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Subject: Merrimack Station NPDES Permit Proceeding - Records Question
Attachments: AR-1549.pdf; AR-1378.pdf

Hi Bob –
I am writing with a question in connection with EPA's continuing work on the Merrimack Station NPDES permit.

There are two documents earlier submitted to EPA by PSNH (and/or its contractors) in connection with the Merrimack Station permit proceeding that the company labelled as Confidential Business Information (CBI) in their entirety. We think these documents are likely no longer CBI or, at most, are only partly CBI. Having the CBI designations removed, in whole or in part, would make it much easier for us to discuss the material in the Responses to Comments that we are working on to support the Final Permit. Such discussion will enable us to better explain our final permit decision.

We met with Granite Shore Power yesterday to discuss the permit and at one point asked if the CBI designations could be removed from the two documents in question. In response, Stephen Gidiere of Balch & Bingham suggested that since the material was submitted to EPA, and designated as CBI, by PSNH, we should ask PSNH about if the CBI designations could be withdrawn. Specifically, he suggested that I contact you.

The two records in question are the following:

1) February 17, 2017, Letter from Linda Landis, PSNH, to Mark Stein, EPA Region 1, Re: Compliance Plan for Bottom Ash Transport Wastewater Pursuant to Effluent Limitation Guidelines Rule. This is AR1379 in our Administrative Record for the permit, but only a cover sheet is included in the public record due to the CBI designation. See attached.

2) December 2017, Report by Enercon submitted with PSNH's comments during the late 2017 comment period for the Merrimack Station permit. The entirety of the Enercon document is designated as CBI. A cover sheet for this report is included in our Administrative Record for the permit as AR1378. See attached.

Please let us know if the CBI designations can be withdrawn in whole or in part for these two records. If the CBI designations can be withdrawn only in part, please provide us with a redacted copy of the record that masks the text you consider to be CBI. We would then intend to include the non-CBI portions of the record in our public Administrative Record.

Please let us know about these two records at your earliest convenience. Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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