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Bradley M. Campbell Commissioner

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Nick Caiazza New Jersey Department of Transportation 1035 Parkway Avenue Trenton, NJ 08625

RE: Freshwater Wetlands Individual Pennit - Extension

File No.: 0714-02-0004.1 Activity No.: FWW 020001

Applicant: New Jersey Department of Transportation

Block: N/A; Lot: N/A

City of Newark, Essex County

Dear Mr. Caiazza:

James E. McGreevey

Governor

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Land Use Regulation Program issued an Individual Freshwater Wetlands Permit for the above referenced site on September 4, 1997 (LURP File No. 0714-94-0008.4).

The original Individual Freshwater Wetlands Permit approval authorized disturbance of 1.54 acres of wetlands, 0.19 of an acre of State open waters and 4.57 acres of wetland transition area in order to replace the Newark Viaduct on Route 21, Section 2N located in the City of Newark, Essex County. The project includes the construction of a new viaduct, new ramps and improvements to existing roads in the project area. The project also involves the removal of the existing viaduct, resulting in the restoration of 0.27 of an acre of wetlands. The Land Use Regulation Program issued a modification to the permit on March 28, 2000 (File No. 0714-94-0008.7). This permit modification was necessary in order to address design changes ultimately resolving safety issues associated with the Route 21, and U.S. Route 1 & 9 interchange. The modifications required additional areas to be disturbed including the permanent disturbance of 0.185 of an acre of wetlands/State open waters, the temporary disturbance of 0.6 of an acre of freshwater wetland/State open waters, and 1.47 acres of wetland transition area. You have requested that this Individual Permit be extended in accordance with the requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:7A-14.6.

Because the project is substantially under construction, and there have been no further changes this project, this Individual Freshwater Wetlands Permit is hereby extended to September 4, 2007, which is five years from the expiration of the original Individual Permit.

This extension is based on the plans, consisting of 29 sheets, entitled "STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PLANS OF ROUTE 21 (1953), SECTION 2N, FROM ROUTE 1 & 9 TO MURRAY STREET, ROUTE U.S. 22 (1953), SECTION 15K, FROM EAST OF AMTRAK TO ROUTES 1 & 9, ROUTE U.S. 27, SECTION 10A, FROM BROAD STREET TO THE VICINITY OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, ROUTE U.S. 1 & 9 (1953), SECTION 2AN, FROM SOUTH OF PEDDIE'S DITCH TO SOUTH OF ROUTE 78 CONNECTOR, ROUTE 78, SECTION 5CK, FROM EAST OF PEDDIE'S DITCH TO ROUTES 1 & 9 CONNECTOR, CONTRACT A & B, REPLACEMENT OF

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ROUTE 21 VIADUCT, CITY OF NEWARK, ESSEX COUNTY," dated January 2, 1999 and prepared by Michael Baker Jr., Inc.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:7A-1.7, any person who is aggrieved by this decision may request a hearing within 30 days of the decision date by writing to: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Legal Affairs, Attention: Adjudicatory Hearing Requests, P.O. Box 402, Trenton, NJ 08625-0402. This request must include a completed copy of the Administrative Hearing Request Checklist.

Please be advised that all conditions of the original permit are to remain in force. If you have any questions concerning this permit extension, contact Kim Kessler of our staff at (609) 633-6754. Be sure to indicate the Program's file number in all communication.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Piel Jr., Manager Bureau of Inland Regulation

City of Newark Clerk City of Newark Construction Official