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November 12, 2026

Miranda Allen
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
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RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

Dear Miranda Allen:

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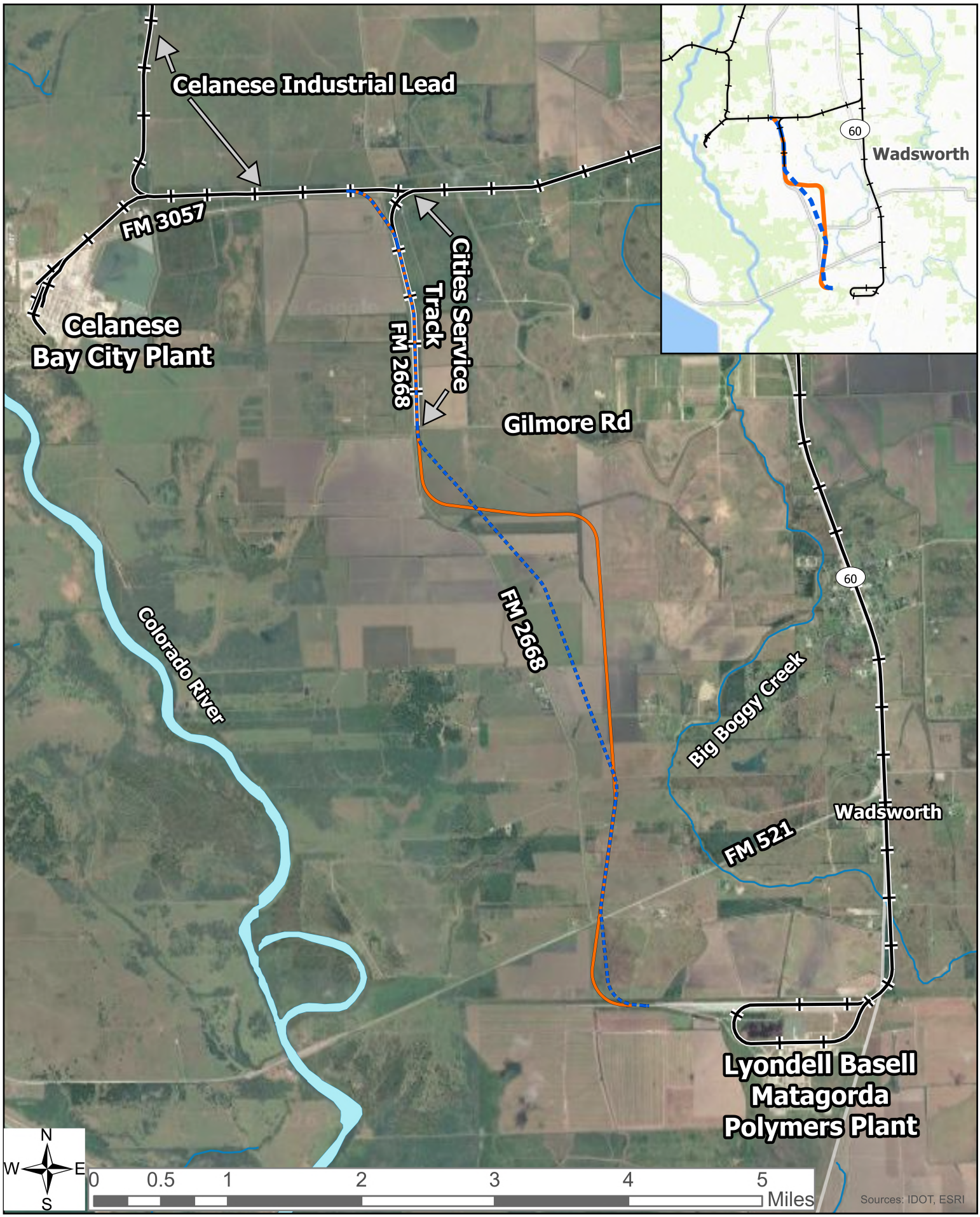
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Sincerely,



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Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

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Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma designated contact for the proposed line:

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Mary Botone
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By email to: mary.botone@wichitatribe.com

RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

Dear Mary Botone:

