

March 20, 2006

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Dear Mr. Brown:

I write with grave concern about the Draft Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) in particular as it relates to Candlewood Lake. I am informed that significant impacts and burden will be born by residents and businesses in the area. I urge you to clarify the plan and make immediate changes.

During a February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting regarding the SMP, residents were told about costs to be imposed on them for the implementation of the plan. The residents were told the costs would likely include licensing fees, fees for administration and enforcement of the plan, fees for overhead including rent and insurance, corporate salaries, legal expenses and accounting fees. They were given no details what-so-ever about what those fees will be. It is also unclear whether all property owners around the Lake will be taxed for a fair share of using the Lake, or whether only certain individuals will bear all the expense.

There is nothing that specifies authority for Northeast Generating Services to charge such fees, the scope of the fees, who will be required to pay the fees, or any detail about your company's accountability. Any suggestion of a fee is particularly troubling for those with deeded rights to pass and re-pass, the right to construct a dock, and the right to construct a seawall. What authority does Northeast Generating Services have to charge someone for the exercise of a property right?

While there is a great lack of clarity regarding the fees, one point is clear: Northeast Generating Services—and not the residents' and businesses around the Lake-- is the entity responsible under the FERC license to prepare and implement the SMP.

Without more explanation about a fee structure, the authority to charge others for Northeast Generating Services' license obligations, and any description of Northeast Generating

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Services' accountability, people affected cannot meaningfully and fully participate and provide meaningful comment on the SMP. I urge you to immediately revise the plan to address these concerns.

Sincerely,

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