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The Honorable Brendan T. Byrne,
Governor of the State of New Jersey
State House
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor Byrne,

Enclosed you will find the Annual Report of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission. This report was prepared by the Commission in order to fulfill the requirements of paragraph 11-i of the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park Law of 1974 (N.J.S.A. 13:13A-1 et seq.)

If further clarification is desired, please contact the Canal Commission.

Yours sincerely,

David J. Bardin,
Commissioner, Department of
Environmental Protection

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cc: The Honorable Matthew Feldman
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President, Senate of the State of New Jersey
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Dear President Feldman,

The first meeting of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission was held on 14 March 1975, and by June all nine members of the Commission were appointed, confirmed, and sworn in. The Commission consists of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, who serves *ex officio*, and two citizens from each of the four counties through which the canal flows. In accordance with our enabling legislation, there are not more than four citizen appointees from the same political party. Despite the diversity of the commissioners' backgrounds, they are uniformly enthusiastic in undertaking their duties and they bring an important array of talents to the Commission. I wish to heartily thank the Governor and the Senate for selecting commissioners of such outstanding quality.

During the first several months of our existence, the Commission established general guidelines for undertaking our responsibilities and developed a familiarity with the Delaware and Raritan Canal and with some of the special problems facing this special kind of park. At the same time, we began a long and thorough search for an Executive Director to direct our day-to-day activities. With his installation in early September, the Commission began operations in earnest.

The Commission has not had a very long life, but you will see in the enclosed Annual Report that we have made an excellent start toward accomplishing the tasks specified in our enabling statute.

Yours sincerely,

Benjamin B. Kirkland

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