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IN THE MATTER OF:)
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Parker Solvents Company Inc.) Docket No. RCRA-06-2020-0945
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Respondent)
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WHEREAS, on March 10, 2021, Complainant, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, filed an Initial Administrative Order against Respondent alleging violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. On April 21, 2021, Respondent filed a response to the Initial Administrative Order where it, among other things, requested a hearing. On May 11, 2021, Complainant filed a Joint Motion for extension of time to delay the hearing so that the parties may "conduct settlement negotiations regarding an Administrative Order on Consent." I granted that Joint Motion until July 12, 2021. On July 8, 2021, Complainant filed a Second Joint Motion for an extension of time in order to continue good faith settlement negotiations, which said Second Joint Motion I granted until October 12, 2021.

The parties have now filed a Third Joint Motion for an extension of time. While granting a third motion is not something I do as a matter of course, where it is clear the parties are attempting to reach an amicable resolution, as is the case in this matter, I will typically grant such a motion. However, baring exceptional circumstances or substantial progress (e.g., the parties are simply waiting for final signatures on a completed agreement), granting a fourth motion to extend is unlikely. As settlement is the preferred route over a hearing, I encourage the parties to make this case a priority and reach a timely solution in the next ninety days.

It is therefore ORDERED that the Third Joint Motion be, and hereby is, GRANTED until January 12, 2022.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2021.

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REGIONAL JUDICIAL OFFICER

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lorena S. Vaughn, the Regional Hearing Clerk for the Region 6 office of the Environmental Protection Agency, hereby certify that a TRUE AND CORRECT copy of RCRA-06-2020-0945, was served upon the parties on the date and in the manner set forth below:

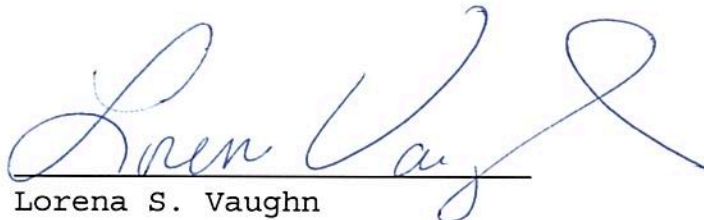
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Lorena S. Vaughn
Regional Hearing Clerk