

**STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

In the Matter of the Alleged Violations of Articles 17 and 71 of the Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL"), Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York ("6 NYCRR"), and Article 12 of the Navigation Law,

**RULING OF THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
JUDGE**

DEC File No.
3-410748

- by -

March 14, 2012

**HYDE PARK PROPERTY, LLC., BOTTINI
STATION HOLDINGS, LLC., MARK
BOTTINI, and BRIAN BOTTINI,**

Respondents.

Appearances of Counsel:

-- Steven C. Russo, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel (Scott W. Caruso of counsel), for staff of the Department of Environmental Conservation

-- Daniels & Porco, LLP (S. David Devaprasad and Heather N. Justice of counsel), for respondent Hyde Park Property, LLC

-- Wichler and Gobetz, P.C. (Kenneth Gobetz of counsel), for respondents Bottini Station Holdings, LLC, Mark Bottini, and Brian Bottini

RULING OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ON MOTIONS

In according with the decision of the Chief Administrative Law Judge issued in Matter of Route 52 Property, LLC, et al. (and seven other proceedings) dated March 14, 2012, it is hereby ORDERED that:

I. Department staff's motion, insofar as it seeks to exclude statements of settlement negotiations contained in respondent Hyde Park Property, LLC's March 21, 2011, answer, is granted in part. Department staff's motion to exclude is otherwise denied.

II. Respondent Hyde Park Property, LLC's March 21, 2011, answer is redacted as follows:

- A. Pages 7-8, paragraph 57: All text following "(AST Site Owners)" through the end of the paragraph is struck;
- B. Page 8, paragraph 58: All text following "(Discussion Period)" through the end of the paragraph is struck;
- C. Page 8: Paragraph 60 is struck in its entirety;
- D. Page 9, paragraph 64: All text following "discussions regarding resolution of the compliance issues" through the end of the paragraph is struck;
- E. Page 11, paragraph 70: The second sentence beginning "The Department further" and ending "to be posted." is struck in its entirety;
- F. Page 12: Paragraph 74 is struck in its entirety;
- G. Page 12: Paragraph 76 is struck in its entirety; and
- H. Pages 12-13, paragraph 79: In the first sentence, the clause "as part of its" through "certain liability releases," is struck.

III. Department staff's motion, insofar as it seeks to strike affirmative defenses pleaded in respondent Hyde Park Property, LLC's March 21, 2011, answer, is granted in part and respondent's first, second, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, tenth, and eleventh affirmative defenses are dismissed. Department staff's motion to strike affirmative defenses is otherwise denied.

IV. Department staff's motion, insofar as it seeks clarification of affirmative defenses pleaded in respondent Hyde Park Property, LLC's March 21, 2011, answer, is denied.

V. Department staff's motion, insofar as it seeks to exclude statements of settlement negotiations contained in the March 21, 2011, answer jointly filed by respondents Bottini Station Holdings, LLC, Mark Bottini, and Brian Bottini (Bottini respondents) is granted in part. Department staff's motion to exclude is otherwise denied.

VI. The Bottini respondents' March 21, 2011, answer is redacted as follows:

- A. Pages 7-8, paragraph 57: All text following "(AST Site Owners)" through the end of the paragraph is struck;
- B. Page 8, paragraph 58: All text following "(Discussion Period)" through the end of the paragraph is struck;
- C. Page 8: Paragraph 60 is struck in its entirety;
- D. Page 9, paragraph 64: All text following "discussions regarding resolution of the compliance issues" through the end of the paragraph is struck;
- E. Page 11, paragraph 70: The second sentence beginning "The Department further" and ending "to be posted." is struck in its entirety;
- F. Page 12: Paragraph 74 is struck in its entirety;
- G. Page 12: Paragraph 76 is struck in its entirety; and
- H. Page 13, paragraph 79: In the first sentence, the clause "as part of its" through "certain liability releases," is struck.

VII. Department staff's motion, insofar as it seeks to strike affirmative defenses pleaded in the Bottini respondents' joint answer dated March 21, 2011, is granted in part and respondents' first, second, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, tenth, and eleventh affirmative defenses are dismissed. Department staff's motion to strike affirmative defenses is otherwise denied.

VIII. Department staff's motion, insofar as it seeks clarification of affirmative defenses pleaded in the Bottini respondents' March 21, 2011, answer, is denied.

_____/s/_____
James T. McClymonds
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Dated: March 14, 2012
Albany, New York