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Re: Petition for a Declaratory Order by Hi-Tech Trans, LLC
 Finance Docket No. FD34192

Dear Secretary Williams:

This office represents the Hudson County Improvement Authority ("HCIA") and the Essex County Utilities Authority ("ECUA"), which are the implementing agencies for the Solid Waste Management Plans of Hudson County and Essex County, respectively. We are in receipt of two petitions filed by Hi Tech Trans, LLC, on June 16, 2003 – a Petition for Declaratory Order and a Petition for Emergency Order and Other Relief. We are also in receipt of the letter filed on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"), dated June 19, 2003, regarding the timing for responses to the Petitions.

This letter will serve as notice of HCIA's and ECUA's intention to participate in the proceedings. Like NJDEP, we intend to file our responsive pleading or pleadings within the time provided in 49 CFR §1104.13.

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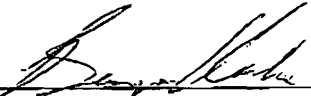
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Respectfully yours,

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