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RE: Appeal of Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

Dear Mr. Blum:

On behalf of Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("Islander East") and the State of Connecticut, the parties to the above appeal request a two-week extension of the stay of the processing of the appeal which was granted by letter dated March 17, 2003. The purpose of our request for an extension of the stay is to ensure the availability of formal commentary to Islander East by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection with respect to materials, proposals and modifications which have been transmitted to the State by Islander East during the current stay.

During the current stay, there have been numerous meetings and communications between the parties. In addition, there have been several multi-agency meetings among the parties and interested state and federal agencies to review and discuss various modifications, studies and analysis which might lead to a negotiated settlement between Islander East and the State of Connecticut. The parties share the view that a two-week extension of the stay of the Islander East appeal is warranted under all the circumstances. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Re: Request for Two Week Extension of Stay - Consistency Appeal of the Islander East Pipeline Company

Dear Messrs. Amoroso and Wrinn:

This responds to your letter dated May 1, 2003, and the joint request contained therein, for a two-week extension of the stay of proceedings for the subject appeal. The stay, granted by our March 17, 2003 letter, ran through May 1, 2003. The 14-day extension was requested to allow the State of Connecticut an opportunity to provide formal commentary to Islander East regarding proposals and related materials received by the State in connection with settlement negotiations pursued during the initial stay. The requested extension is granted pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §930.129(c)(2). Therefore, processing of the appeal will be stayed through the period ending May 15, 2003, at which time the parties are to provide this office with a status update report.

Please be advised that all procedural conditions regarding the initial stay included in our March 17, 2003 letter will apply to the extension. This means, for example, that the public comment period shall remain open through May 15, 2003, and will be further extended upon recommencement of the appeal, as detailed in the March 17 letter.

If there are any questions concerning the stay, please contact Branden Blum of this office.

Sincerely,

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