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Mr. Bo Pham
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Pham:

We are in receipt of your July 16, 2010 letter regarding the license renewal application for the Seabrook Station (Station), Unit 1, Seabrook, New Hampshire. The following comments are provided in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543).

The federally-threatened piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*) and federally-endangered roseate tern (*Sterna dougallii*) are known to occur along the coastal beaches and oceanic waters located approximately 2.8 miles east of the Station. According to our records, none of the above-listed species are known to frequent the immediate vicinity of the Station and, therefore, the presence of these species near the power station is unlikely. Furthermore, we are not aware of any instance where these species are being adversely affected through the existing operation of the Station.

Since no expansion of existing facilities is planned and no additional land disturbance is anticipated, we conclude that the license renewal for the Station is not likely to adversely affect federally-listed species subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and that formal consultation with us is not required.

Thank you for your coordination. Please contact Mr. Anthony Tur at 603-223-2541 if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas R. Chapman
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