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Hi Linda –

Thanks for the email below. I will pass it along to our permits office.

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Hi Mark. Here is some information in response to the questions posed in your email. First, as currently proposed, we plan on retrofitting our current system to a remote closed-loop recycling system. Right now we are conducting a water balance study to better understand the challenges involved in implementing this change.

The more difficult question you have asked relates to the completion date of this project. As you know, our generation assets are being sold through an auction process being managed by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. The timing of the auction, although not yet firm, is likely to result in final bids in the June to August timeframe, with a likely closing at the end of the year. Once the new owner takes possession of the plants, there will be a significant transition time, the length of which is difficult to predict.

As a result, we are somewhat perplexed in defining the schedule. My best estimate at this time is that the Station will achieve compliance in 2022. However, working with our vendors, we do plan on providing the agency with a schedule breakdown, at least as we see it, when we submit our report in a few weeks.

Please let me know if I can provide any other information in the interim. Again, thank you for granting us the additional time to prepare our report. Linda

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Hi Linda -

I discussed this with the Permits office here and Region 1 is amenable to the 3-week extension you've proposed. We appreciate the company's efforts on this. The Permits office was also wondering whether you might be able to let us know even before the 3 weeks runs whether the company is currently leaning toward a wet or dry system and tentatively what the company's proposed compliance date (between 2018 and 2023) is likely to be. Thanks for considering these requests.

- Mark

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Hi Mark. We received the additional FOIA documents, and we are very appreciative of the agency's response to our request.

I am working with the folks at Merrimack Station in pulling together details for a report on our compliance plan for bottom ash transport water, but it is taking a little longer than I anticipated. Our vendor will be at the Station next week to talk about the water balance study that needs to be done and the timetable for completing that study which is a critical component in our compliance plan. I think we can provide a more detailed compliance report if you will consider giving us a three-week extension.

The last few months have been incredibly busy with issues ranging from our intervention in the Sierra Club First Circuit litigation to our request to EPA for a revised draft NPDES permit for Merrimack Station to our comments on the draft Schiller Title V operating permit. All have contributed to our need for an extra few weeks for preparation of our bottom ash transport water compliance plan for Merrimack Station.

Please let me know if this extension is acceptable. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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