

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of:)
Clean Air Environmental Services, Inc.,) Docket No. TSCA-02-2024-9276
)
Respondent.)

ORDER ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Prehearing Order, issued July 9, 2024, set deadlines for the parties to engage in the prehearing exchange of information process. The deadline for Complainant to file and serve its Initial Prehearing Exchange is this Friday, August 23, 2024.

On August 19, 2024, Complainant filed its Unopposed Motion for an Extension of Time on the Remaining Prehearing Filing Deadlines ("Motion"). In the Motion, Complainant reports that the parties "are currently progressing toward settlement." Mot. ¶ 2. Complainant states that it "believes that an additional 60 days would allow the Parties ample time to resolve this matter via settlement, and to draft and concur on a Consent Agreement and Final Order[.]" Mot. ¶ 3. Complainant sets out a proposed prehearing filing schedule that would conclude the prehearing exchange of information process in late November. Mot. ¶ 4. Complainant also avers that Respondent consented to the Motion and therefore would not be prejudiced by it. Mot. ¶¶ 4, 6, 8. Complainant contends that there is good cause to grant the Motion because it would give the parties time to work toward settlement and to review and evaluate documentation each recently provided to the other. Mot. ¶ 7.

Under the Consolidated Rules of Practice governing this proceeding, set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 22, "the Presiding Officer may grant an extension of time for filing any document[] upon timely motion of a party to the proceeding, for good cause shown, and after consideration of prejudice to other parties[.]" 40 C.F.R. § 22.7(b). Here, I find that there is good cause to allow the requested 60-day extension of time to permit further settlement negotiations. I agree that neither party will be prejudiced by granting this request. The Motion is therefore **GRANTED**.

If a fully-executed Consent Agreement and Final Order is not filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk before October 22, 2024, then the prehearing exchanges called for in the Prehearing Order shall be filed and served on or before the following deadlines:

October 22, 2024 Complainant's Initial Prehearing Exchange

November 12, 2024 Respondent's Prehearing Exchange

November 26, 2024 Complainant's Rebuttal Prehearing Exchange

Any remaining deadlines set by the Prehearing Order, such as that for filing a joint motion for the appointment of a neutral, are extended accordingly.

SO ORDERED.

Michael B. Wright

Administrative Law Judge

Dated: August 20, 2024

Washington, D.C.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Order on Motion for Extension of Time**, dated August 20, 2024, and issued by Administrative Law Judge Michael B. Wright, was sent this day to the following parties in the manner indicated below.

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