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In the Matter of: )

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation )

**Respondent.** )

) **MOTION FOR EXTENSION**  
) **OF TIME TO ANSWER**  
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The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (EPA), by its undersigned attorney, with the concurrence of Mr. Stephen A. Bain, counsel for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting), requests that an extension be granted so that Whiting will have until December 2, 2011 to file an answer in this matter. This motion is made pursuant to the section 22.16 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. § 22.16.

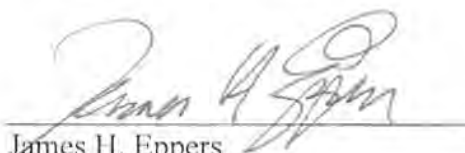
EPA requests that this motion be granted since EPA and Whiting concluded on October 26, 2011 a settlement conference that was fruitful. The parties believe that Whiting's time is better spent working with EPA toward finalizing a settlement rather than writing and filing an answer. The current deadline for Whiting to file an answer is on or around November 2, 2011.

Therefore, counsel for EPA, with the concurrence of Mr. Bain, moves that an extension of time be granted for Whiting to file an answer until December 2, 2011.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 27th day of October, 2011.

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the original and a copy of the attached MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER was hand-carried to the Regional Hearing Clerk, EPA Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado, and that a true copy of the same was sent via first class U.S. Mail to:

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