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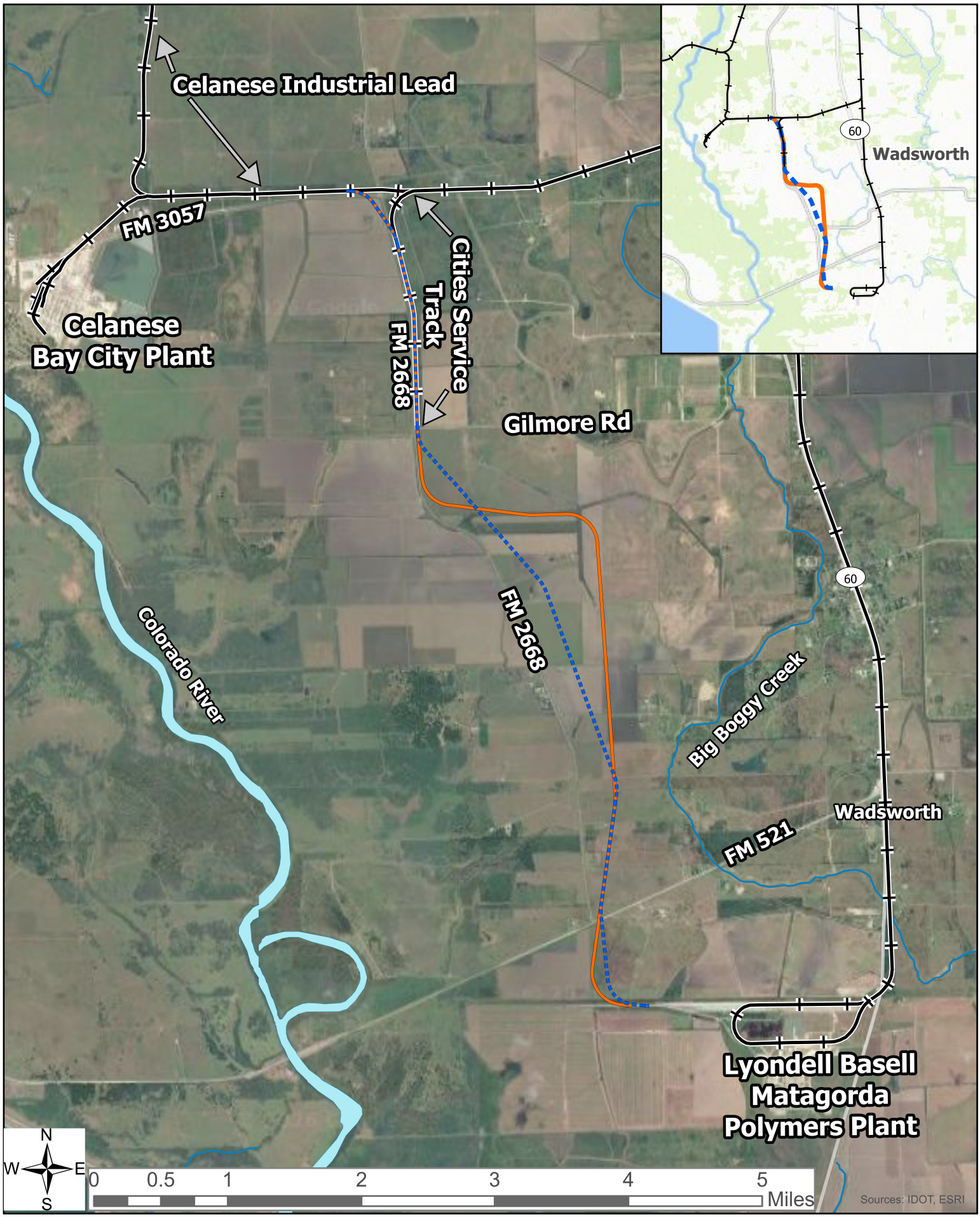
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Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco & Tawakonie), Oklahoma

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Chairman Durell Cooper
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RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

Dear Chairman Durell Cooper:

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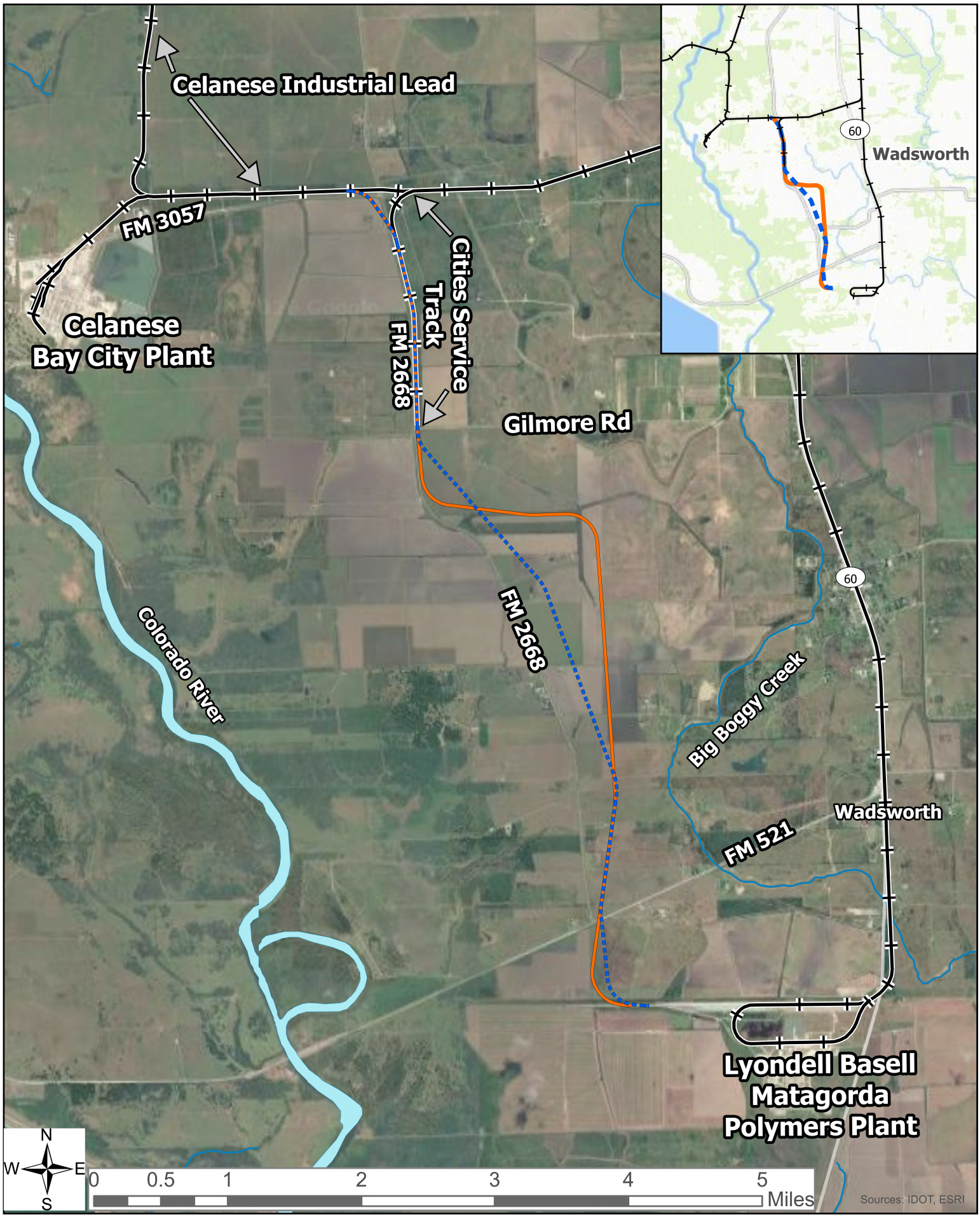
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Apache Tribe of Oklahoma

