Resolution 24-065

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL SEWER CONNECTION PERMIT RENEWAL AND VARIANCE TO:

Cibao Meat Products Block 22103 / Lot 16 Township of Rockaway

WHEREAS, the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority (hereinafter "the Authority") is authorized by the Sewerage Authorities Law [N.J.S.A. 40:14A-7(11)] to make and enforce rules and regulations for the management and regulation of its business and affairs and/or the use, maintenance, and operation of the sewerage system and any other of its properties and to amend the same; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is a Delegated Local Agency of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and administers an industrial pretreatment program within the service area of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the regulations governing industrial pretreatment programs established at N.J.S.A. 7:14A-1 et. seq., the Authority is required to issue permits and renew permits to industrial discharges within the RVRSA that discharge process wastewater to the Authority's facility; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-19.7, and the terms of its NJPDES Discharge Permit, and in accordance with the "Guidance Manual on the Development and Implementation of Local Discharge Limitations under the Pretreatment Program" (December 1987, USEPA Office of Water Enforcement), RVRSA developed and approved local limitations to ensure compliance with (1) the numerical effluent limitations in RVRSA's NJPDES permit; (2) the RVRSA's process inhibition and upset criteria; (3) the RVRSA's worker health and safety protection criteria; and (4) the sludge quality criteria for RVRSA's chosen method(s) of sludge management; and

WHEREAS, after public notice and an opportunity to comment, RVRSA amended Section 203 of the RVRSA Service Rules Addendum by Resolution 17-153, adopted December 14, 2017, establishing updated Local Limits; a policy for future growth reserve and a policy applicable to high strength dischargers allowing for variances under proscribed circumstances. Additionally, pursuant to the Service Contract between the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority ("RVRSA") and its Member Municipalities dated July, 1976, RVRSA held a public hearing thereon upon public notice prior to

adoption. These amendments were also reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection prior to implementation; and

WHEREAS, consistent with amended Section 203 of the RVRSA Service Rules Addendum, as part of its permit renewal application, Cibao Meat Products, which is a facility that processing frozen meats and poultry by grinding, stuffing, cooking, cooling, packaging into sausages and prepared meats, submitted an Application for Variance, dated March 13, 2024, seeking a variance of RVRSA's Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand ("CBOD₅") local limit in the amount of 1,400 mg/l per day (maximum daily concentration) in place of Cibao Meat Products' CBOD₅ permit limitation of 500 mg/L (maximum daily concentration). Cibao Meat Products currently discharges high strength CBOD₅ wastewater in the range of 500 mg/l up to 2,500 mg/l, and submits that additional treatment of high CBOD₅ will require extensive process modifications for which space is not available, and would be cost prohibitive ("a high six figure cost number, with variations dependent on whether and interior or exterior device was to be implemented and installed"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the attached letter from Natalie Pisarcik, IPP Coordinator to JoAnn Mondsini, Executive Director dated April 19, 2024, RVRSA staff and One Water has determined that sufficient allowable industrial load exists to accommodate the request submitted by Cibao Meat Products for a variance for CBOD₅, and therefore recommends the issuance of a variance to Cibao Meat Products and the establishment of the following CBOD₅ effluent limitations for Cibao Meat Products

Daily Maximum Concentration, mg/l = 1,400 mg/l

WHEREAS, in compliance with the regulations contained at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-15.10, public notice of the issuance of a draft Industrial Sewer Connection Permit, renewal and variance, to Cibao Meat products was published in the Daily Record on May 15, 2024, and a thirty (30) day public comment period commenced from the date of publication until June 14, 2024, wherein no comments were received.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority as follows:

 The Executive Director, JoAnn Mondsini, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Industrial Sewer Connection Permit, renewal and variance, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Industrial Sewer Connection Permit (ISCP), SIC Code 2051 dated August 1, 2024 marked Schedule "A" attached hereto and a part hereof, a copy of which is also on file at the offices of RVRSA, to Cibao Meat Products, subject to compliance with any permit condition(s) which must be satisfied prior to issuance of this renewal permit including CBOD5 variance, if any; and also subject to compliance with all remaining engineering requirements, if any.

This approval is subject to the payment of the appropriate RVRSA pretreatment annual permit fee.

3. This ISCP is subjected to a flow limitation not to exceed 10,225 gallons per day, monthly average.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Authority held on July 11, 2024.

On motion of Commissioner Corbett

Seconded by Commissioner Andes

And a Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, and Schorno

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (3) Laverty, Commissioner of Randolph, and Zuppa.

Secretary