UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

IN THE MATTER OF:	
MUNICIPALITY OF CAYEY,) Docket No. CWA-02-2009-3454
Respondent	

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AMENDED ANSWER

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For good cause, the Request for Extension of Time is **GRANTED**. Accordingly, if the parties have not filed the fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order beforehand, Respondent shall file an Amended Answer to the Complaint on or before **August 14, 2009**.

Respondent also requests authorization to submit any subsequent procedural motions by email or facsimile. This request is **DENIED** as there are no procedures in place at this time to accept such filing. Respondent should file and serve any future filings by first class mail or commercial delivery service. Respondent may submit, in addition, courtesy copies to the undersigned by facsimile or by email to my staff attorney at knight.lisa@epa.gov.

Susan L. Biro

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: July 10, 2009

Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of Municipality of Cayey, Respondent Docket No. CWA-02-2009-3454

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing Order Granting Request For Extension Of Time To File Amended Answer, dated July 10, 2009, was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees listed below:

Maria Whiting-Beale

Staff Assistant

Dated: July 10, 2009

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