



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

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Kathryn Floyd
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600 Massachusetts Avenue NW
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Re: Docket No. FD 36633, Louisiana 23 Development Company, LLC. —
Construction and Operation Exemption — in Plaquemines Parish, La.;
Information Request #2

Dear Ms. Floyd:

Consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 1506.5(b), the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) requests the information listed below, which is necessary for OEA's environmental review of the above-referenced proceeding. Please provide this information by April 24, 2023 to avoid delay in the environmental review process. If information is not currently available, OEA requests that Louisiana 23 Development Company, LLC (LA23) provide a best estimate for purposes of the environmental analysis.

Please provide the following information:

- IR2-1.** A 30% design file was provided on January 9, 2023, and the design showed a single track. Please clarify the construction of single- vs double-tracks so we can ensure that the project description is accurate.
- IR2-2.** Please clarify whether LA23 proposes to relocate or demolish the AEP Elmwood building, located in front of the Kinder Morgan facility.
- IR2-3.** The design indicates that the majority of the alignment has been shifted between 30-50 feet to the south of the design originally submitted to OEA. There are some areas where a larger shift has occurred of almost 200 feet to the south of the design originally submitted to OEA. Please confirm that the alignment does not encroach upon the highway and electric transmission line ROW.
- IR2-4.** Please provide any drone imagery, aerial photography/imagery, or videos you may have of the project area and alignments.

IR2-5. Please provide any development plans that LA23 may have for the land between the two alignments.

In addition to the items above, the following items remain outstanding from OEA's first information request.

Proposed Action:

IR1-2. Please provide OEA with any information from prior or ongoing site and field investigations or other relevant studies that LA23 has in its possession (i.e., waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) delineations, cultural resource evaluations, agency correspondence, etc.).

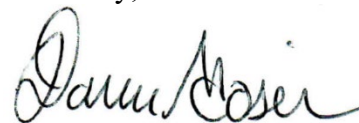
OEA's understands that LA23 will be providing an environmental constraints analysis document that provides additional information, including data resulting from field surveys.

IR1-3. Please provide shapefiles or .kmz files associated with any technical reports requested above in IR1-2, including any field-delineated waters of the US (WOTUS).

OEA understands that KMZs of field-collected data, such as WOTUS delineation data, will be provided as part of the environmental constraints analysis documentation.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We look forward to receiving this information from you at your earliest convenience, but no later than April 24, 2023. In addition to Adam Assenza of my staff, please provide a copy of your response to Nina Reins of Freese and Nichols, our independent third-party contractor at Nina.Reins@freese.com. Please feel free to contact Adam Assenza at adam.assenza@stb.gov or 202-245-0301 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Danielle Gosselin
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis