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Adam –

Thank you for responding. You are right about the potentially confusing circumstances as you experienced it previously. Many of the folks that were involved before have moved on. Allow me to explain further.

Cindy is our Project Manager for the rail extension and I am one of the principals of the firm that is providing Program Management services to the Plaquemines Parish Port Authority. I have copied Charles Tillotson, the Executive Port Director, and Melissa Folse, the Deputy Port Director and its in-house legal counsel. I have also copied Adam Cain, COO of Sustainability Partners, who is the Port's private funding source for the rail extension project. LA23 was under contract to develop the rail but its relationship with the Port has been officially dissolved.

As Cindy explained below, Infinity is working on behalf of the Port to resume the rail extension project that was previously being driven by LA23. We have spoken with both Jay Johnson at Venable and with Nina Reins at FNI to discuss their work and status, both of whom have been very helpful. We have also downloaded all that we can find on the STB's web portal regarding the docket number that we have. We see where it ended at two subsequent requests for extension, but that's where the file seems to stop.

We'd like to engage in a call with your office to make sure that we have uncovered as much of the project's filing history and status as we can. If that needs to be in conjunction with the Port's representatives, then we can certainly do that. Just let us know what steps we need to take in order to be able to engage with your office.

We look forward to hearing back from you.

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Cindy,

Can you please confirm the name and contact information of the current Port representative so that I can loop them in to these conversations? This project has had unusual confusion relating to who is actually applying for authority from the Board, leading to delays in the environmental review, and I'd like our next Teams call to clear that up. I've mostly been engaged with Jay Johnson at Venable, who was representing LA23 in this proceeding, and working with Nina Reins at FNI, project manager for the OEA-supervised third-party contracting work. If the project applicants have changed, we may also have to redo some documentation and outreach efforts previously initiated.

Thanks,

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Adam –

Infinity has been hired by the Port of Plaquemines to act as its Program Manager and one of the items that we're tasked with is to assist the resumption of the Rail Extension project. Previously, this project was being led by LA23; however, LA23's contract with the Port has since been dissolved.

We've been provided previous project files and have been able to determine that the STB review for this project was started, but there is no clear indication of where things left off. We've been in contact with Nina Reins at Freese and Nichols as well as Jay Johnson with Veneable. So far, we've determined the following information is on file:

Owners: Plaquemines Parish Port, Sustainability Partners
Law Firm: Venable
Project: LGT Rail Extension
Docket No: FD36633

We've also downloaded any file that we could find from the STB database on the project. However, we were hoping that you could help with some of the project history so that we can identify the path forward for this project as far as the STB is concerned. Would you be available for a conference call or Teams meeting early next week to discuss this?

My contact info is below. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

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