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NOTICE OF FILING

Via Certified U.S. Mail RDK Ventures LLC Attn: Illinois Corporation Service 801 Adlai Stevenson Drive Springfield, Illinois 62703

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today electronically filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board the Complaint, Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement, and Motion for Relief from Hearing Requirement, of the People of the State of Illinois by KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

/s/ Kevin Garstka
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Dated: <u>April 1, 2022</u>

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COMPLAINT

Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois ("Complainant"), complains of the Respondent, RDK VENTURES LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as follows:

COUNT I

FAILURE TO TIMELY DECOMMISSION VAPOR COLLECTION AND CONTROL SYSTEM AND SUBMIT REPORTS

- 1. This Complaint is brought on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois by Kwame Raoul, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, on his own motion and at the request of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA"), against RDK Ventures LLC ("Respondent" or "RDK"), pursuant to Section 31 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31 (2020).
- 2. The Illinois EPA is an administrative agency of the State of Illinois created pursuant to Section 4 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/4 (2020), and is charged, *inter alia*, with the duty of enforcing the Act.

- 3. At all times relevant to this Complaint, RDK has been and is a Delaware limited liability company, in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State.
- 4. At all times relevant to this Complaint, RDK owned and operated, and continues to own and operate twelve gasoline dispensing facilities located at: 1) 7201 N. Cicero Avenue, Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois; 2) 1597 West Irving Park Road, Hanover Park, Cook County, Illinois; 3) 600 West North Avenue, Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois; 4) 1805 Belvidere Road, Grayslake, Lake County, Illinois; 5) 6050 West Grand Avenue, Gurnee, Lake County, Illinois; 6) 4755 Vollmer Road, Matteson, Cook County, Illinois; 7) 601 South Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, DuPage County, Illinois; 8) 160 Douglas Road, Oswego, Kendall County, Illinois; 9) 155 South Eastwood Drive, Woodstock, McHenry County, Illinois; 10) 2101 Ridge Road, Minooka, Grundy County, Illinois; 11) 2832 South Route 59, Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois; and 12) 12819 West 143rd Street, Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois 60491 ("Facilities").
- 5. RDK owns and operates gasoline dispensing pumps at each of its twelve Facilities that emit volatile organic compounds ("VOCs") into the environment.
 - Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2020), provides as follows: No person shall:

6.

- (a) Cause or threaten or allow the discharge or emission of any contaminant into the environment in any State so as to cause or tend to cause air pollution in Illinois, either alone or in combination with contaminants from other sources, or so as to violate regulations or standards adopted by the Board under this Act.
- 7. Section 3.315 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315 (2020), provides the following definition:

"Person" is any individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm, company, limited liability company, corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, political subdivision, state agency, or any other legal entity, or their legal representative, agent or assigns.

- 8. RDK, a limited liability company, is a "person" as that term is defined in Section 3.315 the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315 (2020).
- 9. Section 3.165 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.165 (2020), provides the following definition:
 - "Contaminant" is any solid, liquid, or gaseous matter, any odor, or any form of energy, from whatever source.
- 10. VOCs are "contaminants" as that term is defined by Section 3.165 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.165 (2020).
- 11. Section 218.586(i)(1)(B) of the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), provides as follows:
 - No later than December 31, 2016, an owner or operator of a gasoline dispensing operation shall complete the decommissioning of all vapor collection and control systems in accordance with all of the provisions specified in subsection (i)(2).
- 12. Section 218.586(a)(7) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(a)(7), provides the following definition:
 - "Gasoline dispensing operation" means any operation where motor vehicle fuel is dispensed into motor vehicle fuel tanks or portable containers from a storage tank with a capacity of 2176 liters (575 gallons) or more.
- 13. Each of the twelve RDK Facilities is a "gasoline dispensing operation," as that term is defined in Section 218.586(a)(7) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(a)(7).
- 14. Section 218.586(a)(11) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(a)(11), provides the following definition:
 - "Owner" or "operator" means any person who owns, leases, operates, manages, supervises or controls (directly or indirectly) a gasoline dispensing operation.

