

MASSACHUSETTS SUBCOUNCIL
of the
HOUSATONIC RIVER TRUSTEE COUNCIL

United States, et al., v. General Electric Company.
Civil Action Nos. 99-30225-MAP; 99-30226-MAP; and 99-30227-MAP (D. Mass.)

RESOLUTION # 24

*Release of \$575,469 to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
for Restoration*

1. *Whereas*, the United States Department of Commerce, acting by and through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”), the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (“EEA”), as administered by its Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), the State of Connecticut, acting by and through its Department of Environmental Protection (“CTDEP”), the United States Department of the Interior (“DOI”), acting by and through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”), are the four Natural Resource Trustee agencies ("Trustees") responsible for restoration in the Housatonic River Environment with respect to the above-referenced case;
2. *Whereas*, the Trustees have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") effective January 30, 2002, to coordinate activities for the above-referenced case; and pursuant to Section VII Paragraph B (1) of the MOA, a Trustee SubCouncil for the Geographic Region of Massachusetts (“MA SubCouncil”) has been established and subsequently revised pursuant to MA SubCouncil Resolution #4 to consist of two voting members from the Mass. Trustee and the Federal Trustee agencies, EEA and USFWS, and non-voting Ex Officio Delegates;
3. *Whereas*, the sums recovered for the restoration activities, in the civil action referred to above, are being held in the Natural Resource Damages Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Fund, Account #0251 (Housatonic River - MA Restoration), administered by the DOI and jointly managed by the MA SubCouncil; and
4. *Whereas*, the DOI/USFWS and EEA have approved the “Final Round 1 Restoration Plan and Supplemental Environmental Assessment (RP/SEA)”, September 10, 2007, as prepared by Woodlot Alternatives, Inc. for the MA SubCouncil, and the MA SubCouncil has authorized the EEA to conduct the contracting necessary for the implementation of such projects in the amount of \$4,000,000.00;
5. *Whereas*, the DOI/USFWS and EEA have approved the “Final Round 2 Restoration Plan and Supplemental Environmental Assessment (RP/SEA)”, June 14, 2011, as prepared by Stantec Consulting, Inc. for the MA SubCouncil, and the MA SubCouncil has authorized the EEA, through its MassDEP, to conduct the contracting necessary for the implementation of such projects in the amount of \$1,300,000.00;

6. *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, after a thorough review of the proposed uses for such sums, the MA SubCouncil authorizes the release of funds from the DOI NRDAR Account #0251 (Housatonic River - MA Restoration) to the MassDEP for implementation of Round 1 and Round 2 Restoration Projects as approved by the MA SubCouncil in the Final RP/SEA. These funds shall be transferred and allocated as follows at this time:

- **\$575,469 to the MA NRD Trust Account # 2200-2676.** Such funds shall be used for on-going reimbursement of contract costs for “State Fiscal Year 2012” restoration as described in the attached memorandum dated August 30, 2011. These funds will be transferred and allocated to the MA NRD Trust Account # 2200-2676, to the attention of William Harkins, MassDEP Director of Budgetary and Legislative Affairs.

CONCURRED IN by the following who are duly authorized:

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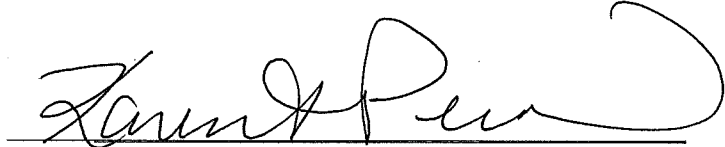
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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

9/9/2011

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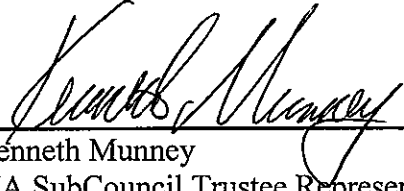
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FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce Nesslage, NRDAR Manager, DOI

FROM: Karen Pelto, Lead Administrative Trustee

RE: **DOI NRDAR Disbursement Request: \$575,469**
GE/Housatonic River NRD: Massachusetts Restoration Account # 0251
Resolution #24: Release of Funds to EEA/MassDEP for Restoration

DATE: September 9, 2011

As Lead Administrative Trustee for the GE/Housatonic River NRD case, I am requesting a disbursement from the DOI NRDAR Massachusetts Restoration Account (Project # 0251) for the purpose of funding restoration projects approved by the MA SubCouncil in the "Final Round 1 Restoration Plan & Supplemental Environmental Assessment" and "Final Round 2 Restoration Plan & Supplemental Environmental Assessment" (RP/EAs) developed by the MASubCouncil for the GE/Housatonic River Trustees.

The MA SubCouncil has authorized the Commonwealth to conduct the contracting necessary for the implementation of such projects in the amounts of \$4,000,000 (Round 1) and \$1,300,000 (Round 2). Designated by the Governor, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is the Commonwealth's natural resources Trustee. Within EEA, the Mass Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) administers the NRD Program.

I am requesting a disbursement of funds for the following restoration projects for expenses in state fiscal year 2012 totaling \$575,469:

Round 1:

- Kroboth Land Acquisition/Housatonic River, City of Pittsfield (\$250,000)
- Brownson Land Acquisition/Housatonic River, Berkshire Natural Resources Council (\$121,225)

Round 2:

- Habitat Continuity Project, Housatonic Valley Association (\$44,113)
- Bartholomew's Cobble Floodplain Forest Restoration and Habitat Improvement Project, The Trustees of Reservations (\$41,910)
- Invasive Species Control in the Housatonic River Watershed, Native Habitat Restoration (\$118,221)

These funds will be transferred and will be allocated in accordance with the RP/EA and contracted Scopes of Work.

The Funds should be made payable as follows:

- **\$575,469 to the MA NRD Trust Account # 2200-2676.** Such funds shall be used for on-going reimbursement of contract costs for “State Fiscal Year 2012” restoration. These funds will be transferred and allocated to the MA NRD Trust Account # 2200-2676, to the attention of William Harkins, MassDEP Director of Budgetary and Legislative Affairs.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-292-5785.

Cc: Kenneth Munney, USFWS