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

PROJECT NAME : Pequit Estates
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Canton
PROJECT WATERSHED : Boston Harbor
EOEA NUMBER : 12172
PROJECT PROPONENT : Pequit Development Partners LLC
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : March 8, 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 determine that this project **does not require** the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Project Description

According to the information contained in the Notice of Project Change (NPC), the proponent proposes to construct a 200 linear feet (lf) extension of the Town of Canton's existing sewer main, and a 220 lf extension of Canton's water supply main to serve a proposed four-lot residential subdivision located off Waterman Road in Canton. As currently proposed, the project will be served by the Town of Canton's municipal water supply system, and municipal sewer collection and conveyance system for treatment by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's (MWRA) Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF).

In its comments, DEP has indicated that it will require a letter from Town of Canton demonstrating its support for the sewerage of these lots, explaining why this project area was not considered a Priority Area for sewerage under the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (CWRMP) Needs Survey, and prohibiting any increases in flows, beyond the project change flows of 1,760 gallons per day (gpd), from the proposed sewer extension.

The proponent has committed to project mitigation consisting of a financial contribution for the 4:1 (7,040 gpd) removal of infiltration and inflow (I/I). According to DEP, the project proponent, in collaboration with the Town of Canton, must identify the I/I mitigation projects to be funded. The proponent must also provide DEP with documentation from the Town describing the total costs of the proponent's I/I removal activities, the schedule for completion, and the estimated total I/I reduction anticipated from the proponent's I/I removal work.

I note that the Town of Canton has not established and implemented an active I/I removal program. The Town of Canton should work closely with DEP to develop and implement an I/I removal program that will enable sewer extension applicants to commit to a 4:1 removal of I/I to mitigate the water supply and wastewater impacts associated with proposed development projects. The Town of Canton's Phase II CWRMP submittal to the MEPA Office must include a detailed description of Canton's I/I program. The proponent will need to respond to DEP's comments during DEP's permit review process.

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Stephen R. Pritchard, Secretary

Comments received:

03/27/06 Water Supply Citizens Advisory Commission (WSCAC), MWRA
03/28/06 Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection – NERO

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