LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC – LAWS TO BE OBSERVED – COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND OTHER WILDLIFE REGULATIONS (BATS IN BRIDGES).

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SUBARTICLE 7-1.4 is expanded by the following:

The Department has determined that bats occupy Bridge No(s)_____ and their associated retaining walls.

Install bat exclusion devices on the structure prior to commencing work on the structure. At the Pre-construction conference, submit a Bat Exclusion Plan outlining entry and exit point identification, installation of exclusion devices, methodology for securing all openings half an inch or greater in size, and monitoring methodology. Provide a specialty contractor or biologist experienced in performing bat exclusions to implement the Bat Exclusion Plan. Initial installation of bat exclusion devices can only occur from August 15th through April 15th.

Maintain all exclusion devices throughout work on the structure. Immediately repair damaged or altered exclusion devices that could allow reentry of bats. Repairs must be conducted by a qualified specialty contractor or experienced biologist. Remove the exclusion devices upon completion of construction. Notify the Engineer if bats, bat remains, or new evidence of roosting is found.