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M. Kathryn Sedor, Esq., Presiding Officer  
Energy Facilities Siting Board  
One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: Northeast Energy Center LLC, EFSB 18-04/D.P.U. 18-96

Dear Ms. Sedor:

Enclosed please find an affidavit executed by Northeast Energy Center LLC's ("NEC" or the "Petitioner") environmental expert that confirms that NEC's proposal to construct and operate a newly configured and sited gas liquefaction, storage and truck-loading facility in the Town of Charlton, Massachusetts ("Project"), as designed, does not trigger any filing requirements pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act, which Affidavit is required to be filed in connection with the Department of Public Utilities' ("Department") Checklist for Filing Zoning Exemption Petitions. NEC filed an amended and restated petition for zoning exemptions dated February 28, 2019.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
James M. Avery

JMA/cdw  
Enclosure

cc: Andrew Greene, Director, Energy Facilities Siting Board (electronic)  
Joan Foster Evans, General Counsel, Energy Facilities Siting Board (electronic)  
Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities (electronic)  
Service List – EFSB 18-04/D.P.U. 18-96 (electronic)  
Boris Brevnov, Managing Member (electronic)  
Liqun Pan, Director, Financial (electronic)  
Daniel J. Bailey, Esq.  
John M. Lerner, Esq.

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ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Petition of Northeast Energy Center LLC  
Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3 for Individual  
and Comprehensive Zoning Exemptions  
from the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Charlton

EFSB 18-04  
D.P.U. 18-96

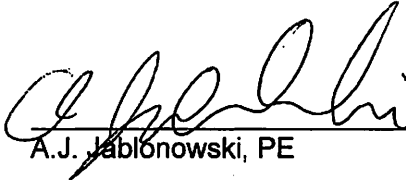
**AFFIDAVIT OF A.J. JABLONOWSKI**

A.J. Jablonowski, PE, does hereby depose and say as follows:

I, A.J. Jablonowski, PE, certify that I have reviewed Northeast Energy Center LLC's:

(i) Amended and Restated Petition for Approval of a Gas Liquefaction and Storage Facility; and  
(ii) Amended and Restated Petition for Individual and Comprehensive Zoning Exemptions  
(collectively, "Petitions"). Based on my review of the Petitions and the supplemental analysis and  
material provided in support of the Petitions, it is my opinion that the development of the Route  
169 Site using the preferred interconnection pipeline route does not trigger review under the  
Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA") thresholds in 301 CMR 11.03.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury as of this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

  
A.J. Jablonowski, PE