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CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
ON THE
ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION FORM

PROJECT NAME : 600 West Street
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Mansfield
PROJECT WATERSHED : Taunton River
EOEA NUMBER : 14361
PROJECT PROPONENT : 600 West Street Mansfield, LLC
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : January 7, 2009

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (G. L. c. 30, ss. 61-62I) and Section 11.06 of the MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I determine that the above project **does not require** the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

According to the Environmental Notification Form (ENF), the proposed project consists of the construction of a 3-story 104,000 square foot office building and associated utilities and drainage on a 6.3-acre parcel of land located on the east side of the interchange of Route 495 and West Street in the Town of Mansfield. The project will create in 354 new parking spaces for a total of 429 spaces and it will generate 1,375 new vehicle trips per day.

The project is undergoing review pursuant to Sections 11.03(6)(b)(14) of the MEPA regulations because it requires a state agency action and will generate more than 1,000 new average daily trips on roadways providing access to a single location and create more than 150 new parking spaces. The project will require a Vehicular Access Permit from the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD). The project is subject to a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for stormwater discharges from a construction site.

Because the Proponent is not seeking financial assistance from the Commonwealth for the project, MEPA jurisdiction extends to those aspects of the project that are within the subject matter of required or potentially required state permits and which may cause Damage to the Environment as defined in the MEPA regulations. In this case, MEPA jurisdiction exists over traffic.

As described in the ENF, the project will have no impacts on wetland resource areas. Therefore, the project would not be subject to the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA). However, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has stated in its comments that the USGS Topographic Map shows a perennial stream, the headwaters of a tributary to Hodges Brook, which flows north to south through or very close to where the proposed building will be located. The proponent should file a Request for a Determination of Applicability or an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Designation under the WPA in order to obtain a valid determination of any wetland resource areas on-site. The ENF also indicates that the project will meet the Stormwater Management Standards, which is required by Mansfield By-Law and regulated by the Town of Mansfield Conservation Commission.

I am satisfied that the project's traffic impacts and potential wetland resource impacts can be adequately addressed during the MHD and local permitting processes. Therefore, based on a review of the information provided by the proponent and after consultation with relevant public agencies, I find that the potential impacts of this project do not warrant the preparation of an EIR.

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Comments received:

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