



March 12, 2018

Shane Guan
NOAA NMFS Office of Protected Resources
1315 East-West Highway
SSMC-3 Suite 13756
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Northeast Gateway® Deepwater Port Incidental Take Statement and Incidental Harassment Authorization Monitoring Report – Summary 2017

Dear Mr. Guan,

On behalf of Northeast Gateway®, L.P. (Northeast Gateway®) and in accordance with Condition 12 of Annex A to the Maritime Administrator of the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) License to Own, Construct, and Operate a Deepwater Port issued to Northeast Gateway® on May 14, 2007, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Biological Opinion issued on November 21, 2014, and Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) and Incidental Take Statement (ITS) issued on December 22, 2016, Northeast Gateway is required to monitor and record marine mammal and sea turtle sightings and incidences of take that occur while Energy Bridge Regasification Vessels (EBRVs™) are transiting to the Northeast Gateway Deepwater Port (NEG Port or Port) within the designated Boston Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS), maneuvering within the Port's Area to be Avoided (ATBA), and/or while actively engaging in the use of thrusters.

For the 2017 operating year there were no activities at the NEG Port and therefore no incidents of take or harassment occurred as a result of Port operations.

Should you have any comments or concerns regarding the attached information please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-443-7521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Timothy Feehan'.

Timothy Feehan
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cc: Brian Hopper – NOAA NMFS Protected Resources Division
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