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April 3, 2006

Ms. Cathy C. Taylor
Director, Electric Environmental Services
Dominion Generation
5000 Dominion Boulevard
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Re: NPDES Permit Proceeding for Brayton Point Station

Dear Ms. Taylor:

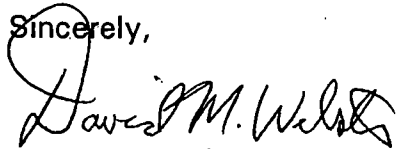
Thank you for your letter of February 17, 2006. In that letter, Dominion requests that EPA Region I re-open the record and accept public comment on the two issues remanded to the Region for further review by the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) in its recent decision on the merits of the company's appeal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by Region I to Brayton Point Station (BPS) in October 2003. Since the EAB's February 1, 2006, decision, you have also called me twice to ask whether Region I had decided whether or not to re-open the record for additional public comment on these two issues.

As I explained over the telephone, Region I has not yet decided whether or not to re-open the record for additional public comment on one or both of the remanded issues. The Region has yet to make any decisions about the remanded issues, including whether or not to re-open the record for additional public comment. Your request that Region I re-open the record for public comment is noted, however, and will be taken into account in the Region's decision-making.

Your letter also requests that Region I "hold an evidentiary hearing" on the two remanded issues. Your request in this regard is also noted.

If you have questions regarding the above discussion, please feel free to call me again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Webster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

David Webster
Chief, Industrial Permits

cc: Glenn Haas, MA DEP