

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

April 21, 2011

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Luis V. Gutierrez
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

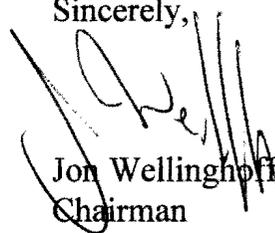
Dear Congressman Gutierrez:

Thank you for your April 6, 2011 letter regarding Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority's proposed natural gas pipeline in Puerto Rico and your request for all documents and communication related to this project.

My staff has received several e-mail inquiries (dated from December 13, 2010 to January 20, 2011) related to the proposed project. Copies of these communications are enclosed. However, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has no jurisdiction over this proposed project.

If I can be of further assistance in this or any other Commission matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Jon Wellinghoff
Chairman

Enclosures

Shante Collier-Haygood

From: Garcia, Edgar W SAJ [Edgar.W.Garcia@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2011 10:39 AM
To: David Hanobic; Rich McGuire; Chris Zerby; Danny Laffoon; christie.murray@dot.gov
Subject: SAJ-2010-02881 Via Verde Meeting (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your agency is cordially invited to our Interagency Meeting on the Via Verde Natural Gas Pipe Line project.

The meeting is necessary to discuss the technical status of the project in relation to each agency area of jurisdiction. It is urged that only personnel and or supervisors directly related to the project be present for this meeting as space would be limited.

We are scheduling subject meeting at the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) Patio Conference Room on Tuesday February 1, 2011 at 9:30AM.

The USACOE is located at the following address:

Stop 7½

400 Ave Fernández Juncos, San Juan, PR 00901-3223

For a Map use the following link:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=18.462660+-66.094082&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=30.819956,56.337891&ie=UTF8&t=h&z=16

Please confirm who will be attending from your agency by email at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

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From: Garcia, Edgar W SAJ [Edgar.W.Garcia@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 9:35 AM
To: Garcia, Edgar W SAJ; christie.murray@dot.gov
Cc: David Hanobic; Rich McGuire; Chris Zerby; Castillo, Sindulfo SAJ; Danny Laffoon
Subject: RE: Pipeline in Puerto Rico (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Dear Mr. Christie Murray:

In conversations with FERC, it has transpired that your agency is the one tasked with to oversee intra state natural gas pipeline issues.

The Corps of Engineers respectfully request your technical assistance for a natural gas project proposed on the Island of Puerto Rico that is currently in public comment period.

It is very important that we can talk about certain aspects of the requirements of your agency in building and maintenance of such project.

I will really appreciate if you can call me,

Thank you and Happy Holidays,

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From: Garcia, Edgar W SAJ
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 4:36 PM
To: 'Danny Laffoon'; christie.murray@dot.gov
Cc: David Hanobic; Rich McGuire; Chris Zerby; Castillo, Sindulfo SAJ; , AED-Commander
Subject: RE: Pipeline in Puerto Rico (UNCLASSIFIED)

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From: Danny Laffoon [mailto:Danny.Laffoon@ferc.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 4:06 PM
To: christie.murray@dot.gov; Garcia, Edgar W SAJ
Cc: David Hanobic; Rich McGuire; Chris Zerby
Subject: Pipeline in Puerto Rico

Christie,

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Thank you for your time and help. Mr. Garcia's phone number is (787)521-2990 ext.4969.

Sincerely,

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From: Danny Laffoon
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 8:37 AM
To: Rich McGuire
Cc: Gertrude Fernandez Johnson; David Hanobic
Subject: Puerto Rico COE Project

Rich,

I received a call yesterday from Edgar Garcia (Puerto Rico COE office) requesting help with a safety section of an EIS that they are trying to write (it is a 90-mile-long non-jurisdictional pipeline). I stated that we might be able to give them a pipeline safety jumping off point for their EIS, but would have to check with management to make sure that sending it would be ok. I know that we have a lot of standard language in our safety sections and I was wondering if it would be ok to send him a word version. He also had several questions regarding safety requirements. Therefore I forwarded his contact information to a CATS person with PHMSA. He also stated that in order to construct the pipeline, EcoElectrica would have to expand. I told him that we currently don't have an application before us with Eco (I confirmed this with Turpin and Zerby). However, I gave him David Hanobic's contact information, as he is much more versed in what expansion activities have occurred at the EcoElectrica LNG plant. What I need to know from you is if it would be ok to send him a generic safety section in word.

Thank you,
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