UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
1099 14TH STREET NW
WASHINGTON DC 20570

July 9, 2013

Re: The Gulfport Stevedoring Assn
Case 15-CA-096939

Stephen W. Dummer
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Dear Mr. Dummer:

This confirms receipt by this Office on July 1, 2013, by electronic filing, of the Respondent's Amended Motion to Dismiss in the above-captioned case, with attached exhibits.

Section 102.24(b) of the Board's Rules and Regulations requires that all motions for dismissal must be filed with the Board in Washington, D.C. no later than 28 days prior to the hearing date. The hearing in this matter is scheduled for July 23, 2013. Thus, the last date for the timely filing with the Board of a motion for dismissal in this matter was June 25, 2013. As noted above, however, the Motion was not filed with the Board until July 1. The 28-day limit was established as the minimum time in which the Board can give such motions proper and thorough consideration. See Section 102.24(b) of the Board's Rules and Regulations.

Further, the Respondent's Motion does not meet the exception to the 28-day filing requirement set forth in Section 102.24(b) of the Board's Rules, which states that "where the hearing is scheduled less than 28 days after the date for filing an answer to the complaint..., the motion shall be filed promptly." In this case, the Respondent's answer was due on June 13, 2013, more than 28 days prior to the scheduled hearing.

Accordingly, as the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss was not timely filed with the Board, I cannot forward it to the Board for consideration.

Very truly yours,

Farah Z. Qureshi
Associate Executive Secretary

cc: Parties, including Region 15