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IBLA 2015-84	)	SDR No. LLCA921-14-01
	)	
VALID ENERGY, INC.	)	Oil & Gas INC
	)	
	)	Extension of Time Denied

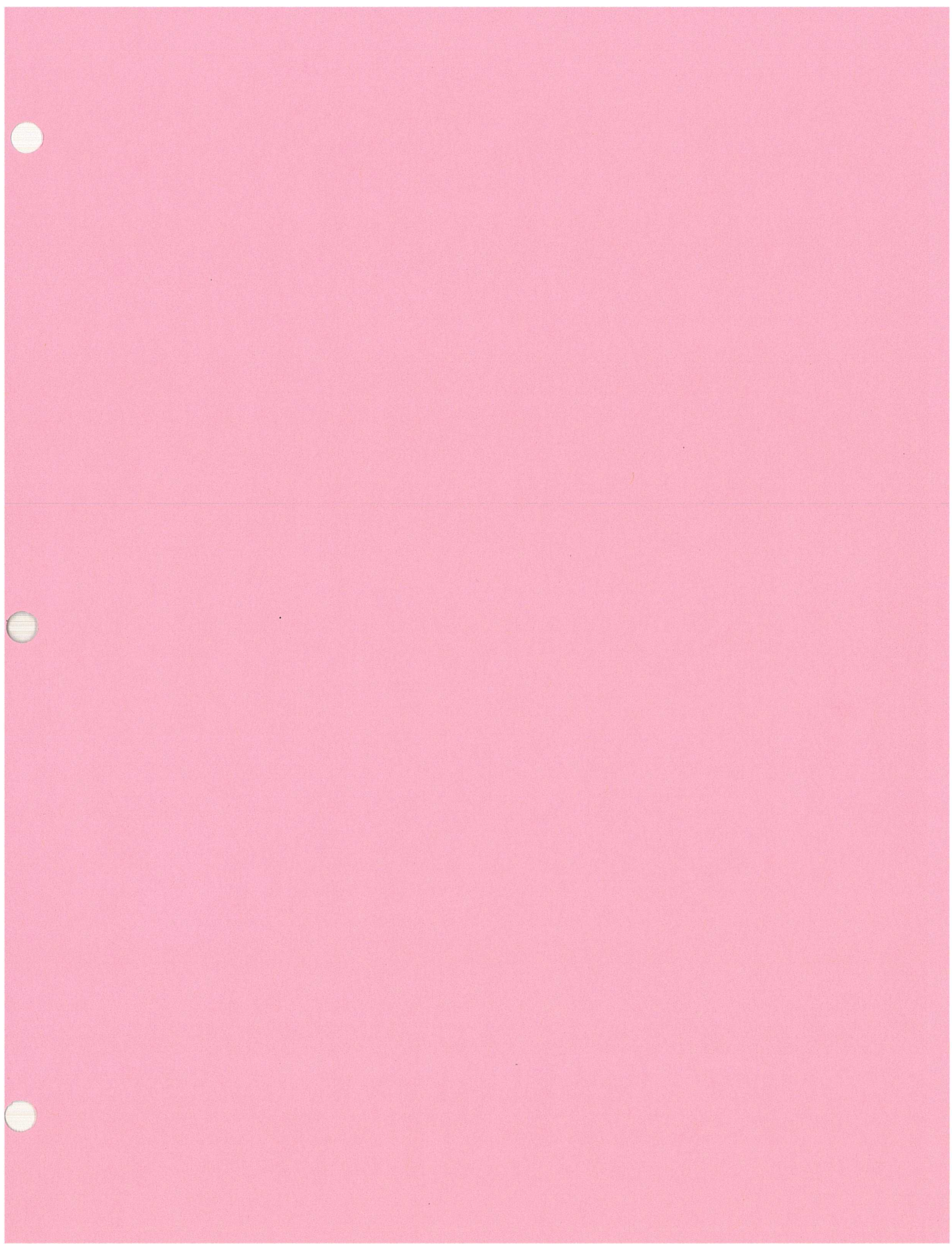
## ORDER

Appellant, *pro se*, has received three 30-day extensions of time to file a reply to the Bureau of Land Management's answer filed in the above-captioned appeal. Appellant has indicated in each extension request it has filed with the Board that it cannot meet its deadlines because of workload issues and because of difficulty finding a lawyer to represent the company in this case. Appellant did not indicate in any of its requests whether or not it contacted the Solicitor's office to determine whether the agency opposed those requests. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 4.405(c). Because we detected no likelihood that the Solicitor would be prejudiced by granting them, we granted the three requests. Appellant's reply was due on August 14, 2015.

Appellant filed its fourth 30-day extension of time request, which espouses the same reasons for an extension of time set forth in the last three requests, on the date the reply was due. Appellant's request is untimely. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 4.405(b) (stating that "[a] motion requesting an extension must be filed no later than the day before the date the document is due"). Moreover, appellant has not indicated in its latest request whether or not it has conferred with the Solicitor to determine the agency's position.

A party seeking an extension of time must demonstrate there is good cause to grant it. 43 C.F.R. § 4.405(d). Under the circumstances presented here, appellant has not persuaded us that good cause exists to grant a fourth extension of time to file a reply to BLM's answer. The request is denied. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 4.405(e).

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/s/  
Eileen G. Jones  
Chief Administrative Judge





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IBLA 2015-176	)	DOI-BLM-NV-E030-2013-006
	)	
FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR	)	Long Canyon Mine Project
ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS	)	
	)	Extensions of Time Granted

## ORDER

Counsel for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has requested an extension of time until July 6, 2015, to file a response to the petition for stay and an automatic extension of time until August 10, 2015, to file an answer in the above-captioned appeal. Counsel seeks the extensions because of conflicting scheduling factors and because of her demanding workload. Counsel states that appellant has no objection to the requests.

The requests are granted. 43 C.F.R. § 4.405(e), (f). BLM shall have to and including July 6, 2015, to file its response and shall have to and including August 10, 2015, to file its answer.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Eileen G. Jones  
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January 8, 2016

IBLA 2016-40	)	UTU-74785, <i>et al.</i>
	)	
VEYO CULINARY WATER	)	Right-of-Way
ASSOCIATION	)	
	)	Extension of Time Granted

ORDER

Counsel for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has requested a second extension of time to file an answer to appellant's statement of reasons in the above-captioned appeal. Counsel states other professional obligations have limited his ability to adequately confer with his client and draft a comprehensive answer to appellant's statement of reasons. Because counsel only has appellant's mailing address, he could not timely confer with appellant to determine whether it opposes the request.

Because we detect no likelihood that appellant would be prejudiced by granting counsel's request, and, in the interest of having the merits of the appeal fully briefed, we grant BLM until February 10, 2016, to file its answer. 43 C.F.R. § 4.405(e).

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Eileen G. Jones  
Chief Administrative Judge