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Re:

In the Matter of Municipality of Mayagüez

DOCKET NUMBER CWA-02-2011-3453

Motion Informing Agreement in Principle Reached by the Parties

Date:

August 24, 2012

Good afternoon.

Enclosed please find the *Motion Informing Agreement in Principle Reached*by the Parties for the above captioned matter.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2

IN THE MATTER OF:

MOTION

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Motion Informing Agreement in Principle Reached by the Parties and Request for Extension of Time to File Executed Consent Agreement and Final Order

COMES NOW Complainant, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the undersigned attorney, and respectfully alleges, prays and requests as follows:

On August 24, 2012, the Municipality of Mayagüez (Respondent) and the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Complainant") (together, "the Parties") reached an agreement in principle dispositive of all matters asserted in the Administrative Complaint, including a penalty.

The Parties are engaged in settlement discussions in order to reach an agreement as to the final language and terms of the Consent Agreement and Final Order (CA/FO). Once the CA/FO is finalized it will be placed into concurrence within several EPA officers located in Region 2's San Juan and New York offices for their

review and concurrence. Also, in order to file a duly executed CA/FO, the signature of the Respondent and the signature of the Regional Administrator are required. Once this process concludes, the fully executed CA/FO will immediately be filed.

This Motion has been filed today in order to have the Chief Administrative Law Judge, Honorable Susan L. Biro, take notice of the agreement reached by the Parties and of the progress made in formalizing this agreement in a fully executed CA/FO. Due to the complexity of the review and concurrence process within the Agency and between the Parties in order to finalize a fully executed CA/FO, the Parties request the Honorable Presiding Officer, sixty (60) days, until October 23, 2012, in order to file the duly executed CA/FO and notify its execution to the Presiding Officer.

This Motion was discussed today, August 24, 2012, with Luis Sánchez Mercado, Esq., attorney for Respondent, who agreed to the filing of this motion.

Respectfully submitted, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 24th day of August, 2012,

Hector

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RESPONDENT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day caused to be sent the foregoing Motion Informing Agreement in Principle Reached by the Parties and Request for Extension of Time to File Executed Consent Agreement and Final Order, dated August 24, 2012, and bearing the above-referenced docket number, in the following manner to the respective addressees below:

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