## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMETAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

In the Matter of:

## WYETH PHARMACEUTICALS COMPANY, INC.

State Road 3, Km. 142.1 Guayama, Puerto Rico 00784

#### RESPONDENT

Proceeding pursuant to Section 309(g)(2)(B) of the Clean Water Act, 33 USC § 1319(g)

PROCEEDING TO ASSESS A CLASS II CIVIL PENALTY

DOCKET NUMBER CWA-02-2009-3460

**RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE** 

### TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW Respondent, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Company, Inc. – Guayama Operations ("Wyeth-Guayama"), through the undersigned counsel, and respectfully set forth and pray as follows:

- The parties continue to make progress in their effort to reach an agreement in furtherance of settlement of the case at hand, including the amount of a settlement payment. A meeting to that effect was held last Thursday, November 12, 2009.
- 2. Settlement of the present action would promote procedural economy, avoiding the delays and costs resulting from the upcoming administrative hearing, in the interest of both Complainant and Respondent.
- 3. Wyeth-Guayama desires to continue in good faith to negotiate a settlement of this matter in an attempt to reach an amicable resolution of the issues raised,

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and believes that a period of ninety (90) days will be adequate to explore whether such a resolution can be reached.

4. Moreover, as of the date of this Motion, a location for the hearing has yet to be identified by Complainant.

WHEREFORE, Wyeth-Guayama respectfully requests a stay of the proceedings in the present action for a period of ninety (90) days, in order for the parties to rigorously pursue settlement negotiations.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I CERTIFY that, on the date noted below, I caused to be submitted a copy of the foregoing Respondent's Motion for Continuance to the following persons, at the addresses listed below, and in the manner specified below:

### **Original and one copy via Federal Express:**

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Judge William B. Moran U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Administrative Law Judges Franklin Court Building 1099 14<sup>th</sup> Street N.W. Suite 350 Washington DC 20460 WYETH-GUAYAMA — CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE DOCKET NO. CWA-02-2009-3480 PAGE 2

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