- 15. RDK is an "owner" or "operator," as that term is defined in Section 218.586(a)(11) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(a)(11).
- 16. Section 218.586(i)(2)(A) of the Board Air Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(2)(A), provides as follows:

The owner or operator of a gasoline dispensing operation shall complete and submit a notice of intent form, provided by the Agency, notifying the Agency of its intent to decommission. The completed notice of intent form shall be submitted to the Agency at least 10 days prior to commencing decommissioning in accordance with subsection (i)(2)(B).

17. Section 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 254.218(i)(2)(C), provides as follows:

The owner or operator of a gasoline dispensing operation and the contractors that performed the decommissioning shall complete and sign a decommissioning checklist and certification, provided by the Agency, documenting the decommissioning procedures performed. Within 30 days after completion of the decommissioning procedures specified by subsection (i)(2)(B), the owner or operator shall provide the completed checklist and certification and the test results to the Agency.

18. By December 31, 2016, RDK was required to decommission its vapor collection and control systems at each of its twelve Facilities in accordance with Section 218.586(i)(1)(B) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), and therefore was required to submit for each of its twelve Facilities a notice of intent to decommission at least 10 days prior to commencing decommissioning, pursuant to Section 218.586(i)(2)(A) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(2)(A), and also submit for each of its twelve Facilities a decommissioning checklist, certification, and test results within 30 days after completion of decommissioning procedures, pursuant to Section 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(2)(C).

- 19. As of the date of the filing of this Complaint, RDK has not submitted a notice of intent to Illinois EPA to decommission the vapor collection and control system at the facility located at 12819 West 143rd Street, Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois.
- 20. By failing to submit a notice of intent to decommission for its facility located at 12819 West 143rd Street, Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois, RDK violated Section 218.586(i)(2)(A) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(2)(A).
- 21. As of the date of the filing of this Complaint, RDK has not submitted a decommissioning checklist, certification, or test results to Illinois EPA for any of its twelve Facilities.
- 22. By failing to submit a decommissioning checklist, certification, and test results to Illinois EPA for each of its twelve Facilities, RDK violated Section 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(2)(C).
- 22. On information and belief, RDK failed to timely decommission its vapor collection and control system at each of its twelve Facilities, and thereby violated Section 218.586(i)(1)(B) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B).
- 23. By violating Sections 218.586(i)(1)(B), 218.586(i)(2)(A), and 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 III. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), 218.586(i)(2)(A), and 218.586(i)(2)(C), RDK caused or threatened or allowed the discharge or emission of VOCs into the environment so as to violate regulations adopted by the Board, and has thereby violated Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2020).

WHEREFORE, Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, respectfully requests that the Board enter an Order against Respondent, RDK VENTURES LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, with respect to Count I:

- 1. Authorizing a hearing in this matter at which time the Respondent will be required to answer the allegations herein;
- 2. Finding that the Respondent has violated Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2020), and Sections 218.586(i)(1)(B), 218.586(i)(2)(A), and 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), 218.586(i)(2)(A), and 218.586(i)(2)(C);
- 3. Ordering the Respondent to cease and desist from any future violations of Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2020), and Sections 218.586(i)(1)(B), 218.586(i)(2)(A), and 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), 218.586(i)(2)(A), and 218.586(i)(2)(C);
- 4. Requiring the Respondent to decommission its vapor collection and control systems at each facility pursuant to Section 218.586(i)(1)(B) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), submit a notice of intent to decommission its vapor collection and control system at the facility located at 12819 West 143rd Street, Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois 60491, pursuant to Section 218.586(i)(2)(A) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(2)(A), and submit a decommissioning checklist, certification, and test results for each facility to Illinois EPA, pursuant to Section 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(2)(C);
- 5. Assessing against the Respondent a civil penalty of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for each violation of the Act and pertinent regulations, and an additional civil penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each day of violation;
- 6. Taxing all costs in this action, including, but not limited to, attorney, expert witness and consultant fees against Respondent; and

7. Granting other such relief as the Board deems appropriate and just.

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS by KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois

MATTHEW J. DUNN, Chief Environmental Enforcement/Asbestos Litigation Division

BY: <u>/s/ Stephen J. Sylvester</u>
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MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM HEARING REQUIREMENT

NOW COMES Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and pursuant to Section 31(c)(2) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2020), moves that the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") grant the parties in the above-captioned matter relief from the hearing requirement imposed by Section 31(c)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2020). In support of this motion, Complainant states as follows:

- 1. The Complaint in this matter alleges violations of Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2020), and Sections 218.586(i)(1)(B), 218.586(i)(2)(A), and 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.586(i)(1)(B), 218.586(i)(2)(A), and 218.586(i)(2)(C).
- 2. Complainant is filing the Complaint with the Board simultaneous with this Motion and a Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement.
 - 3. The parties have reached agreement on all outstanding issues in this matter.
- 4. This agreement is presented to the Board in a Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement filed this same date.

