



August 23, 2010
Tec Job No.10254.100

Mr. Ronald H. Labelle, Commissioner
Department of Public Infrastructure
1105 Shawmut Avenue
New Bedford, MA 02746

**Re: Dartmouth Street
Intersection Improvement Project**

Dear Mr. Labelle:

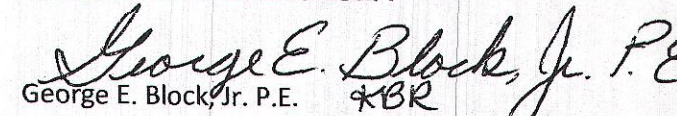
We were surprised to receive your letter of August 12, 2010 regarding shop drawing approvals for the Dartmouth Street Intersection Improvement Project.

You complained that TEC's staff approved shop drawings related to the project without consulting our client, City of New Bedford. While this is certainly true, we were simply following standard procedures for review of shop drawings which normally are not reviewed by the client.

Our review was only for conformance with the design specifications for the project, and included checking that the proper quantity of equipment was being supplied as well as to ensure that all manufacturers of such equipment were on the Mass DOT approved list. Since the City was provided with draft copies of the specifications for review at the 75%, 100% and PS & E phases of the design, we had assumed that, as long as the shop drawings conformed to the design specification that they would be acceptable to the City. This is standard practice on Mass DOT funded projects and indeed on all projects that we perform for municipal clients. Nevertheless had the City expressed an interest in reviewing the shop drawings we would have accommodated that request.

We highly value the City of New Bedford as a client and sincerely regret any misunderstanding related to review of shop drawings on this project.

Sincerely,
TIBBETTS ENGINEERING CORP.


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