

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

| In the Matter of: |) |
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| Jackson & Son Distributors, Inc., d/b/a Jackson and Son Oil, |] |
| Seaside, Oregon, | |
| Respondent. | |

Docket No. CWA-10-2025-0023

ORDER ON JOINT MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF TIME

On January 28, 2025, I issued a Prehearing Order setting dates for the parties to conduct prehearing exchanges. Prehr'g Order at 4. On February 27, 2025, I issued an Order on Joint Motion for an Extension of Time ("Order") granting the parties' request that the prehearing exchange schedule be extended by 30 days to facilitate settlement negotiations. Order at 1. That order set a deadline of April 10, 2025, for Complainant to submit an initial prehearing exchange; May 1, 2025, for Respondent to submit its prehearing exchange; and May 15, 2025, for Complainant to submit a rebuttal prehearing exchange. Order at 1.

On April 7, 2025, the parties filed a Joint Motion for Additional Extension of Time ("Motion") requesting a 60-day extension of the current prehearing exchange schedule. Mot. at 1. Citing the recent change of presidential administrations, the Motion argues that the extension of time is necessary for Complainant to "coordinate and brief new administration officials about the issues raised in this case prior to filing its Prehearing Exchange." Mot. at 1.

The Rules of Practice governing this proceeding provide that "the Presiding Officer may grant an extension of time for filing any document: upon timely motion of a party to the proceeding, for good cause shown, and after consideration of prejudice to other parties." 40 C.F.R. § 22.7(b). As a timely motion showing good cause has been filed and "[t]he Parties agree that neither will be prejudiced by the requested deadline extensions," Mot. at 1, the requested extension is hereby **GRANTED**.

The new deadlines for the parties to file their prehearing exchanges shall be:

| June 9, 2025 | Complainant's Initial Prehearing Exchange |
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| June 30, 2025 | Respondent's Prehearing Exchange |
| July 14, 2025 | Complainant's Rebuttal Prehearing Exchange |

The Complainant, without mentioning any specific terms of settlement, shall file a Status Report regarding the status of any settlement discussions on or before **May 23, 2025**. Should the matter settle, a fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order shall be filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk no later than **June 9, 2025**, and a courtesy copy shall be filed with the Headquarters Hearing Clerk. In the event that a fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order is not filed on or before June 9, 2025, the parties must prepare for hearing and shall strictly comply with all other requirements of the Prehearing Order.

SO ORDERED.

Michael B. Wright Administrative Law Judge

Dated: April 8, 2025 Washington, D.C. In the Matter of *Jackson & Son Distributors, Inc., d/b/a Jackson and Son Oil,* Respondent. Docket No. CWA-10-2025-0023

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Order on Joint Motion for Additional Extension of Time**, dated April 8, 2025, and issued by Administrative Law Judge Michael B. Wright, was sent this day to the following parties in the manner indicated below.

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Dated: April 8, 2025 Washington, D.C.