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February 27, 2019

### Via Federal Express

Ms. Lorena Vaughn Regional Hearing Clerk (6RC-D) U.S. EPA - Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Re:

No. EPCRA-06-2019-0501, In the Matter of Thomas Petroleum, LLC, Pilot Thomas Logistics, LLC, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Dallas, Texas

Dear Ms. Vaughn:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of Thomas Petroleum LLC, Pilot Thomas Logistics, LLC and U.S. EPA Region 6's Joint Motion to Extend Deadline for Filing of Respondent's Answer and Request for Hearing for filing in the above captioned matter.

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## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 6 DALLAS, TEXAS

IN THE MATTER OF:

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THOMAS PETROLEUM, LLC PILOT THOMAS LOGISTICS, LLC

DOCKET NO. EPCRA-06-2019-0501

RESPONDENT

### JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR FILING OF RESPONDENT'S ANSWER AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

Respondent Thomas Petroleum, LLC, Pilot Thomas Logistics, LLC was served on February 19, 2019, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") Complaint in this matter. Respondent and EPA (the "Parties") wish to allow Respondent sufficient time to respond to the 135count Complaint, and also wish to conduct settlement negotiations to resolve the allegations in the Complaint and to avoid the expense of prolonged litigation to resolve this matter. Accordingly, the Parties jointly request a 60-day extension of the deadline for filing Respondent's Answer and Request for Hearing to May 20, 2019 to provide a period for good faith settlement negotiations.

DATED: February 26, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 28, 2019, the original and one copy of the foregoing Joint Motion to Extend Deadline for Filing of Respondent's Answer and Request for Hearing ("Joint Motion") was sent to the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, via Federal Express.

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