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Secretary Matthew A. Beaton
Office of Coastal Zone Management
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Attention: Lisa Berry Engler

Via email to: lisa.engler@state.ma.us

Re: Notice of Submission of Request for Clarification

Dear Secretary Beaton,

On behalf of Boston Harbor Now, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Request for Clarification submitted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency on November 23, 2016. Boston Harbor Now hosted the GE project team at our August 2016 monthly Harbor Use public forum discussion, sat in on Boston Design Commission Committee meetings, attended the MEPA site visit on September 6th and submitted comments on September 30th for the expanded environmental notification form.


A 2009 amendment to the 2000 South Boston Municipal Harbor Plan (MHP) approved a substitution to reconfigure the Water Dependent Use Zone (WDUZ) within the planning area to border parcel "G1".

The current request for clarification, filed by the BPDA for the GE headquarters, seeks a new and different configuration of the 2009 WDUZ. Except for a 960 SF transformer pad on the landward side of the parcel, GE's proposed project does not intend to build on the 8,000 SF G1 parcel as was proposed in 2009. GE's proposed configuration would expand the total WDUZ from 28,300 SF to 28,432 SF.

We agree with and support the configuration proposed by GE for the WDUZ. This change, if approved will provide better pedestrian access, consistent site lines, and promotes creation of more active and usable public space – all in accordance with the intent and purpose of Chapter 91.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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VP of Policy



Jill Valdes Horwood
Director of Waterfront Policy