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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Comments on General Electric Company's (GE) April 2001 *Pre-Design Investigation Report for Portion of East Street Area 2-South: Future City Recreational Area*, GE Housatonic River Project Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silfer:

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approvals the above-referenced April 2001 *Pre-Design Investigation Report for Portion of East Street Area 2-South: Future City Recreational Area*.

This *Pre-Design Investigation Report for Portion of East Street Area 2-South: Future City Recreational Area* (Report) 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, the EPA, after consultation with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP), approves the above referenced submittal.

The vertical and horizontal distribution of the total PCB and Appendix IX+3 soil sample results for the Future City Recreational Area appears to meet the needs of the spatial averaging protocols. Based on the data presented to EPA the Agency agrees with GE's data validation actions.

For future data reports, EPA requests that GE submit a diskette with electronic copies of the data summary tables (in EXCEL spreadsheet format) to EPA and EPA's consultant, WESTON. The inclusion of the EXCEL spreadsheet versions of the data tables will expedite future EPA reviews.

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EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling in the Future City Recreational Area and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1268.

Sincerely,



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