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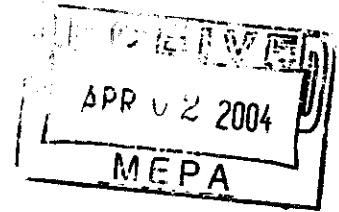
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March 31, 2004

Dear Reviewer



Pursuant to the EOTC/DEP Administrative Consent Order (ACO) regarding Mass Transit Commitments (dated September 1, 2000), the MBTA, on behalf of EOTC, recently filed a Notice of Delay for the filing of the Urban Ring Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Statement (DEIR/S) from its existing due date of April 15, 2004 until November 30, 2004. In addition, Notice of Delay also identified the new opening date of the Silver Line/Phase II being delayed from its previously anticipated opening date of June 30, 2004 to a new date of December 31, 2004. A copy of the Notice of Delay is attached for your review.

DEP will accept public comments on this document (and all subsequent submittals due under the ACO) for thirty calendar days. The comment period will commence upon the publication of this Special Notice in the *Environmental Monitor* dated April 7, 2004. Comments should be received by the DEP no later than May 7, 2004. Comments should be addressed to:

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 617-222-3126 or at abrennan@mbta.com.

Sincerely,

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Director of Environmental Affairs