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5. All parties agree that a hearing on the Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement is not necessary, and respectfully request relief from such a hearing as allowed by Section 31(c)(2) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(2) (2020).

WHEREFORE, Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, hereby requests that the Board grant this motion for relief from the hearing requirement set forth in Section 31(c)(1) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31(c)(1) (2020).

Respectfully submitted,

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

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STIPULATION AND PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT

Complainant, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, by KWAME RAOUL, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, the ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ("Illinois EPA"), and RDK VENTURES, INC., a Delaware corporation ("Respondent") (collectively "Parties to the Stipulation"), have agreed to the making of this Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement ("Stipulation") and submit it to the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") for approval. This stipulation of facts is made and agreed upon for purposes of settlement only and as a factual basis for the Board's approval of this Stipulation and issuance of relief. None of the facts stipulated herein shall be introduced into evidence in any other proceeding regarding the violations of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/1, et seq. (2020), and the Board's regulations, alleged in the Complaint except as otherwise provided herein. It is the intent of the Parties to the Stipulation that it be a final adjudication of this matter.

I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. Parties

1. On April 1, 2022, a Complaint was filed on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois by Kwame Raoul, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, on his own motion and upon

the request of the Illinois EPA, pursuant to Section 31 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/31 (2020), against the Respondent.

- 2. The Illinois EPA is an administrative agency of the State of Illinois, created pursuant to Section 4 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/4 (2020).
- 3. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Respondent was and is a Delaware corporation that is authorized to transact business in the State of Illinois.
- 4. At all times relevant to this Complaint, RDK owned and operated, and continues to own and operate twelve gasoline dispensing facilities located at: 1) 7201 N. Cicero Avenue, Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois; 2) 1597 West Irving Park Road, Hanover Park, Cook County, Illinois; 3) 600 West North Avenue, Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois; 4) 1805 Belvidere Road, Grayslake, Lake County, Illinois; 5) 6050 West Grand Avenue, Gurnee, Lake County, Illinois; 6) 4755 Vollmer Road, Matteson, Cook County, Illinois; 7) 601 South Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, DuPage County, Illinois; 8) 160 Douglas Road, Oswego, Kendall County, Illinois; 9) 155 South Eastwood Drive, Woodstock, McHenry County, Illinois; 10) 2101 Ridge Road, Minooka, Grundy County, Illinois; 11) 2832 South Route 59, Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois; and 12) 12819 West 143rd Street, Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois ("Facilities").
- 5. RDK owns and operates gasoline dispensing pumps at each of its twelve Facilities that emit volatile organic compounds ("VOCs") into the environment.

B. Allegations of Non-Compliance

Complainant contends that the Respondent has violated the following provisions of the Act and Board Air Pollution regulations:

Count I: Failure to Timely Decommission Vapor Collection and Control System and Submit Reports, in violation of Section 9(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/9(a) (2020), and Sections 218.586(i)(1)(B), 218.586(i)(2)(A), and 218.586(i)(2)(C) of the Board Air Pollution Regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code

218.586(i)(1)(B), 218.586(i)(2)(A), and 218.586(i)(2)(C);

C. Non-Admission of Violations

The Respondent represents that it has entered into this Stipulation for the purpose of settling and compromising disputed claims without having to incur the expense of contested litigation. By entering into this Stipulation and complying with its terms, the Respondent does not affirmatively admit the allegations of violation within the Complaint and referenced within Section I.B herein, and this Stipulation shall not be interpreted as including such admission.

D. Compliance Activities to Date

- 1. On December 21, 2021, Respondent submitted decommissioning checklists, certifications, and test results to the Illinois EPA for each of its twelve gas stations.
- 2. According to the decommissioning checklists submitted to the Illinois EPA, Respondent decommissioned its vapor collection and control systems at each of its twelve gas stations on dates between June 19, 2014 and July 26, 2018.

