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

PROJECT NAME : Development of Four Commercial Lots/Sunrise Senior

Living Center

PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Franklin

PROJECT WATERSHED : Charles River

EOEA NUMBER : 11850

PROJECT PROPONENT : Sunrise Senior Living Center

DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : N/A

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 is insignificant and does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

The project was the subject of an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) in 1999 and a subsequent Notice of Project Change (NPC) in 2000. The Certificates issued for each of these documents did not require the submission of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). As originally proposed, the project entailed the development of four adjacent commercially-zoned lots. One lot has been developed and contains a 100-unit hotel (Hampton Inn) with 76 parking spaces. A second lot is proposed to contain 40,000 square feet (sf) of office space and associated parking. A third lot will contain 12,000 sf of office space and 57 parking spaces. A fourth lot was to contain 19,000 sf of office space and 77 parking spaces, but according to the NPC, is now proposed to be developed as a 79-unit assisted living facility with 47 parking spaces. According to the NPC, the substitution of the assisted living facility for office space will result in a decrease of 30 proposed parking spaces and 87 vehicle trips on an average weekday. However, water use and wastewater generation will increase by approximately 10,234 gallons per day.

According to the MEPA regulations at 301 CMR 11.10(a) and (b), a project change is ordinarily insignificant if it results in an increase of the physical dimensions of the project of less than ten percent or an increase in environmental impacts of less than 25 percent, respectively. In this case, the NPC has documented that the proposed project change meets these criteria. Therefore, I find that the proposed project change is insignificant, and no further MEPA review is required.

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Comments received: None

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