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August 24, 2006

Mr. Andrew T. Silfer
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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Approval of General Electric's August 10, 2006 *Demolition and Disposition Activities – Building 32 Substation, 30s Complex, GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.*

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of the above-referenced submittal dated August 10, 2006. This submittal is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the above-referenced submittal.

This letter does not constitute approval or disapproval of the characterization of building demolition debris or other material for off-site disposal, nor does it constitute approval or disapproval of GE's building demolition activities themselves. Furthermore, this approval does not constitute approval for the unrestricted reuse of the building slab GE proposes to leave in place. The approval is strictly limited to approving the proposed consolidation of certain building debris into the Hill 78 OPCA.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the CD.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1328.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon M. Hayes".

Sharon M. Hayes
GE Facility Project Manager

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