## THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

In the matter of:	) DOCKET NO: RCRA-UST-04-2009-0001	
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Dilbag Khera	) Proceeding under Section 9006	
AM Food and Gas	) of the Resource Conservation	
11670 Jones Bridge Road	) and Recovery Act, as amended	2909 146
Alpharetta, Georgia 30005	) 42 U.S.C. § 6991e	4
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Respondent	)	2
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### COMPLAINANT'S RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE ANSWER

- 1. On June 1, 2009, Complainant filed the Administrative Complaint referenced above by certified mail, return receipt requested. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.16(a), Respondent's Answer was due 30 days after service of the Complaint. The return receipt requested green card shows that the Complaint was received on June 3, 2009. Therefore, the Complaint was served on June 3, 2009. (40 C.F.R.22.5(b)(1)(C)(iii). Accordingly, the Answer was due on July 3, 2009.
- 2. On July 10, 2009, one week after the Answer was due, Respondent filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk his Motion for an Extension of Time to File Answer, together with his proposed Answer.
- 3. Paragraph 7 of Respondent's Motion erroneously states that service of the Complaint was ineffective and improper. Tellingly, Respondent does not provide any facts to support that contention. The Complaint was, in fact, properly served upon Respondent pursuant to all of the requirements found in 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

- 4. Paragraph 1 of Respondent's Motion erroneously states that the Complaint was delivered to Respondent's address on June 5, 2009. The green card shows that the Complaint was actually delivered, and received on June 3, 2009.
- 5. Paragraph 5 of Respondent's Motion erroneously states that Respondent retained counsel three days after it's Answer was due, on July 8, 2009. Since the Answer was due on July 3, 2009, Respondent did not retain counsel until five days after the Answer was due.
- Having hereby clarified certain erroneous facts in Respondent's Motion,
   Complainant does not object to the Court allowing Respondent to file his proposed Answer.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah S. Benjamin, Esq. Associate Regional Counsel 7/21/09 Date

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#### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

Please be advised that from this date forward, until further notice, Deborah S. Benjamin is Complainant's new attorney of record for the above reference matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah S. Benjamin, Esq.

Associate Regional Counsel

7/2/09 Date

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that Complainant's Reply to Respondent's Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer, and Notice of Substitution of Counsel, was sent this <u>Alst</u> day of July, 2009, in the following manner to the addressees below:

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