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MEMORANDUM

To: Parties in PSB Docket No. 7460 (Gorge Area Reinforcement Project)

From: John P. Bentley, Esq., Hearing Officer 

Re: Technical hearing

Date: September 11, 2009

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This is in response to Attorney Kim Hayden's letter of August 28, 2009. I have conferred with the Public Service Board's engineer, David Watts, and neither he nor I have questions for any of the technical witnesses.

Enclosed is a notice for the technical hearing in this docket. At that hearing I expect the Petitioners to present at least one witness to sponsor all of the prefiled testimony and exhibits. It is my hope that the Department of Public Service will also present a witness to confirm the state's agreement to the project.

I wish to remind the parties that the MOUs filed in this docket do not explicitly waive service of a proposed decision pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 811. While the final decision will likely not be adverse to the interests of any party, the parties may wish to consider filing a stipulation of waiver under that statute.

I look forward to a timely conclusion to this matter.