BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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In the Matter of:

STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES,

Juneau, Alaska.

Respondent.

Docket No. CWA-10-2024-0154

RESPONDENT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Respondent, State of Alaska, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities ("DOT&PF") hereby moves for a two-week extension to file its prehearing exchanges pursuant to 40 CFR 22.7(b) and 22.16(a). Per the Prehearing Order dated October 24, 2024, Respondent's prehearing exchange of documents is currently due on January 3, 2025 and Complainant's rebuttal exchange is due January 17, 2025. DOT&PF proposes that Respondent's prehearing exchange should be moved to January 17, 2025, and that Complainant's rebuttal exchange should receive a similar extension to January 31, 2025.

Counsel for DOT&PF and EPA have conferred, and EPA does not oppose the proposed two-week extension that both parties will receive.

Good cause exists for the requested extension. The winter holidays are occurring during the time period within which DOT&PF must prepare its prehearing exchange. As a result, several members of both DOT&PF and the Alaska Department of Law are on leave or will be on leave in the coming weeks. A number of DOT&PF personnel who are relevant to this litigation are also traveling out of state presently to either care for sick family members or, in one case, to attend a funeral. An unexpected lack of childcare due to sickness and daycare closures has also caused some delay. Consequently, it has been difficult or impossible to coordinate with relevant agency personnel regarding the production of documents and to jointly analyze the materials disclosed in EPA's prehearing exchange, which amount to over 1,200 pages of documents to review. Counsel for DOT&PF is also burdened with a number of unrelated ongoing State court litigation and federal administrative appeals that have had major deadlines occurring during this period as well.

Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, DOT&PF requests a two-week extension for the prehearing exchange deadlines for both parties.

Dated December 18, 2024.

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