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Re: Public Process for MDC Abandonment Permit

Dear Attorney Reynolds, Ms. Charamut and Ms. Petras:

The Department of Public Health (DPH) has received your letter dated March 30, 2023, with respect to the Metropolitan District Commission's (MDC) proposed abandonment of certain rights to the Colebrook Reservoir. You have requested that DPH provide the public with access to MDC's abandonment permit application (Application) and related documents and that DPH hold a public hearing or meeting to allow the public to comment on the Application. As described more fully below, although DPH will not hold a public hearing or meeting, DPH will share all documentation received on the Application with the public and permit members of the public to provide written comments thereon.

DPH understands and appreciates the public's interest in this matter and certainly agrees that transparency and disclosure are important. To that end, DPH will post the Application and related documents on DPH's Source Water Assessment and Protection website page and will notify you via e-mail once we post the information. The public is free to submit written comments on the application at dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov up to 30 days after the Application is posted. All submitted comments will be made available to MDC. While DPH

will accept comments from the public submitted within the 30-day timeframe, DPH will not hold a public hearing or meeting on the Application as that is not part of the process set forth in the governing statute, Connecticut General Statutes § 25-33k.

DPH appreciates your organizations' participation in this process and continued interest in working with DPH to protect our state's valuable public water supplies.

4-27-2023
Date

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cc: Attorney Christopher Stone, Metropolitan District Commission