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RE: *Appeal of Islander East Pipeline Co.
Scheduling of Brief and Close of Record*

Dear Mr. Blum:

Pursuant to your request at last week's conference call with Mr. Amoroso of Islander, the State of Connecticut through its Department of Environmental Protection proposes the following briefing schedule to take the parties to the close of the administrative record.

- Islander East Reply brief due on December 1, 2003
- State of Connecticut Reply brief due on January 15, 2004

Islander East surreply brief (if any) due on January 30, 2004

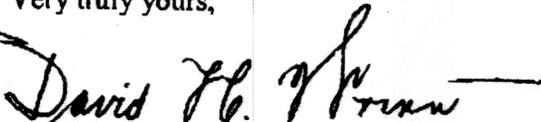
Decision Record closes, January 31, 2004.

As noted in last week's conference call, the State's suggested schedule is based upon two sets of considerations. First and foremost, the State should have the ability to assess the contents of the public hearing process, including transcripts and filings. The public comment period closes on November 20, 2003. Islander East's proposed schedule would not give the State sufficient time to deal with that portion of the record prior to filing its only further opportunity to persuade the Secretary not to override the Department of Environmental Protection's objection to coastal consistency for the Islander East project. Secondly, the undersigned is scheduled to commence trial in an environmental enforcement proceeding on December 16, 2003. The matter has been put over from September, and it must go forward. The undersigned therefore requests

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sufficient time within which to prepare the State's papers in this matter. Finally, and again as noted in the October 16, 2003 conference call, the scheduled proposed by the State is reasonable and does not prejudice Islander East's appeal with any undue delay.

Very truly yours,

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