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In Reply Refer To: FWS/R5/NWRS/

Mark Masse Senior Vice President of Operations Genesee County Economic Development Center 99 MedTech Drive, Suite 106 Batavia, New York 14020

Re: Termination of permit no. IRQ (P-1)

Dear Mr. Masse,

On April 24, 2024, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) notified Genesee County Economic Development Center (GCEDC) of its intent to invoke paragraph 34 of Right-of-Way (ROW) Permit IRQ (P-1) issued to STAMP Sewer Works, Inc. and terminate the permit effective June 24, 2024.

As we stated in the notification, the submission by CPL: Architect, Engineering, Planning, on behalf of GCEDC, dated April 15, 2024, to address criteria in FWS' correspondence of September 29, 2023, was incomplete. Further, it referenced investigating a new construction method that was not approved under the permit. Other than that submission, GCEDC has not provided any additional information that supports the conclusion that installation of the STAMP Force Main by construction methods approved under ROW Permit IRQ (P-1) can ensure that refuge resources, including those outside the permitted ROW, will not be negatively impacted by this construction method. Any change to a construction method not approved under the permit may have very different environmental effects. Thus, effective immediately Permit IRQ (P-1) is terminated. Appeals to this decision are pursuant to 50 C.F.R. 29.22.

Any new application package should be submitted as required by 50 C.F.R 29.21-2. Should you desire to re-apply for a permit, you may contact Refuge Manager Thomas Roster at 585.948.5445, ext. 7030 or tom_roster@fws.gov with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Scott Kahan Regional Chief National Wildlife Refuge System Northeast Region