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Re: Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site Rest of River Corrective Measures Study

Dear Bob:

I understand that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to conditionally approve the Corrective Measures Study Report (CMS) for the Rest of River by June 23, 2008, and that EPA plans to provide approximately sixty days for GE to supplement the CMS in accordance with EPA's conditional approval. GE believes that the EPA should defer such action for the reasons set forth herein.

Less than one month ago, EPA received several hundred pages of comments on the CMS. Most major stakeholders, including the Massachusetts Departments of Environmental Protection and Fish and Game and the Massachusetts Audubon Society, concluded that they were unable to judge the best remedial alternative for the Rest of River based on the information contained in the CMS. These important stakeholders together own a large percentage of the Primary Study Area.

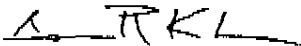
In addition, many stakeholders asked that the CMS consider in more detail innovative remedial technologies, address the significant environmental damage associated with the implementation of conventional remedial technologies, and consider the prospects for more focused or phased remedial actions in the Rest of River.

GE believes that EPA should defer acting on the CMS until EPA, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and GE have had a meaningful opportunity to discuss the many comments received suggesting additional actions necessary to supplement the CMS. We should work together to define those actions that should be taken in response to those comments, and agree on the amount of time necessary to properly undertake those actions.

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GE remains ready to begin this important discussion immediately. I also hope that EPA agrees that now is the best time for EPA, the Commonwealth and GE to have broad, in depth discussions of the implications of comments received on the CMS for the Rest of River remedy selection.

Very truly yours,



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