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October 29, 2010

Sent via telefax (212-637-3115) and U.S. Priority Mail

Ms. Karen Maples Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10007

Re:

In the Matter of Lawes Coal Company, Inc.

Docket No. CWA 02-2009-3802

Dear Ms. Maples:

On behalf of Lawes Coal Company, Inc. ("Lawes"), I have enclosed herewith the following documents for filing in the above-referenced matter:

- (1) an original and one (1) copy of a letter to the Regional Judicial Officer requesting an extension of time for Lawes to file an Answer to the USEPA's Complaint; and
  - (2) a Certification of Service.

I have also enclosed an additional copy of this packet and ask that you please mark it "Received" and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed reply envelope.

Thank you very much for your courtesies. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Saul Ewing LLP

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The Honorable Helen Ferrara, RJO United States Environmental Protection Agency 290 Broadway, 17th Floor New York, NY 10007-1866

Re:

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Docket No.: CWA-02-2009-3802

Dear The Honorable Helen Ferrara, RJO:

On behalf of the Respondent Lawes Coal Company, Inc., the purpose of this letter is to request an extension of time until February 26, 2010 for the Respondent to file its Answer to the USEPA's Complaint in the above-referenced matter. Mr. Timothy Murphy, Esq., the Regional Counsel representing the USEPA in the matter, has so graciously consented to the extension. The purpose of the extension is to allow the parties to continue to engage in settlement communications.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours Saul/Ewing LLP

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c Timothy Murphy, Esq. (via email and U.S. Priority Mail)

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IN THE MATTER OF:

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 2,

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LAWES COAL CO. INC.,

Respondent.

Proceeding to Assess Class I Civil Penalty Under Section 311(b)(6) of the Clean Water Act.

Docket No.: CWA-02-2009-3802

**CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE** 

- I, Cristina Stummer, being of full age, hereby certify:
- 1. I am an associate with the law firm of Saul Ewing LLP, a Delaware LLP, attorneys for Respondent Lawes Coal Company, Inc.
- 2. On October 29, 2010, I caused to be served via U.S. Priority Mail one (1) original and one (1) copy of Respondent's Request for Extension of Time to File an Answer on pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 22.5 on:

Ms. Karen Maples
Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
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New York, New York 10007

3. On October 29, 2010, I caused to be served via U.S. Priority Mail one (1) copy of Respondent's Request for Extension of Time to File an Answer pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 22.5 on:

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Timothy Murphy, Esq.
Assistant Regional Counsel
United States Environmental Protection Agency
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I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Cristina Stummer

Dated: October 29, 2010