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## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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March 3, 2016

Reference:	<u>Project</u>	<u>Location</u>
	CSB Communications Facility	Bridgeport, CT

Dean E. Gustafson  
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Dear Mr. Gustafson:

This responds to your letter, dated November 9, 2015, and received in our office on December 28, 2015, regarding the proposed Construction Services of Branford Telecommunication Facility Project, requesting that we concur with your determination that the Project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect, the federally threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). On January 14, 2016, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) published a final rule under section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act (Final Rule) that defines prohibited take of the northern long-eared bat and its habitat. This rule went into effect on February 16, 2016. Our comments are provided in accordance with the Final Rule and section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended: 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Under the Final Rule, Federal agencies may implement an optional framework, the Key to the Northern Long-Eared Bat 4(d) Rule for Federal Actions that May Affect Northern Long-Eared Bats,<sup>1</sup> to streamline section 7 consultation for the northern long-eared bat (Framework).<sup>1</sup> You notified us of your intent to follow this Framework by email on February 12, 2016. Following the guidance provided by the Service in the Framework, you determined that the Project will not result in prohibited incidental take, because the Project area is not within ¼-mile of a known hibernaculum or within 150 feet of a known occupied maternity roost tree. Therefore, additional consultation is not necessary.

<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/KeyFinal4dNLEBFedProjects.html> (accessed February 2016) for information regarding the Framework.

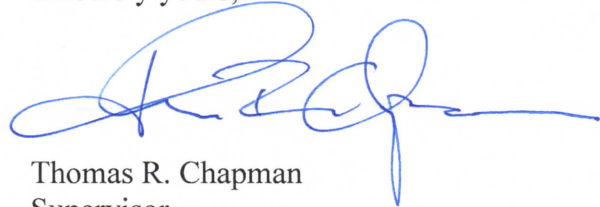
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We agree with your determination that the proposed Project, as described, would not result in prohibited incidental take. Please note that in the future, if you provide written notification<sup>2</sup> to the Service for a project that will not result in prohibited incidental take of the northern long-eared bat, Service concurrence is not required. If the Service does not respond within 30 days, consultation is concluded in accordance with the Framework guidance.

Thank you for your cooperation, and please contact Ms. Maria Tur of this office at (603) 223-2541 if you need any further assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas R. Chapman  
Supervisor  
New England Field Office

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<sup>2</sup> The determination must include a description of the proposed project and the action area (the area affected by all direct and indirect project effects) with sufficient detail to support the determination.

June 27, 2017

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Project: Installation of Cellular Communications Tower and Related Structures for Bridgeport East Located at 380 Horace Street in Bridgeport  
NDDDB Determination No.: 201705161

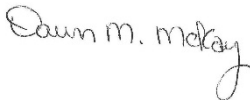
Dear Dean Gustafson,

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDDB) maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map provided for the proposed Installation of Cellular Communications Tower and Related Structures for Bridgeport East Located at 380 Horace Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut. I do not anticipate negative impacts to State-listed species (RCSA Sec. 26-306) resulting from your proposed activity at the site based upon the information contained within the NDDDB. The result of this review does not preclude the possibility that listed species may be encountered on site and that additional action may be necessary to remain in compliance with certain state permits. This determination is good for two years. Please re-submit a new NDDDB Request for Review if the scope of work changes or if work has not begun on this project by June 27, 2019.

Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Natural History Survey and cooperating units of DEEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substitutes for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available.

Please contact me if you have further questions at (860) 424-3592, or [dawn.mckay@ct.gov](mailto:dawn.mckay@ct.gov) . Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base.

Sincerely,



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