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Apache Tribe of Oklahoma designated contact for the proposed line:

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RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

Dear Martina Minthorn:

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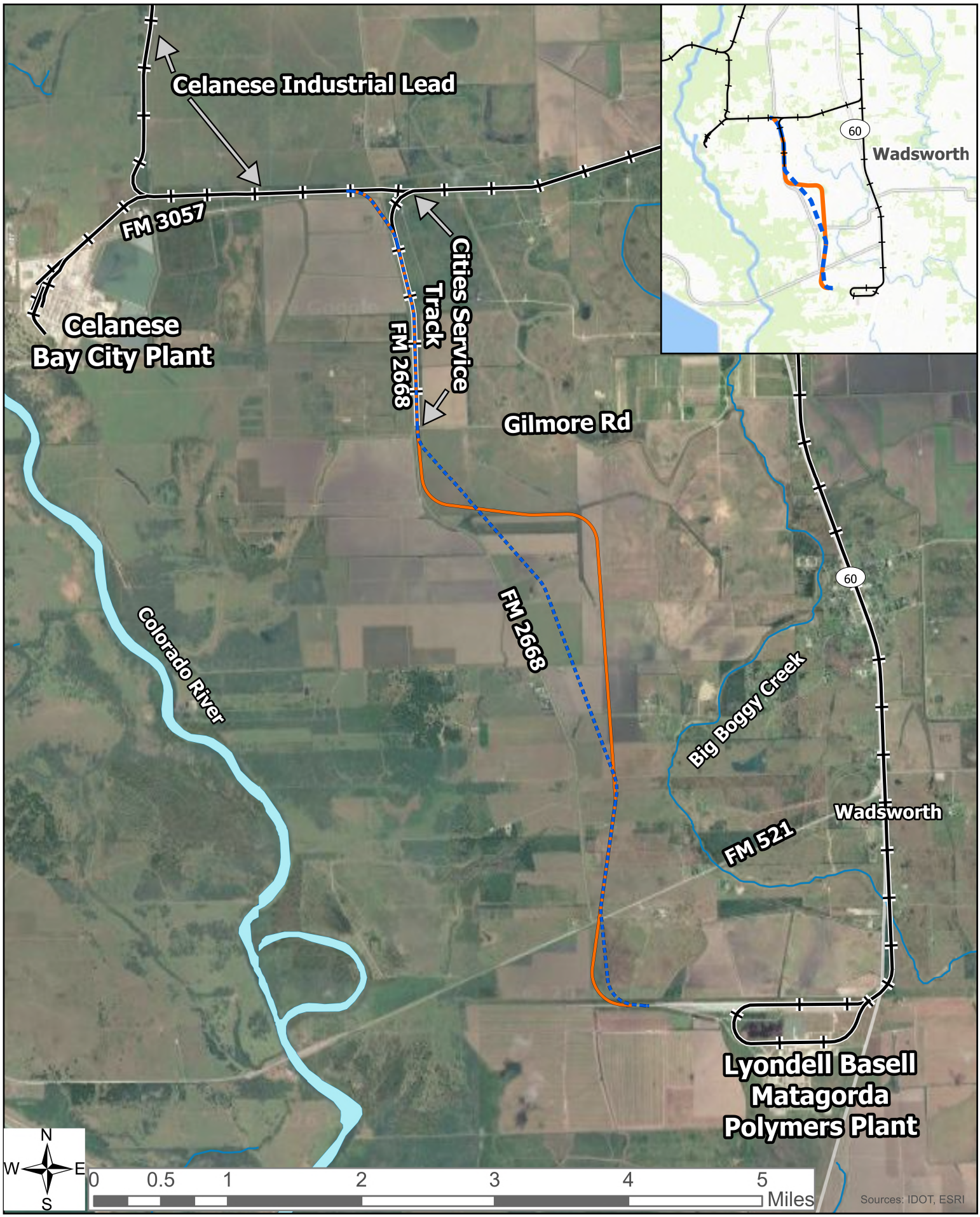
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Comanche Nation, Oklahoma designated contact for the proposed line:

