

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 ORDER

On April 21, 2000, a Continuance Order was issued in the above-captioned matter. The parties, the Petitioner Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") and Links at Lang Farm, were given until July 17, 2000, to either file a stipulation settling this matter or jointly file a letter indicating that efforts to negotiate a resolution of the issues had been unsuccessful and this matter should be scheduled for hearing.

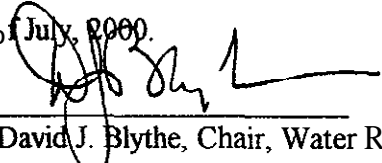
On July 18, 2000, counsel for Links at Lang Farm tiled a letter with the Water Resources Board ("Board") indicating that the parties had agreed to a stipulation concluding this matter, however, they needed an additional limited extension to complete review and approval of this document for submission to the Board.

Based on the representations of counsel, a limited continuance in this matter is likely to facilitate settlement of this matter. Therefore, the issuance of a second 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, August 7, 2000.**
2. On or before **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2000:**
 - a. The DEC shall voluntarily withdraw its petition; or the parties shall jointly move for dismissal on the basis that the issues in this Declaratory Ruling proceeding are moot because the parties have resolved the underlying issues; or the parties shall jointly file a stipulation consisting of 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 Board will consider and act on any filing in this matter on Tuesday, August 8, 2000, unless a party requests by the August 1 **filing** deadline that this matter be deferred for oral argument and/or consideration at a later meeting of the Board.

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



David J. Blythe, Chair, Water Resources Board