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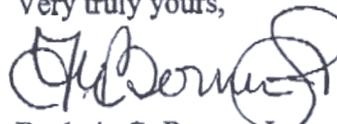
Re: CZMA Consistency Appeal of
 Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P.

Dear Ms. Holt:

We have received your July 16, 2002 letter regarding the request for intervention of the Town of Cortlandt, New York ("Cortlandt"). On behalf of Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P., we offer a very brief response.

Cortlandt's request for intervention should be denied for the same reasons that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson's request for intervention was denied by NOAA General Counsel James R. Walpole in his July 17, 2002 letter to Neil L. Levy. Unlike Croton, moreover, Cortlandt does not have a local waterfront revitalization program that is part of New York's coastal management program, and thus Cortlandt should not be granted *amicus* status in this proceeding. Cortlandt's request for a public hearing is essentially the same as Croton's request for a hearing and should thus also be forwarded to Under Secretary Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher for decision.

Very truly yours,



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