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SAJ-2010-02881 (IP-EWG)

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Dear Mr. Lopez:

Reference is made to your Department of the Army (DA) permit application, submitted through Joint Permit Application Number 1059, of September 20, 2010 for the Via Verde Natural Gas Pipeline (NGPL) project. The proposal is to construct and install a 24-inch diameter steel NGPL for approximately 92 miles long with a construction right-of way (ROW) of 150 feet wide, that transverses the island of Puerto Rico from the Eco Eléctrica Liquid Natural Gas Terminal in municipality of Guayanilla, to the Cambalache Termoeléctrica electric power plant in the municipality of Arecibo, then east to the Palo Seco facility in the municipalities of Toa Baja and San Juan. The pipeline route will encompass both private and public lands which include commercial, industrial, and agricultural land uses. The total project area is about 1,672 acres that will impact 235 river and wetland crossings, for a total of 369 acres of jurisdictional Waters of the United States. Please refer to case number SAJ-2010-02881 (IP-EWG) in future correspondence regarding this project.

The Corps acknowledge receipt of your letters dated January 28, 2011 and February 28, 2011, and understands that the outstanding information requested in our letter dated 22 December 2010 will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

Also, in accordance with 33 CFR 325.2(3), we are enclosing a data compact disk that contains additional letters received in response to the Public Notice issued for the above referenced permit application. Please review and provide a detailed written response to each of the issues raised in said letters.

You are cautioned that any work performed below the mean high waterline or ordinary high waterline in waters of the United States, or the discharge of dredged or fill material into adjacent wetlands, without a DA permit could be subject to enforcement action. Receipt of a permit or endorsement from other agency does not obviate the requirement for obtaining a DA permit for the work described above prior to commencing work.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this case, you may contact Mr. Edgar W. García, at telephone numbers 729-6905/6944 ext. 3059, or at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,



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