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Dear Hugh;

As chairman, I would like to personally thank you for the support you have given to the State Environmental Commission over the past six years. The challenges you have faced in meeting your responsibilities as a long-term member of the State Environmental Commission cannot be underestimated. You have never wavered in exhibiting the highest level of professionalism in your preparation for, and deliberation of, the many complex issues presented to the Commission.

At regulatory hearings you have shown persistent leadership by stepping forward with probing questions that in numerous cases has lead to a better understanding of many complex issues. At appeal hearings you have shown compassion, patience, and fairness toward all parties. Most of all, you have demonstrated competence in the decision-making process and have always strived for a balanced approach based upon collaboration among the members of the Commission.

On behalf of all the Commissioners, I would like thank you and wish you well in whatever endeavors you may undertake in the future.

Sincerely

Melvin D. Close Jr.

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