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**Re: Joint Unitil/MDOT Joint Natural Gas Relocation Application to Amend Site Plan, and Application for Conditional Use Permit, on MDOT's West Commercial Street Property**

Dear Ms. Barhydt:

The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) joins and supports Unitil's application to amend MDOT's intermodal transportation Site Plan for its West Commercial Street property, Permit #2014-038, and its related application for a Conditional Use Permit, to relocate natural gas facilities on the Site.

The gas facilities need to be relocated to designated easement areas on the Site in order for MDOT to complete its intermodal transportation project.

Unitil's consultants are authorized to act on MDOT's behalf as to the two permit applications, absent any direct participation by MDOT. Rick Paraschak and I are available should there be any matter for the Department to address directly.

We appreciate the City's timely review of the applications, to provide Unitil enough time to complete the gas facility relocation work before the October heating season, and when the Department is scheduled to commence the next phase of its construction project.

Sincerely,

Joel Kittredge  
Project Manager  
Maine Department of Transportation

cc: Matt Doughty, Unitil