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Friday, May 13, 2011

Honorable Luis V. Gutierrez
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request 2-FOIA-0747-11

Dear Representative Gutierrez:

This is an additional response to your April 6, 2011 letter under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa P. Jackson regarding the proposed construction of the Via Verde natural gas pipeline in Puerto Rico. Additional responsive materials were sent to you under separate cover in a letter dated April 28, 2011.

Enclosed you will find materials in hard copy form. Please note that some of these responsive documents have been redacted and some withheld in their entirety. Enclosed you will find a description of the withheld data. These segments and documents are exempt from mandatory disclosure pursuant to U.S.C. 552(b)(5). Specifically, they are deliberative and predecisional in nature, and thus are privileged. We will also send you, along with a copy of this determination, files that were received in electronic format for your convenience.

You may appeal this partial denial to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the RIN listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "May means for BB".

Bonnie Bellow, Director
Communications Division

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