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NOTICE OF FILING

To: ALL COUNSEL OF RECORD

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 8th day of October, 2010, I electronically filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Motion for Leave to File Reply Brief in Support of Motion to Allow Oral Statement of Thomas Granato.

Dated: October 8, 2010.

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

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METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO ALLOW ORAL STATEMENT OF THOMAS GRANATO

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago ("the District"), by its attorneys Barnes & Thornburg LLP, and pursuant to 35 Ill. Admin. Code 101.500(e), hereby moves the Board for an Order granting the District leave to file the short attached Reply Brief in Support of its Motion to Allow Oral Statement of Thomas Granato. In support of its Motion, the District states as follows:

- 1. On September 20, 2010, the District filed its Motion to Allow Oral Statement of Thomas Granato seeking an order from the Board to allow Dr. Granato to make oral statements at upcoming rulemaking hearings. The oral statement would consist of reading his pre-filed testimony that was filed on September 20, 2010, which presents the District's conclusions and recommendations as to how the recently completed CHEERS Report should be considered by the Board in deciding the recreational issues that are currently before it.
- 2. On September 30 and October 1, 2010, the Environmental Groups¹ and the IEPA filed responses in opposition to the District's Motion, asserting arguments as to why the Board should deny the District's Motion and not allow Dr. Granato to present oral testimony.

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¹ The Environmental Groups consist of the Natural Resources Defense Council, Southeast Environmental Task Force, Sierra Club-Illinois Chapter, Openlands, Environmental Law & Policy Center, Friends of the Chicago River, and Alliance for the Great Lakes.

3. If the District is not allowed to file a Reply Brief to address the objections to its

Motion, the District will be prejudiced in this rulemaking, given the important oral testimony that

Dr. Granato will present at a hearing in this matter related to how the Board should consider the

CHEERS Report in its consideration of recreational issues.

4. Attached to this Motion as Exhibit A is a short proposed Reply Brief in Support

of Motion to Allow Oral Statement of Thomas Granato that the District seeks to file to address

the oppositions to its Motion.

WHEREFORE, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago requests

that the Board grant this Motion for Leave to file the short attached Reply Brief in Support of

Motion to Allow Oral Statement of Thomas Granato, and grant all other relief that the Board

deems fair and just.

Dated: October 8, 2010

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Exhibit A

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ARGUMENT

The Environmental Groups object to the District's Motion because it "presents no plausible reason" why Dr. Granato should be allowed to testify, and because such testimony would be a "pointless use of time" and offends "basic principles of fairness." Environmental Group's Resp., at 1. Similarly, IEPA argues "no other witnesses in these proceedings have been allowed to read pre-filed testimony into the record except MWRDGC's witnesses Dr. Granato and Dick Lanyon," and "[t]here is no need to burden the parties with reading this pre-filed testimony in the record . . ." IEPA Objection, at 1-2.

THIS FILING IS SUBMITTED ON RECYCLED PAPER

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None of these objections should be sustained by the Board, and the District's Motion should be granted. First, while both the Environmental Groups and IEPA make much about the supposed waste of time of allowing Dr. Granato to make oral statements according to his September 20, 2010 pre-filed testimony, as the District stated in its Motion, Dr. Granato's testimony will take no more than 10 minutes of time. Surely after the years that this rulemaking has been pending, it is not unfairly prejudicial to the parties to allow the District to present 10 minutes of oral testimony related to the final CHEERS Report, that provides critical information and analyses for the Board's consideration of recreational and disinfection issues. Such short testimony will provide a "clear and concise hearing record," (35 Ill. Adm. Code § 101.628(a)), and 10 minutes of testimony will not unfairly delay these proceedings.

In addition, both the Environmental Groups and IEPA ignore that in Dr. Granato's oral testimony on October 28, 2008, he stated that the CHEERS Report would provide important information for the Board to consider for recreational issues and whether to impose a disinfection requirement. Now that the CHEERS Report has been completed, Dr. Granato should be allowed to present oral testimony as to the District's recommendations based on the CHEERS Report findings. Allowing such oral testimony is appropriate so that Dr. Granato can complete his previous oral testimony regarding the data and analyses in the CHEERS Report.

Finally, both the Environmental Groups and IEPA argue that it would be unfair to allow Dr. Granato to present his pre-filed testimony orally to the Board because no other witnesses have done so. That issue, however, was already decided by the Board when it previously allowed Dr. Granato to orally present his pre-filed testimony on October 28, 2008. Dr. Granato's recently-filed testimony is a short summary of conclusions that synthesizes the extensive data and analyses in the CHEERS Report and provides the District's recommendations based on that

Report. It would be helpful for the Board to hear this testimony directly. Therefore, the Board

should allow Dr. Granato to present his pre-filed testimony orally, as it did previously.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, the District requests that the Board enter an Order that

allows Thomas Granato to make an oral statement at the upcoming rulemaking hearings

according to his pre-filed testimony that was filed on September 20, 2010, and grant all relief the

Board deems fair and just.

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