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Mr. Michael T. Carroll
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Re: Site Number GESD02
Housatonic River – West Branch
Review and Conditional Approval of Supplemental Sampling Summary Report

Dear Mr. Carroll:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (the Department) has reviewed the report titled *Supplemental Sampling Summary Report*, dated January 31, 2006 (the Report). The Report was prepared by Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc. for the General Electric Company (GE).

The Report presents the results of the soil, sediment and surface water investigations that were performed by GE in December 2005. These investigations were carried out as proposed in the report titled *Additional Investigation Summary Report for Dorothy Amos Park and the West Branch of the Housatonic River*, dated September 30, 2005, and as modified by the Department's November 7, 2005 conditional approval of that document. In addition, the Report outlines GE's proposal for additional sediment and groundwater sampling, and the schedule for the performance of the additional sampling and the submission of a Second Supplemental Sampling Summary Report.

The Department approves the Report with the following condition:

- At sediment sampling location DASED-5, GE proposes to collect sediment samples from the 5- to 6-foot and 6- to 7-foot depth intervals, and to analyze the sample from the 5- to 6-foot depth interval for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The sample from the 6- to 7-foot depth interval will be held for possible future analysis, pending review of the results for the sample from the 5- to 6-foot depth interval. In addition to

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the collection of these samples, GE shall collect a sample from the 7- to 8-foot depth interval at this location, to the extent feasible, using the same sampling technique employed to collect samples from the 5- to 6-foot and 6- to 7-foot depth intervals. The sample from the 7- to 8-foot depth interval will be held for possible future analysis, pending review of the results for the samples from the upper depth increments.

If you have any questions regarding these matters please contact Joanne Flescher at (413) 755-2292.

Sincerely,

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