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May 18, 2016

Jeffrey D. Nutting, Town Administrator
Town of Franklin
335 East Central Street, Route 140
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038

Re: Town of Franklin Municipal Load Aggregation Plan

Dear Mr. Nutting:

I am writing to inform you that the Town of Franklin ("Franklin") has completed its consultation with the Department of Energy Resources ("DOER"), pursuant to G.L., c.164, § 134(a) in the development of its Municipal Load Aggregation Plan, detailing the process and consequences of aggregation.

The DOER attests to the good faith effort made by Franklin and its agent, Colonial Power Group, Inc. ("Colonial") in the consideration of the undertaking; the communications it has conducted with Franklin's distribution company, National Grid; the development of a market-ready Energy Supply Agreement with licensed Competitive Suppliers; and the communications it has conducted with us. We have engaged in helpful discussions with both the Town and its consultants, Colonial, during recent weeks. During that portion of our discussion that addressed the emphasis on transparency for the benefit of its consumers and the high priority of the Town to retain its municipal autonomy throughout the implementation of its Plan, Colonial, its agent, reiterated the Municipality's intent to operate as a single Municipal Load Aggregation Plan and to solicit bids solely on its load and not jointly with other municipalities. Upon review of Franklin's documentation, we have made additional observations and comments and offered suggestions regarding revisions to its Plan and supporting documentation.

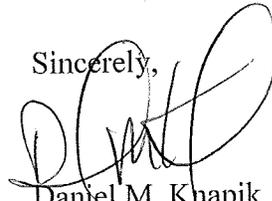
Our exchange of views has reached a satisfactory conclusion. We have now completed these discussions in response to explanations provided to our questions and assurances made accommodating our suggestions by the Town of Franklin and Colonial. After examination of



Franklin's proposal, on May 13, 2016 the DOER conducted a meeting telephonically with Jamie Hellen, the Deputy Town Administrator, and the Town's agent, Colonial, which is coordinating this effort. In performing these actions, the DOER has provided technical assistance consistent with our charge under G.L. c.25A, § 6(11).

The DOER is satisfied that the Town of Franklin and Colonial are undertaking this effort with realistic expectations of the municipal benefits that may accrue to future Aggregation Plan subscribers. Similarly, we recognize the commitment of Franklin as it seeks to bring value to the community through this public aggregation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DK', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Daniel M. Knapik
Director, Green Communities

DK: siv
cc: Mark Cappadona