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Kristian Poncho
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Dear Kristian Poncho:

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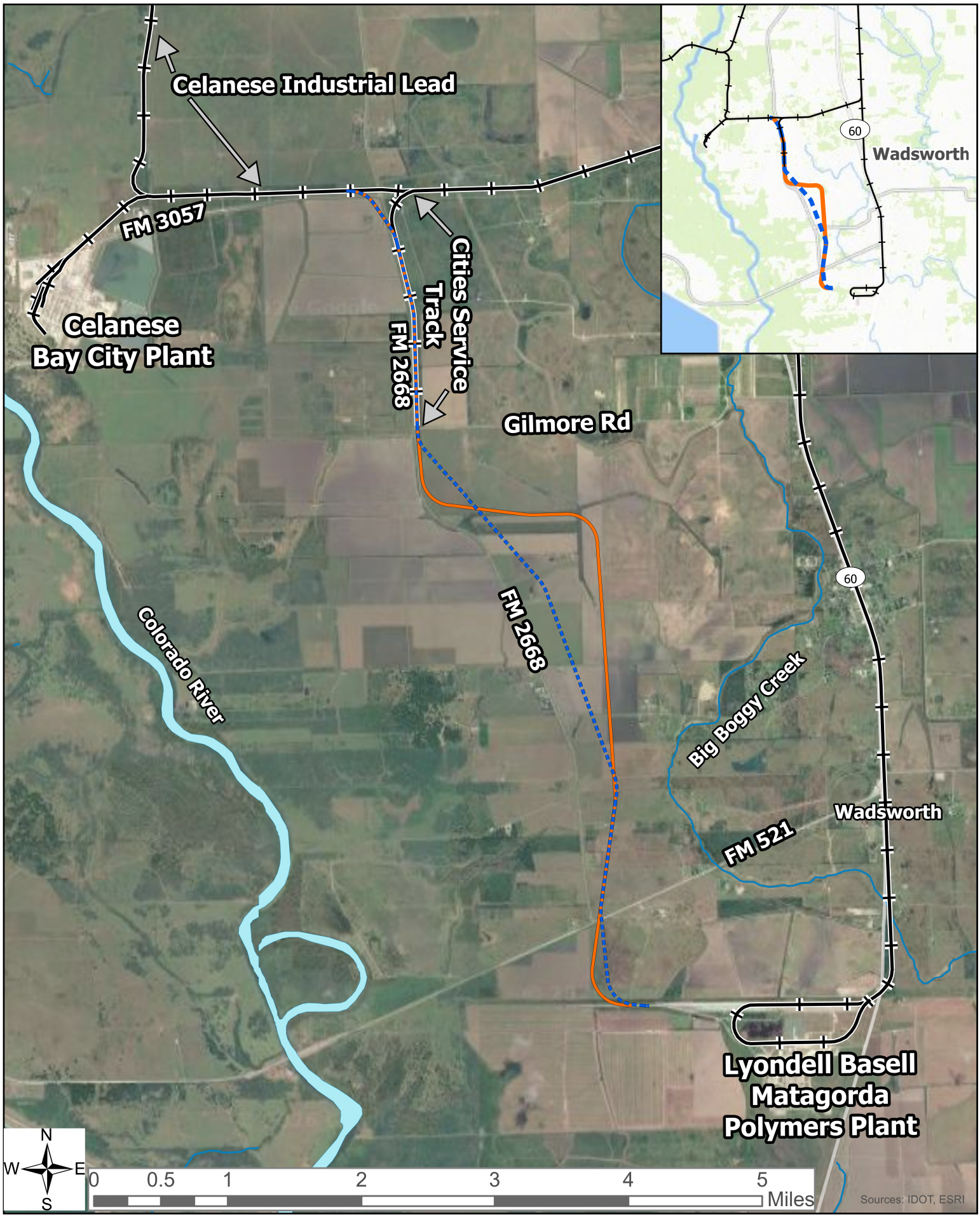
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Alexandria Espindola
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RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

