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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-REGION VII REGIONAL HEARING CLERK

In the Matter of)
William Gepford))) Desired No. CWA 07 2004 0057
) Docket No. CWA-07-2006-0057
Respondents))

ORDER REGARDING RESPONDENT'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION

Respondent, stating that the parties "have settled this matter," requests by motion a "90-day extension of time until November 13, 2006 to submit the initial Prehearing Exchanges in this matter". The Respondent relates that EPA does not object to the requested extension.

This is the third extension requested in this matter. There is no basis to grant a three month extension for a case that has been announced to be settled. Further the requested extension does not warrant that a fully executed settlement agreement will be provided in three months, a request too long in any event, but only that the parties will have until then to submit their prehearing exchanges.

As the Court has been notified that the matter is settled, there is no basis for failing to submit the fully executed consent agreement within 30 days. Therefore the Court orders that a copy of the consent agreement be provided not later than September 26, 2006. Further, should the consent agreement not be forthcoming, the prehearing exchanges will be due within one week upon the determination that the settlement could not be achieved in fact. In that event, it is implicit that the prehearing exchanges will be submitted before September 26, 2006.

William B. Moran

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United States Administrative Law Judge

Dated: August 28, 2006 Washington, D.C.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the following **ORDER REGARDING RESPONDENT'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION**, dated August 28, 2006 was sent in the following manner to the addresses listed below.

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