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February 5, 2016

Reference: Project
Homeland Towers' Telecommunications Facility

Location
Brookfield, CT

Chris Bond
IVI Telecom Services
55 West Red Oak Lane
White Plains, NY 10604

Dear Mr. Bond:

This responds to your correspondence, dated December 1, 2015, requesting information on the presence of federally listed and/or proposed endangered or threatened species in relation to the proposed activity referenced above. These comments are provided in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Based on information currently available to us, no federally listed or proposed, threatened or endangered species or critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are known to occur in the project area. While the proposed project would occur within the range of the federally threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and bog turtle (*Clemmys muhlenbergii*), the area is highly disturbed and habitat suitable for these species is not present. Based on the information provided in your correspondence and the information in our files, we have no information to refute your no effect determination.

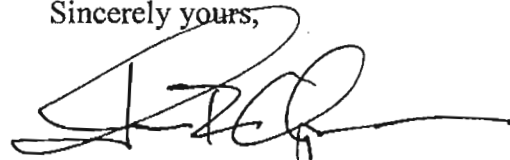
Further consultation with us under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is not required. If the project plans change such that listed species or their habitats may be affected, please contact us to determine if additional consultation is necessary. For future projects, please note that neither section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, nor the section 7 implementing regulations require Federal agencies or their designated non-Federal representatives to obtain concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for "no effect" determinations.

Chris Bond
February 5, 2016

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Thank you for your cooperation, and please contact Ms. Cindy Corsair (Maynard) of this office at (401) 364-9124, extension 6003, if you need any further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Chapman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas R. Chapman
Supervisor
New England Field Office