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Mr. Alexander Carli-Dorsey
EPA Project Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
New England Region
Five Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109

Re: GE-Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site Rest of River (GECD850)
Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for Rail Transload Areas in Reaches 5 and 6;

Dear Mr. Carli-Dorsey:

On April 29, 2025, EPA issued a conditional approval letter for GE's October 2024 Revised On-Site and Off-Site Transportation and Disposal Plan. The Plan anticipates utilizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation-owned Berkshire Line (MassDOT) to transport excavated soil/sediment material. Use of the line will require some capital improvements to enable loading/unloading access. On July 24, 2025 EPA issued a Conditional Approval of *GE's May 15, 2025 Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan for Rail Transload Areas in Reaches 5 and 6*.

GE's work plan describes the proposed pre-design investigations for the approved rail transload locations at Utility Drive and the Woods Pond Spur to support rail transport of removed materials. One activity noted in the work plan includes consultation with MassDOT, as owner of the railroad mainline. It is noted in the *November 2025 Monthly Status Report Pursuant to Consent Decree* that development of conceptual layout and rail alignments at the Utility Drive and Woods Pond Spur rail transload areas is underway. In addition, during the December 2, 2025 Citizens Coordinating Council Meeting it was noted that the *Rail Spur Conceptual Design Plan* planned submittal date is January 31, 2026.

MassDOT encourages use of the rail line for appropriate transportation and has no objection to the plans as currently described. However, please note that limited information or project related correspondence has been sent or copied to representatives of MassDOT. Respectfully, MassDOT's Rail & Transit Division is a project stakeholder as the owner of the approximate 35-mile Berkshire Line rail corridor in Massachusetts. Any GE proposed track modifications to the Berkshire Line must be reviewed and approved by MassDOT Rail & Transit prior to final acceptance of the GE Work Plan. Please consider this as MassDOT Rail & Transit's request for greater participation in meeting and correspondence discussions involving planning and scheduling of proposed track and other changes to facilitate material movements by rail.

Please add the following individuals to Project meeting notices and copies of written correspondence among the parties:

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MassDOT Rail & Transit Division supports GE's Rest of River cleanup efforts and is available to discuss required railroad infrastructure work, GE's schedule, and other related subjects. Please feel free to contact me or members of my staff at your convenience with any questions.

Sincerely,

Meredith Slesinger

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