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

Dear Mr. Blum:

The Connecticut DEP does not object to Islander East's May 15, 2003 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, for a period to end no later than July 31, and for stay of the appeal for the same period of time.

It's DEP's understanding that this will not change the briefing schedule established in the March 17, 2003 letter from Karl D. Greaves, Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services. That is, as outlined in the letter, Connecticut's brief will be due 45 days from the date the parties are informed the appeal has recommenced.

If you have any questions, please call me at (860) 808-5101. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carmel A. Motherway".

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