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Dear Ms. Wingfield:

Thank you for your submittal of the 2012 Clean Water Act (“CWA”) Section 303(d) list, Connecticut’s 2012 List of Water Bodies Not Meeting Water Quality Standards. In accordance with Section 303(d) of the CWA and 40 CFR §130.7, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (EPA) conducted a complete review of Connecticut’s 2012 Section 303(d) list and supporting documentation. Based on this review, EPA has determined that Connecticut’s list of water quality limited segments still requiring total maximum daily loads meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the CWA and EPA’s implementing regulations. Therefore, by this letter, EPA hereby approves Connecticut’s 2012 Section 303(d) list.

The Section 303(d) list was submitted as Table 3-4 of the Connecticut’s 2012 Integrated Water Quality Report. Chapter 3 of the report includes a list of those waters for which technology based and other required controls for point and nonpoint sources are not stringent enough to attain or maintain compliance with the State’s Water Quality Standards. The submittal also presents Connecticut’s total maximum daily load strategy which describes the priority setting approach and identifies those waters for which total maximum daily loads will be completed and submitted during the next two years and beyond. The statutory and regulatory requirements, and EPA’s review of Connecticut’s compliance with each requirement, are described in detail in the enclosed approval document.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“CT DEEP”) has also successfully completed a public participation process during which the public was given the opportunity to review and comment on the 2012 Section 303(d) list. As a result of this effort, Connecticut has considered public comments in the development of the final list. The public comments and CT DEEP’s responses to those comments were included in the State’s final submittal.

We are pleased with the quality of your submittal and appreciate the level of effort that CT DEEP has devoted to preparing the 2012 Section 303(d) list. Your staff has prepared a comprehensive and informative list, and has also provided EPA with supporting

documentation and assistance to aid us in our review and approval. My staff and I look forward to continued cooperation with CT DEEP in implementing the requirements under Section 303(d) of the CWA.

Please feel free to contact Mary Garren at 617-918-1322 if you have any questions about or comments on our review.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

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