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To: Energy and Telecommunications Industry Representatives

From: Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

Re: Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Database Consultations

Please be advised that effective immediately, pursuant to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Request for Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) State-Listed Species Review¹ and the DEEP General Permit Registration for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities,² the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) no longer requires a formal DEEP NDDB consultation for proposed facilities with site boundaries that are located more than ¼ mile from a shaded area of the most recent NDDB map.

As described in the DEEP *Instructions for Completing a Request for Natural Diversity Database State Listed Species Review*, if the boundaries of a proposed facility site intersect or overlap with a NDDB area on the maps, the proposed facility is located in an area of concern for state-listed species and a NDDB Request for Review Form should be submitted to the DEEP Wildlife Division. If the boundaries of a proposed facility site do not intersect or overlap with a NDDB area on the maps, a NDDB Request for Review Form does not need to be submitted to the DEEP Wildlife Division.

As described in the DEEP *General Permit Registration for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities*, if the construction activities involve disturbance of one or more total acres of land area, in order to be eligible to register for a General Permit, registrants must perform a self-assessment, obtain a limited one-year determination or obtain a safe harbor determination regarding threatened and endangered species. Each registrant must perform a review of the DEEP NDDB maps to determine if the site of the construction activity is located within or in proximity (within ¼ mile) to a shaded area.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

¹ Instructions for Completing a Request for Natural Diversity Database State Listed Species Review, available at http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/endangered_species/general_information/nddb_inst.pdf

² General Permit Registration Form for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities, available at http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/permits_and_licenses/water_discharge_general_permits/storm_const_reg.pdf