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CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ON THE NOTICE OF PROJECT CHANGE

PROJECT NAME : Knipmeyer Single Family Dwelling
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Tisbury
PROJECT WATERSHED : Island
EOEA NUMBER : 12233
PROJECT PROPONENT : Hugh Knipmeyer
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : December 23, 2006

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (G. L. c. 30, ss. 61-62H) and Section 11.06 of the MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I hereby determine that this project change **does not require** additional MEPA review.

Project Description

The project consists of construction of a single-family home on a 2.1-acre site in Tisbury. The original project did not require additional MEPA review in the form of an Environmental Impact Review (EIR). The project change consists of reducing the size of proposed structures and substituting the proposed piers and footings foundation with a helical pier foundation system. The dwelling has been reduced to a single 30-foot by 30-foot structure and the proposed porch has been eliminated. The project change will further minimize environmental impacts through a reduction in land alteration and excavation requirements.


The project is undergoing MEPA review pursuant to Section 11.03 (3)(b)(1)(a) because it requires a state permit and may involve alteration of a coastal dune. The project required a Superseding Order of Conditions (SOC) from the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). The project change requires an amendment to the SOC from MassDEP.

Comments from MassDEP indicate that the project change is likely to result in similar or reduced impacts. Comments also indicate that the proponent has not yet filed an amendment request. The proponent will need to provide a detail sheet showing the location, layout and design of the helical pier system and should address problems with the project plan noted in the AM Wilson comment letter prior to filing the amendment request.

In addition, it appears that the site is located within Estimated and Priority Habitat as identified by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas. The proponent must file a copy of the SOC amendment request with the NHESP Program concurrently with its submission to MassDEP to ensure that impacts to rare species and habitat are addressed adequately.

Based on a review of the NPC, the comments received and consultation with public agencies, I am satisfied that the environmental impacts of the project change do not warrant the preparation of an EIR (EIR). No further MEPA review is required.

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Comments received:

- 1/12/07 Department of Environmental Protection Southeast Regional Office (MassDEP/SERO)
- 1/11/07 A.M. Wilson Associates, Inc

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