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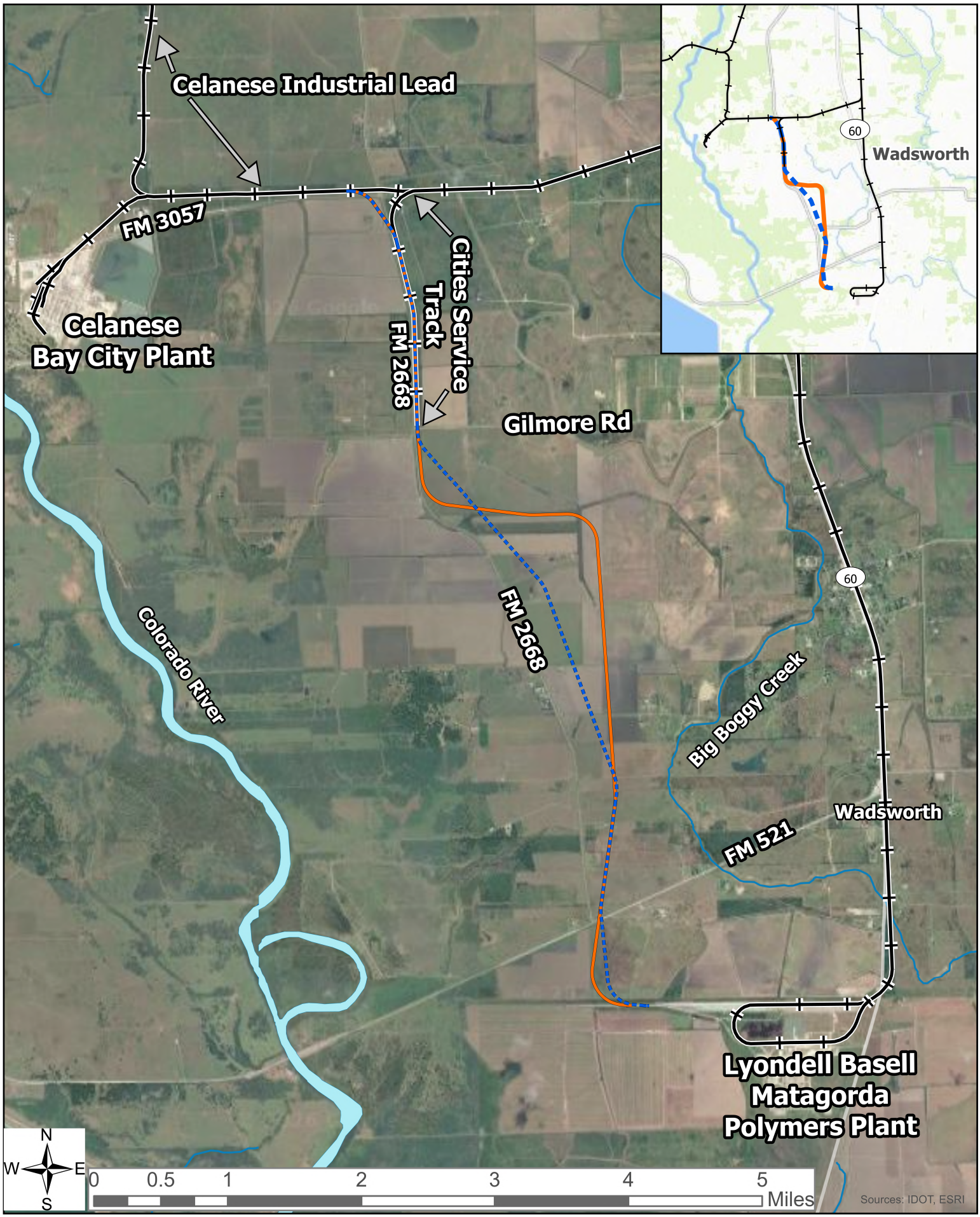
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Scotty Jones
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Bay City, TX 77414

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RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

