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UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR


In the Matter of)	
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Skasol, Inc.,)	IF&R Docket No. VII-1231C-93P
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Respondent)	

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION

This Order confirms the October 18, 1994 telephone calls by this Office to both parties advising them that Respondent's motion for a thirty-day extension of time--to November 15, 1994--for making the prehearing exchange is granted.

As reasons for the requested extension, Respondent's motion cited delays in its receiving certain filings because of a change of address by its counsel, a two-week absence of counsel from his office, and various activities connected with the preparation of Respondent's position. Opposing the extension, Complainant noted that the delay in Respondent's receiving the filings was actually caused by Respondent's late notification of others of the address change. Complainant argued further that counsel's two-week absence from the office still left enough time for complying with the original prehearing exchange date, and that Respondent had failed to observe various procedural requirements and courtesies, including a failure to file a copy of its motion with the undersigned.

Complainant's points have merit, and Respondent is advised to review them in connection with its future activities in this case. Nevertheless, as stated above, Respondent's motion is granted. If, as suggested by Respondent, the additional time for preparing its prehearing exchange will enable it better to present its position therein, its filing will make possible a more just resolution of this case. This value outweighs the objections raised by Complainant. Respondent's procedural failures recited by Complainant, together with this additional time requested by Respondent, do not unduly prejudice Complainant or prolong the conclusion of this case.


Thomas W. Hoya
Administrative Law Judge

Dated: October 20, 1994

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Certificate of Service

I certify that the foregoing Order Granting Extension, dated August 30, 1994, was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees listed below.

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