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CHRIS CHRISTIE  
Governor

April 21, 2014

Scott Green, Executive Director  
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RE: Minutes of the Delaware River and Bay Authority  
April 7, 2014 Meeting

Dear Mr. Green:

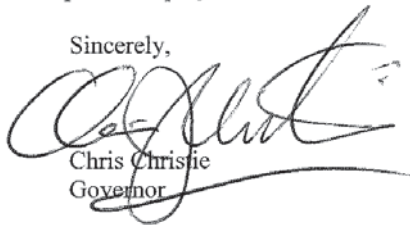
I have reviewed the minutes of the April 7, 2014 Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River and Bay Authority ("DRBA").

In accordance with the authorization contained in Article VI of the Delaware-New Jersey Compact codified as N.J.S.A. 32:11E-1 et seq., I hereby return the minutes with a veto of Resolution 14-07, entitled "Authorizing Three Collective Bargaining Agreements and Salary Increases for Non-Union Employees."

The healthcare premium contribution of 10% by both represented and non-represented DRBA employees is below New Jersey's c. 78 health benefits premium sharing requirement for all public employees. NJ State employees, and those in many local municipalities, are entering the fourth year of contributions July 1, 2014, which will collectively recover 20% of the cost of their health benefits premium. In addition, as a matter of policy driven by NJ's financial condition, the awarded salary increases are inconsistent with those provided to New Jersey employees.

For these reasons, I do not approve these contracts, which are inconsistent with those governing New Jersey State and many local public employees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Christie  
Governor

- c. The Honorable Jack Markell, Governor of Delaware
  - James N. Hogan, Chairperson
  - William E. Lowe, Vice-Chairperson
  - Christopher S. Porrino, Chief Counsel
  - Regina M. Egea, Director, Governor's Authorities Unit