JOINT STIPULATION TO STAY DISTRICT COURT ACTION PENDING APPEAL AND TO VACATE DATES

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TO THE COURT AND ALL RESPECTIVE PARTIES:

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, AGREED AND REQUESTED, by and among Plaintiff Pacific Merchant Shipping Association ("PMSA"), Defendant James Goldstene, and Defendant-Intervenors Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., Coalition for Clean Air, Inc., and South Coast Air Quality Management District, through their counsel of record, that:

- 1. Pursuant to the Court's authority to control proceedings pending before it as provided by Rule 16(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 U.S.C. §1292(b), the Court enter an order staying further proceedings in the district court case pending conclusion of Plaintiff's interlocutory appeal of the Court's denial of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment to the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; and
- 2. All dates and deadlines pertaining to discovery, motions, pretrial, and trial of the matter as scheduled by the Court's Pretrial Scheduling Order of August 19, 2009, shall be vacated, subject to further Order of the Court.

This Stipulation and Request for Order Staying Action is not interposed for purposes of delay but rather because:

- A. On December 11, 2009, the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1292(b), granted PMSA's petition for permission to appeal the District Court's Amended Memorandum and Order of August 28, 2009, denying PMSA's Motion for Summary Judgment. [Court of Appeals Docket No. 09-80145.];
- B. This Court has determined and the appellate court's grant of the petition for permission to appeal reflects its finding that the immediate appeal will likely advance the ultimate determination of the litigation;

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