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Dennis Perry  
Project Manager  
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Re: Acushnet River Power Cable Relocation

Dear Mr. Perry:

This letter follows the most recent meeting between EPA and Commonwealth Electric (Com Electric) held on March 18. As you may know, I am now assisting Dave Dickerson on this Site and have assumed responsibility as the Remedial Project Manager for the cable relocation portion of the Harbor cleanup. My telephone number is (617) 573-9623.

I have reviewed the Supply Cable Relocations Estimates and Schedule submitted by Com Electric on the 18th and have discussed the estimated proportionate cost of the work EPA believes is necessary to implement the remedy for the upper and lower harbor with regional management. While the Region agrees that a significant portion of the work to be undertaken is necessary to allow the remedy to move forward, federal contracting rules require the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to prepare an Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) for the proposed Acushnet River Power Cable Relocation (Cable Relocation). The IGCE, which is currently underway, will be compared to the cost and schedule estimate prepared by Com Electric. These cost estimates will then be used as the basis for a contract between Com Electric and the USACE for the actual cable relocation project under which EPA will pay its proportionate share of allowable cost of the work. Once we have the IGCE, EPA will be in a better position to respond to your proportionate share proposal as well as issues concerning disposal of soil/sediment and water treatment.

EPA agrees that an integral part of the Cable Relocation project is the Belleville Road Intersection work. We understand this work is necessary to move the existing cables and includes installing necessary manholes and cable ducts to carry the relocated existing cables across the Belleville Road intersection. This work will be done as an open cut through the intersection. Given that the State is planning to repave the Belleville Road Intersection sometime after July 1, 1998, EPA agrees that once the intersection is repaved, reopening the intersection for the necessary Cable



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Relocation work will become problematic and costly because of the requirement to repave the entire intersection and not just the work area. In order to avoid disrupting the intersection a second time and also to save on paving costs, Com Electric is proposing that the Belleville Road Intersection work be accomplished in advance of the State repaving project.

EPA agrees this work is necessary for the Cable Relocation and should be done as proposed by Commonwealth Electric. Therefore, EPA agrees that Commonwealth Electric should proceed with the Belleville Road Intersection work in advance of the State repaving project and that the allowable costs associated with the Belleville Road Intersection work be included as reimbursable costs in the agreement between Commonwealth Electric and the USACE.

Please call me at if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Chester L. Janowski  
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Robert Hunt, USACE  
Dave Dickerson, EPA  
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