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July 9, 2003

Mr. Charles H. Evans
Director
Office of Long Island Sound Programs
Department of Environmental Protection
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RE: **Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C.**
Water Quality Certificate Application #200300937

Dear Mr. Evans:

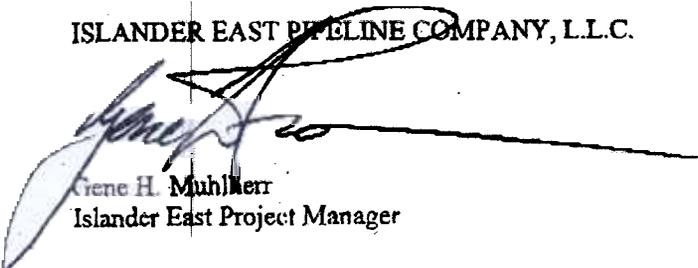
In response to your staff's May 5, 2003 information request, Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("Islander East") provided the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection ("CTDEP") with detailed technical information on May 27, 2003. Following that submittal, Islander East's Environmental Project Manager has repeatedly attempted to schedule a meeting between Islander East and CTDEP staff to discuss Islander East's response and to address any questions that CTDEP may have regarding our pending permit applications. On July 8, 2003, Islander East was advised by your staff that the CTDEP is unavailable to meet with Islander East to discuss this material.

Islander East is disappointed that the CTDEP is unwillingly to meet with Islander East at this time. We understood that open, constructive, face-to-face dialogue would be maintained between our parties during the review of our 401 Water Quality Certificate application and the remand of the Coastal Zone Consistency Determination. In actuality, Islander East feels that dialogue with CTDEP has been sporadic despite our repeated offers to meet.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me at (203) 488-1800 or via email at ghmuhlherr@duke-energy.com.

Sincerely,

ISLANDER EAST PIPELINE COMPANY, L.L.C.



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