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Via Electronic Mail

Ms. Corinne Fitting
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**Re: Stream Flow Classifications
Housatonic, Hudson and Southwest Coastal River Basins**

Dear Ms. Fitting:

Connecticut Water is a regulated public water utility that is committed to providing high quality water and world-class service to families and communities while being a good steward of the environment. As a water company with a significant presence in the Housatonic River basin, we recently reviewed the Housatonic, Hudson and Southwest Coastal River basin's proposed stream segment classifications. With two exceptions, we find the preliminary classification to be accurate with regard to those river and stream segments adjacent to the Company's registered and/or permitted public water supply sources. Inaccuracies appear limited to segments adjacent to the Naugatuck System's Beacon Valley Brook and Meshaddock Brook diversions. These sources are identified on the following table, along with the adjacent stream segment and the diversion's registered capacity.

In both cases, it appears the diversion stressor is properly noted as "high", however, the overall classifications do not appear to accurately reflect the presence of the diversions, which are direct stream withdrawals. Consequently, a lesser classification is believed warranted under the streamflow regulations.

Source of Supply	Stream Segment	Preliminary Classification	Comments
Beacon Valley Brook Diversion	103,015,264	Class 2	Existing, registered diversion; 2.0 mgd
Meshaddock Brook Diversion	103,014,054	Class 1	Existing, registered diversion; 1.4 mgd

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Finally, please note that Connecticut Water no longer owns the Plymouth Reservoir. This source was properly abandoned and the reservoir and land transferred to the Town of Plymouth as protected open space. The stream segment below the dam (103,010,183) should not be classified as an automatic Class 3.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



David L. Radka

Director of Water Resources and Planning

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