II. <u>APPLICABILITY</u>

This Stipulation shall apply to and be binding upon the Parties to the Stipulation. The Respondent shall not raise as a defense to any enforcement action taken pursuant to this Stipulation the failure of any of its officers, directors, agents, employees or successors or assigns to take such action as shall be required to comply with the provisions of this Stipulation. This Stipulation may be used against the Respondent in any subsequent enforcement action or permit proceeding as proof of a past adjudication of violation of the Act and the Board Regulations for all violations alleged in the Complaint in this matter, for purposes of Sections 39 and 42 of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/39 and 42 (2020).

III. IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC RESULTING FROM ALLEGED NON-COMPLIANCE

Section 33(c) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/33(c) (2020), provides as follows:

In making its orders and determinations, the Board shall take into consideration all the facts and circumstances bearing upon the reasonableness of the emissions, discharges, or deposits involved including, but not limited to:

- 1. the character and degree of injury to, or interference with the protection of the health, general welfare and physical property of the people;
- 2. the social and economic value of the pollution source;
- 3. the suitability or unsuitability of the pollution source to the area in which it is located, including the question of priority of location in the area involved;
- 4. the technical practicability and economic reasonableness of reducing or eliminating the emissions, discharges or deposits resulting from such pollution source; and
- 5. any subsequent compliance.

In response to these factors, the Parties to the Stipulation state the following:

- 1. Complainant contends that human health and the environment were threatened and the Illinois EPA's information gathering responsibilities hindered by the Respondent's violations.
 - 2. There is social and economic benefit to the Facilities.
 - 3. Operation of the Facilities was and is suitable for the area in which it is located.
- 4. Timely decommissioning of its vapor collection and control systems, and timely submission of a decommissioning checklist, certification, and test results to the Illinois EPA, are both technically practicable and economically reasonable.
 - 5. Respondent has subsequently complied with the Act and the Board regulations.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF SECTION 42(h) FACTORS

Section 42(h) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/42(h) (2020), provides as follows:

In determining the appropriate civil penalty to be imposed under . . . this Section,

the Board is authorized to consider any matters of record in mitigation or aggravation of penalty, including but not limited to the following factors:

- 1. the duration and gravity of the violation;
- 2. the presence or absence of due diligence on the part of the respondent in attempting to comply with requirements of this Act and regulations thereunder or to secure relief therefrom as provided by this Act;
- 3. any economic benefits accrued by the respondent because of delay in compliance with requirements, in which case the economic benefits shall be determined by the lowest cost alternative for achieving compliance;
- 4. the amount of monetary penalty which will serve to deter further violations by the respondent and to otherwise aid in enhancing voluntary compliance with this Act by the respondent and other persons similarly subject to the Act;
- 5. the number, proximity in time, and gravity of previously adjudicated violations of this Act by the respondent;
- 6. whether the respondent voluntarily self-disclosed, in accordance with subsection i of this Section, the non-compliance to the Agency;
- 7. whether the respondent has agreed to undertake a 'supplemental environmental project,' which means an environmentally beneficial project that a respondent agrees to undertake in settlement of an enforcement action brought under this Act, but which the respondent is not otherwise legally required to perform; and
- 8. whether the respondent has successfully completed a Compliance Commitment Agreement under subsection (a) of Section 31 of this Act to remedy the violations that are the subject of the complaint.

In response to these factors, the Parties to the Stipulation state as follows:

- 1. Respondent failed to timely submit decommissioning checklists, certifications, and test results to the Illinois EPA. The violations began on January 1, 2017, and were resolved by Respondent submitting decommissioning checklists, certifications, and test results to the Illinois EPA on December 21, 2021.
 - 2. Respondent was diligent in attempting to come back into compliance with the Act

and Board regulations once the Illinois EPA notified it of its noncompliance.

- 3. The civil penalty takes into account any economic benefit realized by the Respondent as a result of avoided or delayed compliance.
- 4. Complainant has determined, based upon the specific facts of this matter, that a penalty of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) will serve to deter further violations and aid in future voluntary compliance with the Act and Board regulations.
- 5. To Complainant's knowledge, Respondent has no previously adjudicated violations of the Act.
 - 6. Self-disclosure is not at issue in this matter.
- 7. The settlement of this matter does not include a supplemental environmental project.
 - 8. A Compliance Commitment Agreement was not at issue in this matter

V. <u>TERMS OF SETTLEMENT</u>

A. Penalty Payment

The Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) within thirty (30) days from the date the Board adopts and accepts this Stipulation.

