



January 5, 2017

Mr. Daniel Lawrence and Mr. Russell Posthauer, Jr., Co-Chairs, Western WUCC
Mr. Bart Halloran and Mr. David Radka, Co-Chairs, Central WUCC
Mr. Bob Congdon, Mr. Mark Decker, and Mr. Patrick Bernardo, Tri-Chairs, Eastern WUCC

RE: DEEP STATUS ON RESOLVING ESA CONFLICTS

Dear Water Utility Coordinating Committee Chairs:

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is submitting this correspondence to keep the Water Utility Coordinating Committees (WUCCs) apprised of our progress in resolving the Exclusive Service Area (ESA) conflicts generated when DEEP claimed the DEEP-owned lands across the state.

We appreciate the WUCC's evaluation of our request, the conversation generated, and the willingness of many utilities, towns and the Council of Governments to work through the issues raised by the State's filings. As you are aware, the purpose of claiming our lands as proposed ESAs is to reinforce the principle that as an arm of the state government, DEEP retains both the ability and responsibility to best determine how to provide water service to our facilities and to all lands under DEEP's custody and control. We thought it best to raise this issue for consideration during the WUCC process. We have been meeting internally to clarify our claims, including but not limited to, the ability to hold an ESA, the possibility of a global resolution of all DEEP managed lands and (as raised at the WUCC meetings) circumstances surrounding the sale or division of DEEP-owned lands in the future.

DEEP does not wish to delay the WUCC process, but we ask that the WUCCs not take up the conflict resolution process in January with respect to DEEP, as we determine the best course of action and work toward conflict resolution. We will continue to keep the WUCCs apprised of our progress in the meantime, and will send a clarifying letter well before the February meetings.

If you have any questions please call Eric Ott of my staff at 860 424-4112. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Kaliszewski".

Robert Kaliszewski
Director of Administration

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cc: Mr. David Murphy, Milone & MacBroom, Inc.
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