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Secretary Ian A. Bowles  
Executive Office of Energy and Environment  
100 Cambridge Street  
Suite 100  
Boston MA 02114

RE: South Coast Rail, EOEEA 14346

Dear Secretary Bowles,

EOT would like to request that the MEPA office defer issuing a Certificate on the Environmental Notification Form and a Scope for the Draft Environmental Impact Report. This additional time would allow EOT to provide supplemental information requested in public comments, including ridership projections. This information also will assist the Corps in developing a Scope for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In the interests of keeping the MEPA and NEPA processes operating concurrently and in continuing public transparency, we would like to submit this additional information to the MEPA Office and make it available to the public at the same time that it is submitted to the Corps. We ask that the MEPA Office defer issuing a Certificate until the public has had an opportunity to review and comment on the supplemental information. We plan to submit this additional information as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Kristina Egan,  
South Coast Rail Manager

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