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Mr. Richard V. Salas
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CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality
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Ref. No. 04-22-035

Subject: Federal Consistency Review for Section 401 Water Quality Certification Renewal Applications - NPDES Permit No. MP0020028 and Permit No. MP0020010

Dear Mr. Salas:

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) has applied to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for reissuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the continued operation of the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant (MP0020028) and the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant (MP0020010). In coordination with our NPDES applications, CUC requested issuance of a new Section 401 Water Quality certification and Mixing Zone Approval from the CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) for each plant.

We are also hereby requesting the CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management (CRM) to issue a federal consistency determination pursuant to 15 CFR Part 930 as provided by the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972. CUC has determined that this proposed activity is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with CNMI's enforceable policies, including current water quality regulations as well as management standards and use priorities.

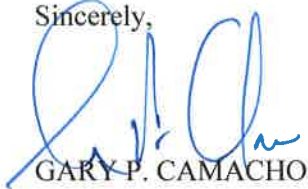
A description of the wastewater treatment plants and their outfalls and treated water quality is outlined in the attached permit application documents and their attachments. Please refer to these documents for details. The attachments to the permit provide a description of the permit activity and the impact to the receiving waters in compliance with the enforceable policies of the CNMI Coastal Management Program. Data and information relative to the NPDES permit request is included in the attachments.

Based on the information provided, together with the NPDES permit from EPA, the Water Quality certification from BECQ, and the Mixing Zone approval, CUC finds that the continued operation of the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant (MP0020028) and the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant (MP0020010) is consistent with and are in accordance with the CNMI Coastal Management Program to the maximum extent practicable. We are available to discuss this request with you and other stakeholders at your convenience.

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Please notify us along with EPA of your determination so that the permit issuance process may continue. Thank you for your attention to this important matter to protect the environment of the CNMI. If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to CUC Acting Chief Engineer Larry Manacop via e-mail at larry.manacop@cucgov.org.

Sincerely,



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