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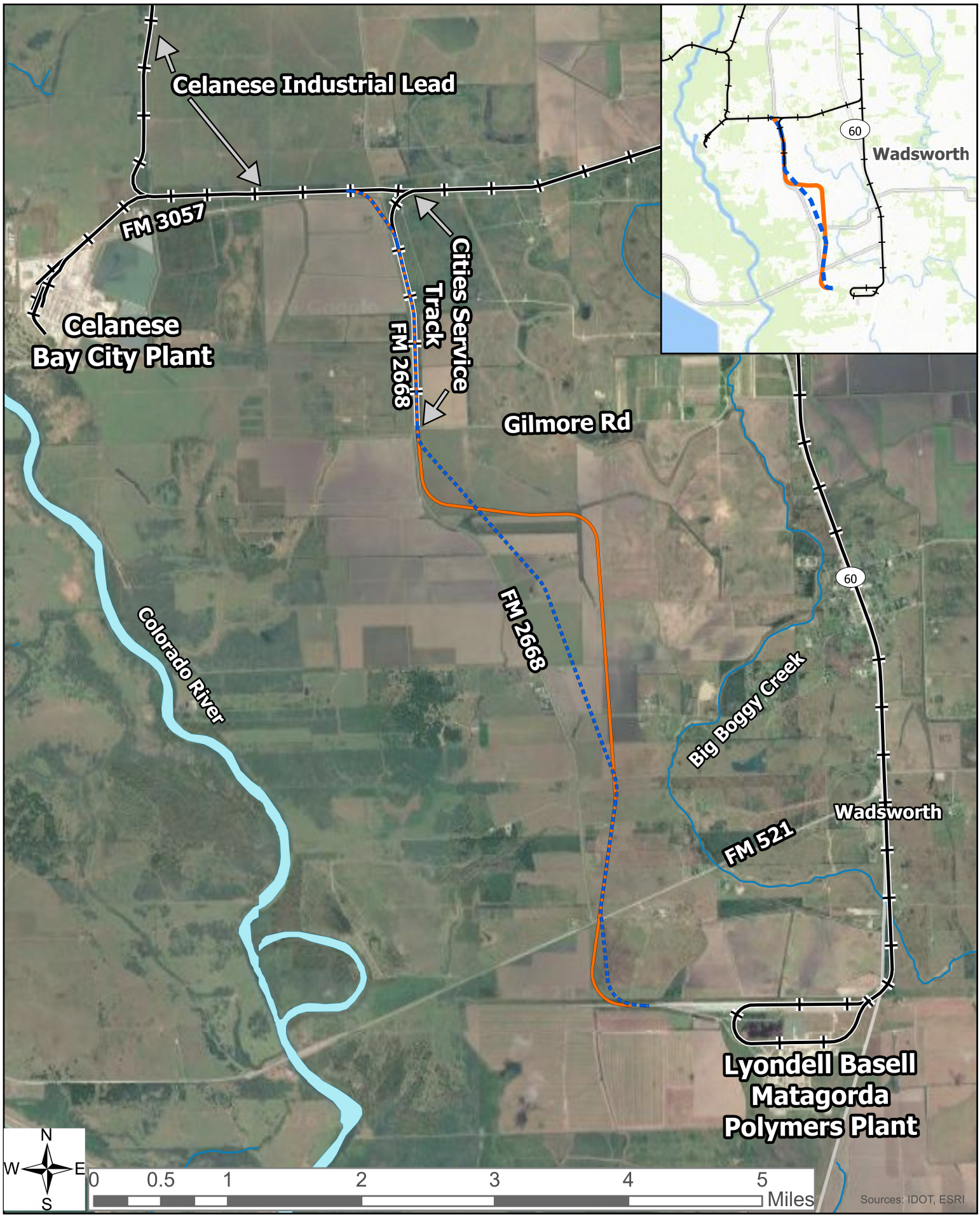
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RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

Dear Mary Savage:

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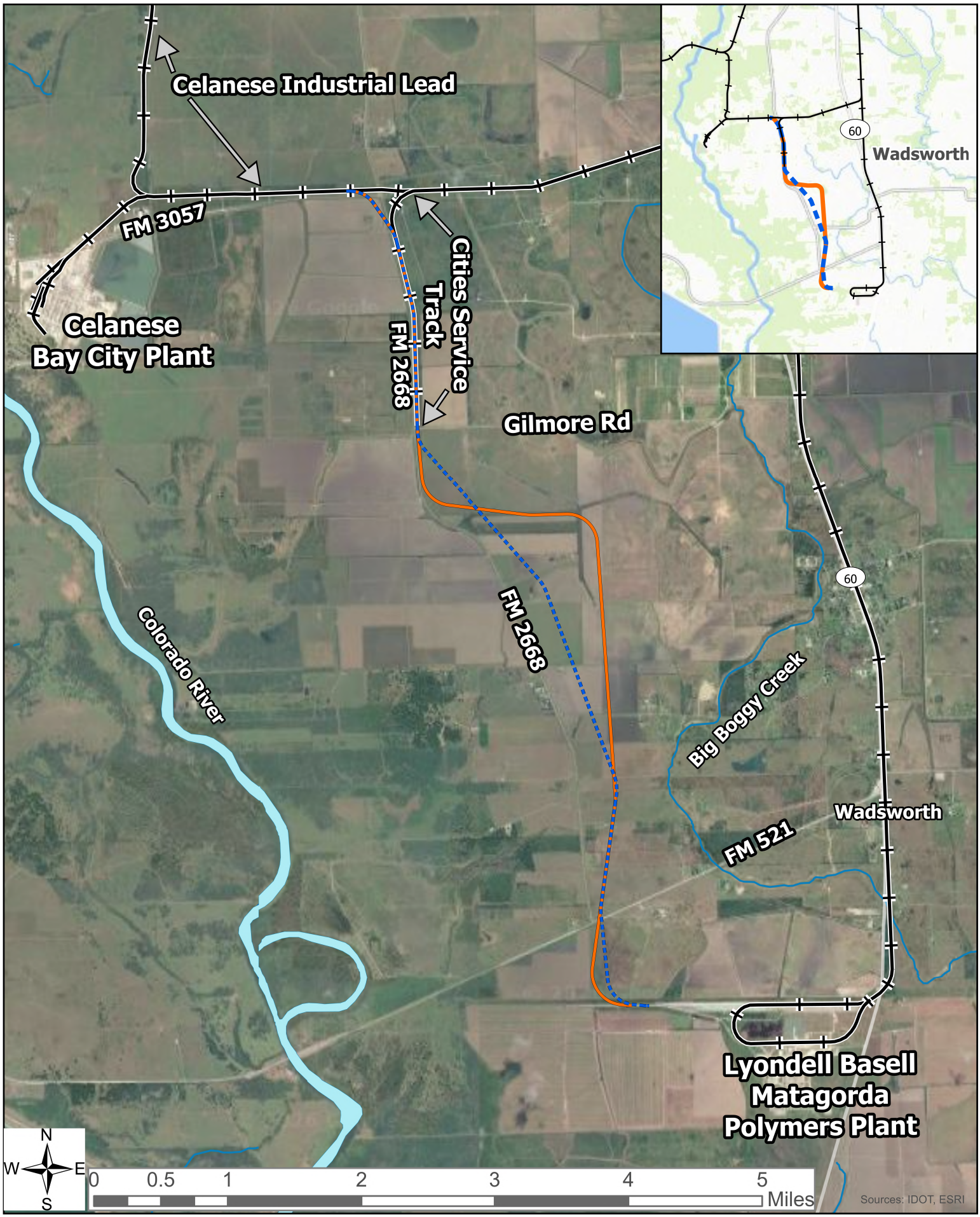
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Sincerely,



