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Good afternoon, Alan.

Appreciate your follow up, UP is still working to gather the requested additional information from the third party. UP reached out again to them again yesterday and are waiting for their response. UP has talked with the third-party company to inform them about the sensitivity in the area and to hold off on the work in this area until we get direction from OEA. We will send an update as soon as possible, thank you.

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Hi. We had a follow up discussion internally regarding this request and had a few follow up questions. First, we wanted to make sure that you had talked with the third-party company and informed them about the sensitivity in the area and to hold off on the work until we can give you direction. I know you had mentioned they wanted to do this work in a few weeks but we haven't received the information and clarification we requested from UP yet so we hope they are not going to start the work out there before we have a chance to review everything and get back with you. Finally, does UP have the right to control when they start the work or does your agreement allow them to just notify you and then go ahead with the work.

We all know how complicated this current project has become and we don't want to introduce

anything additional that could be problematic, so want to ensure that we have all the information. And we appreciate your presenting this request to us. We want to be responsive so can you let us know when you will be able to provide that additional information?

Thanks very much.

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Thanks for the info, Tanya. The sooner we can get the construction information (locations of the entry spots (mapped), extent of excavations, equipment, access routes, etc.) the faster we can get back to you with guidance. Thanks.

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Good evening.

Per our discussion yesterday, below are details regarding the fiber ask:

Communications request to use their existing facilities with an over pull through the existing conduit:

- This request is solely an ask from the third-party company, it does not benefit UP operations and is not in any way related to the PIRATE project.
- UP has a historical agreement that was entered into by the parties in March of 1998, with additional work done in 2003.
- Conduits and fiber are already located in the southwest side of the mainline ROW only (opposite side of the PIRATE project), within the APE (from approximately MP 932-936.9).
- They have exercised an existing provision to expand their use and have started field work that extends from California to Texas.
- Conduits were installed at the inception of the agreement, looking to thread through additional wireline via the existing hand holes to access the existing conduits.
- While the conduits are a few feet below ground, they require only minimal disturbance to access the existing hand holes.
- Per the As-Built Plans drafted in August 2003, hand hole locations are already marked (at approximately MP's 932.5, 935 and 937.5) and would require unearthing previously moved dirt from when the hand holes were established. Any dirt removed would be returned to original position to fill back in.
- The hand holes are approximately 4' by 4' access points to interconnect additional fiber through the conduits and splice points to connect.
- To assist in coordinating access, third party has experience in working with cultural monitors.

We'll forward the construction equipment needed for the work as soon as possible. They're looking to start construction in the area in the next couple of weeks, wanted to send the information as soon as possible for review and would be happy to facilitate a meeting to discuss further with all of the parties. Thank you.

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