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REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Sent via US Mail and Electronic Mail

RE: GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site: Rest of River Corrective Measures Study Supplement

Dear Ms. Klee:

I am responding to your January 16, 2009 letter to then Regional Administrator Robert Varney on the Corrective Measures Study. In your letter, you stated that GE would not be in a position to submit the Supplement to the Corrective Measures Study ("CMS Supplement") by the January 30, 2009 due date. You also indicated that you believe that the new alternative for Rest of River, which GE informally presented to EPA and Massachusetts on December 19, 2008, should be an integral part of the CMS Supplement. To that end, you asked for unspecified additional time for discussions on GE's new Rest of River alternative, public outreach, preparation of a work plan on the proposal, and submittal of the CMS Supplement.

In response to your letter and our discussion at the December 19th meeting and subsequent discussions between EPA and the Commonwealth, EPA agrees to grant GE until March 9, 2009, as you originally requested on November 5, 2008, to submit a response to the comments provided by EPA in our letters of September 9, 2008 and October 30, 2008. We also agree that the new alternative should be further developed and analyzed and compared to the existing suite of alternatives on an equal footing under the CMS process provided for by the Consent Decree.

Regarding the new alternative, we propose to proceed as follows:

1. Technical staff meeting(s) among EPA, GE, the Commonwealth, and Connecticut this month for a more in-depth discussion of the new alternative and to begin the work planning process described in item 3. below with respect to the new alternative.
2. EPA/State review of/consultation on GE's March 9th response, informal public input/comment on response, and provision of feedback to GE by early April.
3. CMS work planning meeting among EPA, GE, and state after ACEC decision, likely in mid-April. Following the meeting, GE shall submit for EPA approval a plan and

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schedule to integrate the new alternative into a revised CMS and to make other necessary revisions to the draft CMS, e.g., revised comparative analysis, final ACEC decision implications, and other changes that flow from discussion of GE's March 9th response. This new information shall be compiled and submitted as a revised CMS.

We look forward to your March 9th submittal and the upcoming technical discussions.

Sincerely,



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