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Director
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City of Bay City Planning and Development Services

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City of Bay City Planning and Development Services designated contact for the proposed line:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
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E-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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November 12, 2026

Mike Ferdinand
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Bay City, TX 77414

By email to: mferdinand@mcedc.net

RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

Dear Mike Ferdinand:

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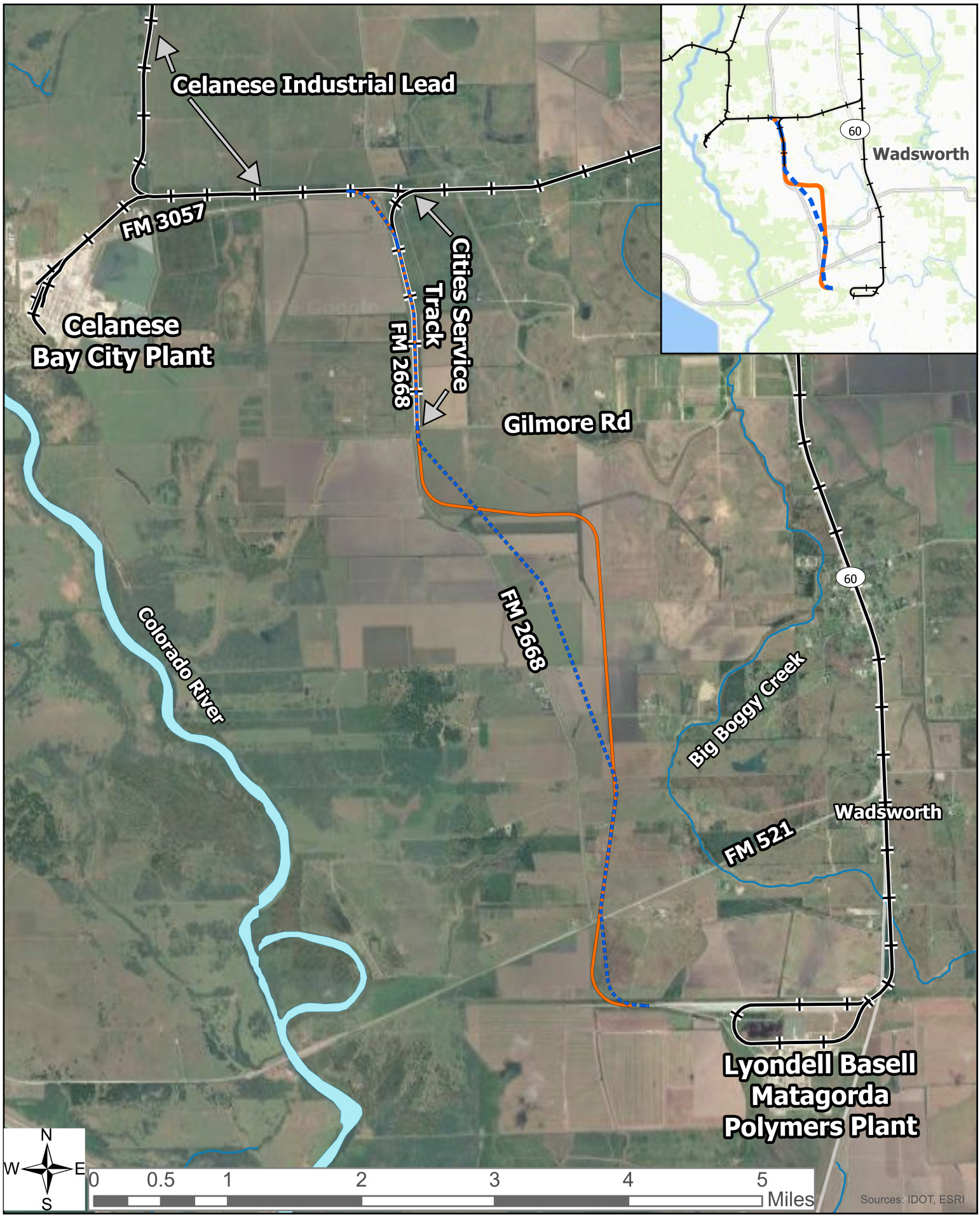
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Matagorda County Economic Development Corporation designated contact for the proposed line:

