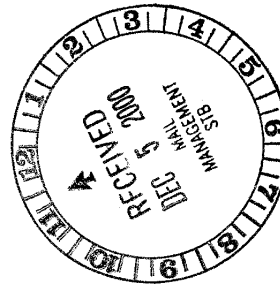


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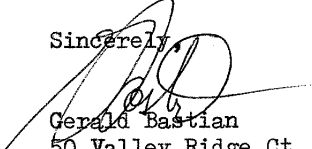
Dear Ms. Rutson:

We have been advised that the period for responses on this case closes Friday, Jan. 5, 2001. It is requested that this deadline be extended at least six months.

When you look at the large volumes of the DEIS, it is impossible to even casually understand it in just 45 days.

Please extend this deadline!

Sincerely,


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