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

PROJECT NAME : University Avenue Water Main  
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : University Avenue, Everett Street and Route 1 – Norwood  
and Westwood  
PROJECT WATERSHED : Neponset River  
EOEA NUMBER : 14170  
PROJECT PROPONENT : Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA)  
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : January 23, 2008

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 determine that this 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 10,500-foot 36-inch in diameter water main within University Avenue from the intersection of Canton Street in Westwood westerly to Everett Street and to Route 1 in Norwood. This project will interconnect two existing dead end MWRA pipelines, and it will form a looped water distribution system. It includes several buried isolation valves, air releases, and blow-off structures. The project includes an interconnection with the Town of Norwood water system. It will disturb approximately 1.5 acres of land. The project site is located within the Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

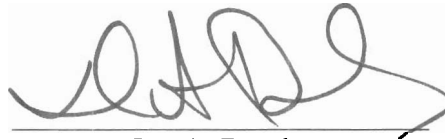
The project is subject to review pursuant to Section 11.03(11)(b) of the MEPA regulations because it is located within an ACEC. It will require an Access Permit from the Massachusetts Highway Department (MassHighway) for construction within Route 1. It must comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for stormwater discharges from a construction site. An Order of Conditions will be required from the Norwood Conservation Commission for work within a buffer zone. Because Commonwealth

funds will be used for the project, MEPA jurisdiction extends to all aspects of the project that may have significant environmental impacts (wetlands, stormwater and water distribution).

During construction, the project proponent will utilize straw bales to control sedimentation and runoff. The proponent should utilize other best management practices for erosion and sedimentation control. The proponent should work with MassHighway during the preparation of the Traffic Management Plan to ensure that travel flows through the work zone at the Route 1/ University Avenue intersection.

Based on a review of the information provided by the proponent and after consultation with the relevant public agencies, I find that the potential impacts of this project do not warrant the preparation of an EIR.

February 22, 2008  
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Comments received:

DCR, 2/6/08  
Westwood Board of Selectmen, 2/8/08  
MassWildlife, 2/11/08  
MassDEP/SERO, 2/12/08  
EOT, 2/12/08

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