necessitate some additional time for negotiations. Accordingly, the parties hereby jointly move for an additional stay of proceedings and extension to EPA's filing obligations until March 1, 2007 to facilitate continued settlement discussions.

Respectfully submitted this day of November 2006

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PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING FOU OF PROCEEDINGS AND E	
For good cause shown, the Parties' Motion	for Stay of Proceedings and Extension of
Time is hereby granted. EPA shall file its Response	e to the Petitions and administrative record no
later than March 1, 2007.	
So ordered.	
Dated:	
	ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
	By:
	Environmental Appeals Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date indicated below I filed the original and five copies of the foregoing Fourth Joint Motion for Stay of Proceedings and Extension of Time with the Clerk of the Environmental Appeals Board by facsimile and U.S. mail. Moreover, I hereby certify that on the same date I sent a copy of the foregoing document to each of the parties below, by facsimile and first class mail:

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