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INTERGOVERNMENTAL POLICY DIVISION

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Mr. Eric McPhee
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Re: Notice of Scoping:
North Stonington Water Main Extension

Dear Eric:

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has reviewed the Notice of Scoping for the North Stonington Water Main Extension and submits the following comment:

- The State Plan of Conservation & Development's Locational Guide map shows a portion of the northern extension to the Grange as being outside of a priority funding area (PFA). [CGS Sec. 16a-35d](#) generally prohibits state agencies from funding growth-related projects located outside of a PFA. In order to proceed with the northern portion of the project, DPH will need to satisfy the requirements for an exception under CGS Sec. 16a-35d(b).

A key aspect of gaining such an exception is to show that a project is consistent with the municipal plan of conservation and development (POCD). [Section 10.6](#) of North Stonington's 2013 POCD includes a map and discussion of the town's existing and future water service areas, which presumably originated from an *Exclusive Service Area Water Plan* study conducted in 2008. Both of the proposed water main extensions in this scoping notice appear to be outside the future water service areas identified in that plan.

Therefore, DPH will need to coordinate with the Town to ensure that the requirements of CGS Sec. 16a-35d(b) have been satisfied, before submitting its recommendation for a PFA exception to the OPM Secretary for approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this Notice of Scoping and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Wittchen".

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