

State of Vermont
WATER RESOURCES BOARD

RE: **Links at Lang Farm, Essex, Vermont**
Docket No. WET-99-02DR
(Petition filed by the Department of Environmental Conservation)

CONTINUANCE E R

On April 20, 2000, Water Resources Board ("Board") Acting Chair David J. Blythe, Esq., held a second **prehearing** conference in the above-captioned matter. During the course of that **prehearing** conference, the parties indicated that they might request a continuance to facilitate negotiations in this matter. The Acting Chair gave the parties until 12:00 noon, Friday, April 21, 2000, to jointly file a request for continuance. See Second **Prehearing** Conference Report and Order, **Section VI.** and **Section IX.,** Item 3 (Apr. 21, 2000).

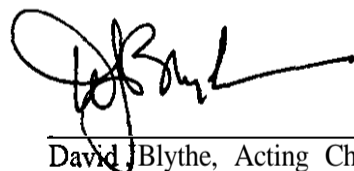
On April 21, 2000, Philip A. Kolvoord, Esq., counsel for Links at Lang Farm filed a continuance request jointly authorized by his client and the Department of Environmental Conservation, Agency of Natural Resources, the only parties to the above-captioned matter.

Based on the representations of the **parties'** counsel, a limited continuance in this matter is likely to facilitate settlement of this matter. Therefore, the issuance of a continuance order, on appropriate terms, will foster the expeditious resolution of the pending dispute, consistent with the Board's power to allow **informal** disposition of contested case matters. 3 V.S.A. § 809(d).

Accordingly, it is hereby **ordered**:

1. A continuance in this matter is granted until **4:30** p.m., Monday, July **17, 2000**.
2. On or before **4:30** p.m., Monday, July **17, 2000**, the parties shall either:
 - a. Jointly **file** a stipulation containing proposed findings of fact, proposed conclusions of law and a proposed order; or
 - b. Jointly file a letter indicating that efforts to negotiate a settlement of this matter have not been successful and this matter should be rescheduled for hearing.
3. The hearing scheduled for April 25, 2000, is canceled. Should the parties subsequently notify the Board Pursuant to Item 2(b), a new hearing date shall be scheduled and noticed for a date convenient to the Board.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 21st day of April, 2000.



David J. Blythe, Acting Chair
Water Resources Board