B. Interest and Default

- 1. If the Respondent fails to make any payment required by this Stipulation on or before the date upon which the payment is due, the Respondent shall be in default and the remaining unpaid balance of the penalty, plus any accrued interest, shall be due and owing immediately. In the event of default, the Complainant shall be entitled to reasonable costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees.
 - 2. Pursuant to Section 42(g) of the Act, interest shall accrue on any penalty amount

owed by the Respondent not paid within the time prescribed herein. Interest on unpaid penalties shall begin to accrue from the date such are due and continue to accrue to the date full payment is received. Where partial payment is made on any penalty amount that is due, such partial payment shall be first applied to any interest on unpaid penalties then owing.

C. Payment Procedures

1. All payments required by this Stipulation shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the Illinois EPA for deposit into the Environmental Protection Trust Fund ("EPTF"). Payments shall be sent by first class mail and delivered to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Fiscal Services 1021 North Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

- 2. The case name and case number shall appear on the face of the certified check or money order.
- 3. A copy of the certified check or money order and any transmittal letter shall be sent to:

Kevin Garstka
Assistant Attorney General
Environmental Bureau
Illinois Attorney General's Office
69 W. Washington Street, Suite 1800
Chicago, Illinois 60602

D. Future Compliance

1. In addition to any other authorities, the Illinois EPA, its employees and representatives, and the Attorney General, his employees and representatives, shall have the right of entry into and upon the Respondent's facilities which are the subject of this Stipulation, at all reasonable times for the purposes of conducting inspections and evaluating compliance status. In

conducting such inspections, the Illinois EPA, its employees and representatives, and the Attorney General, his employees and representatives, may take photographs, samples, and collect information, as they deem necessary.

- 2. This Stipulation in no way affects the responsibilities of the Respondent to comply with any other federal, state or local laws or regulations, including but not limited to the Act and the Board Regulations.
- 3. The Respondent shall cease and desist from future violations of the Act and Board Regulations that were the subject matter of the Complaint.

E. Release from Liability

In consideration of the Respondent's payment of the \$60,000 penalty, its commitment to cease and desist as contained in Section V.D.3 above, and upon the Board's approval of this Stipulation, the Complainant releases, waives and discharges the Respondent from any further liability or penalties for the violations of the Act and Board regulations that were the subject matter of the Complaint herein. The release set forth above does not extend to any matters other than those expressly specified in Complainant's Complaint filed on April 1, 2022. The Complainant reserves, and this Stipulation is without prejudice to, all rights of the State of Illinois against the Respondent with respect to all other matters, including but not limited to, the following: criminal liability;

- b. liability for future violation of state, federal, local, and common laws and/or regulations;
- c. liability for natural resources damage arising out of the alleged violations; and
- d. liability or claims based on the Respondent's failure to satisfy the requirements of this Stipulation.

Nothing in this Stipulation is intended as a waiver, discharge, release, or covenant not to sue for

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any claim or cause of action, administrative or judicial, civil or criminal, past or future, in law or

in equity, which the State of Illinois may have against any person, as defined by Section 3.315 of

the Act, 415 ILCS 5/3.315, or entity other than the Respondent.

F. **Enforcement of Stipulation**

Upon the entry of the Board's Order approving and accepting this Stipulation, that Order

is a binding and enforceable order of the Board and may be enforced as such through any and all

available means.

G. **Execution of Stipulation**

The undersigned representatives for the Parties to the Stipulation certify that they are fully

authorized by the party whom they represent to enter into the terms and conditions of this

Stipulation and to legally bind them to it.

WHEREFORE, the Parties to the Stipulation request that the Board adopt and accept the

foregoing Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement as written.

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

KWAME RAOUL Attorney General

State of Illinois

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RDK VENTURES LLC By: Mac's Convenience Stores LLC, its Manager

ITS: Assistant Secretary

DATE: _March 21, 2022

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 1, 2022, via certified mail as indicated, I served a true and correct copy of the Notice of Filing, Complaint, Stipulation and Proposal for Settlement, and Motion for Relief from Hearing Requirement to the person listed on said Notice of Filing.

Kevin Garstka
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