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RE: *Appeal of Island East Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Request for remand.*

Dear Mr. Blum:

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection has received Islander East Pipeline Company's request for remand pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 930.129(d) so that the DEP may reconsider Islander East's request for coastal consistency, and respond by July 31, 2003. Islander East has further requested that the Secretary continue the stay of proceedings on appeal during the remand time period. As part of its request, Islander East has appended a lengthy synopsis of the "significant new information" which it either has, or intends to provide DEP. This information was not provided to DEP as part of the original coastal zone management consistency review.

DEP is considering the ramifications of Island East's request and anticipates making a decision as to whether it concurs therein by no later than Thursday, May 22, 2003. Therefore, DEP respectfully requests that it be permitted to respond to Islander East's request for remand by no later than Friday, May 23, 2003.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. Wrinn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

David H. Wrinn  
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