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April 24, 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.

Very truly yours,

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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. In response to a Joint Motion by Respondent and EPA (the "Parties") requesting extension of the deadline for filing Respondent's Answer and Request for Hearing to May 20, 2019, this deadline was extended to April 29, 2019. The Parties have been exchanging information and conducting settlement negotiations and wish to continue settlement negotiations and allow Respondent additional time to respond to the 135-count Complaint to avoid the expense of prolonged litigation to resolve this matter. Accordingly, the Parties jointly request a further extension of the deadline for filing Respondent's Answer and Request for Hearing to Respondent's Answer and Request for Hearing to provide a period for good faith settlement negotiations.

DATED: April 24, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 24, 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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