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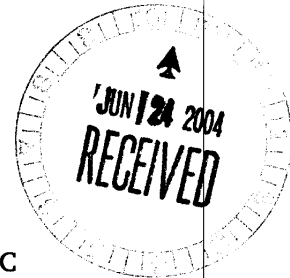
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Re: Petition for a Declaratory Order by Hi-Tech Trans, LLC
Finance Docket No. FD34192

Dear Secretary Williams:

This office represents respondents Hudson County Improvement Authority and Essex County Utilities Authority ("the County Authorities") in the above-referenced matter. We are in receipt of petitioner's letter of June 17 withdrawing its appeal, as well as the responding letter of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"), dated June 22, 2004.

On behalf of the County Authorities, we join in the NJDEP's letter and position. Like NJDEP, the County Authorities have no objection to Hi Tech's withdrawal of its appeal, and otherwise fully reserve their rights both as to Hi Tech's operations to date and as to any asserted "restructuring" of the relations between CP and Hi Tech.

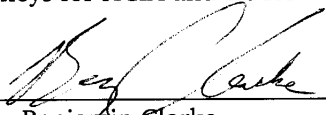
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