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RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

Dear Miguel Segura:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to participate as a consulting party in the Section 106 process for the above-referenced project. Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) is seeking authority from the Surface Transportation Board (Board) to construct and operate approximately five miles of new rail line in Matagorda County, Texas, near Wadsworth and Bay City. The proposed line would connect LyondellBasell's existing Matagorda Polymers Plant to UP's Angleton Subdivision via two existing rail lines known as the Celanese Industrial Lead and the Cities Service Track. OEA is evaluating two alternative alignments for the proposed rail line: Alternative 1 (Far East) and Alternative 2 (East). The alternatives share common segments near the northern and southern termini of the proposed line but follow different alignments through the central portion of the project area (see Attachment 1: Location Map). According to UP, the proposed line would provide LyondellBasell with a second competitive rail option.

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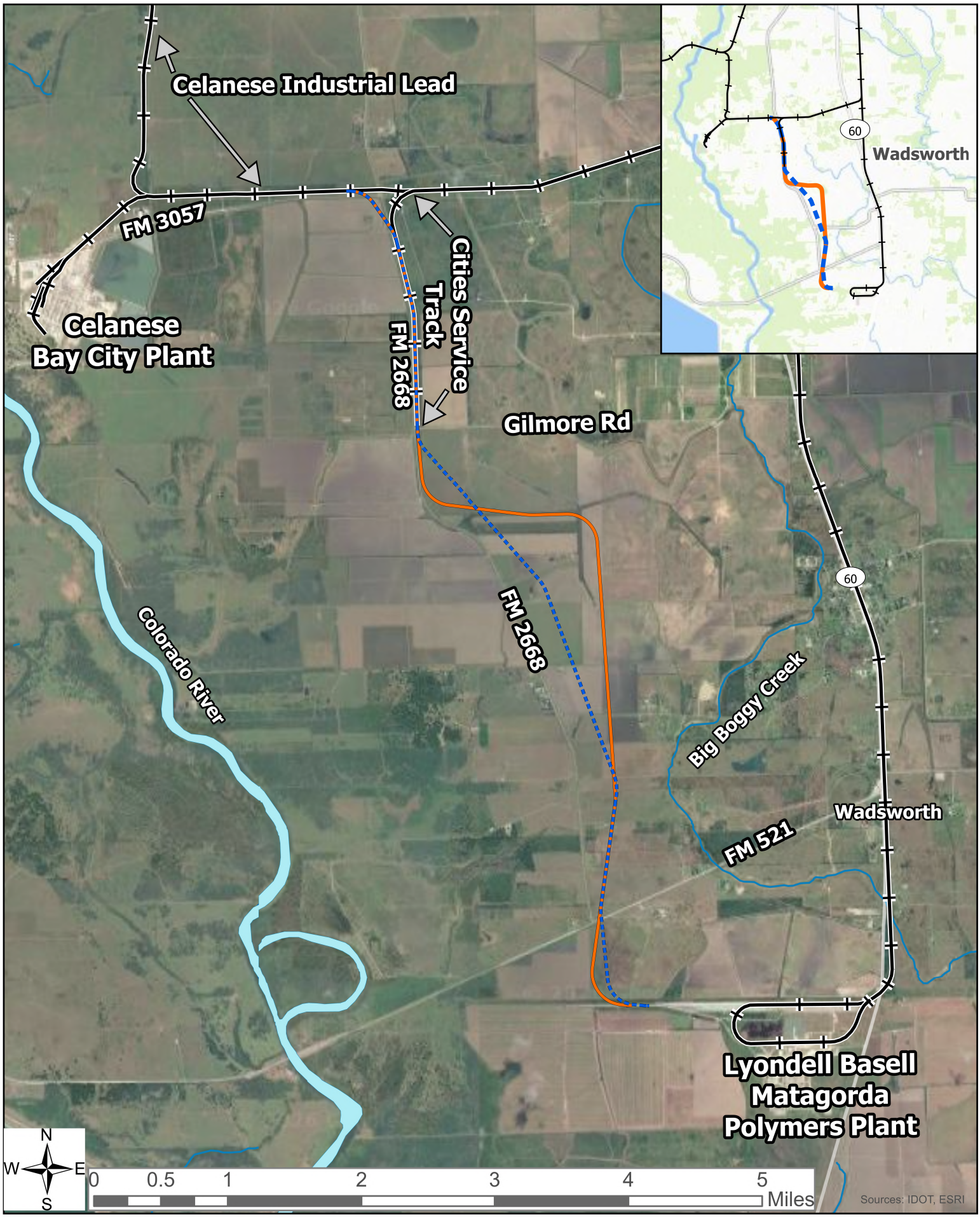
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Houston-Galveston Area Council

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Houston-Galveston Area Council designated contact for the proposed line:

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Raymond Jones, Jr.
Chairman
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RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

Dear Raymond Jones:

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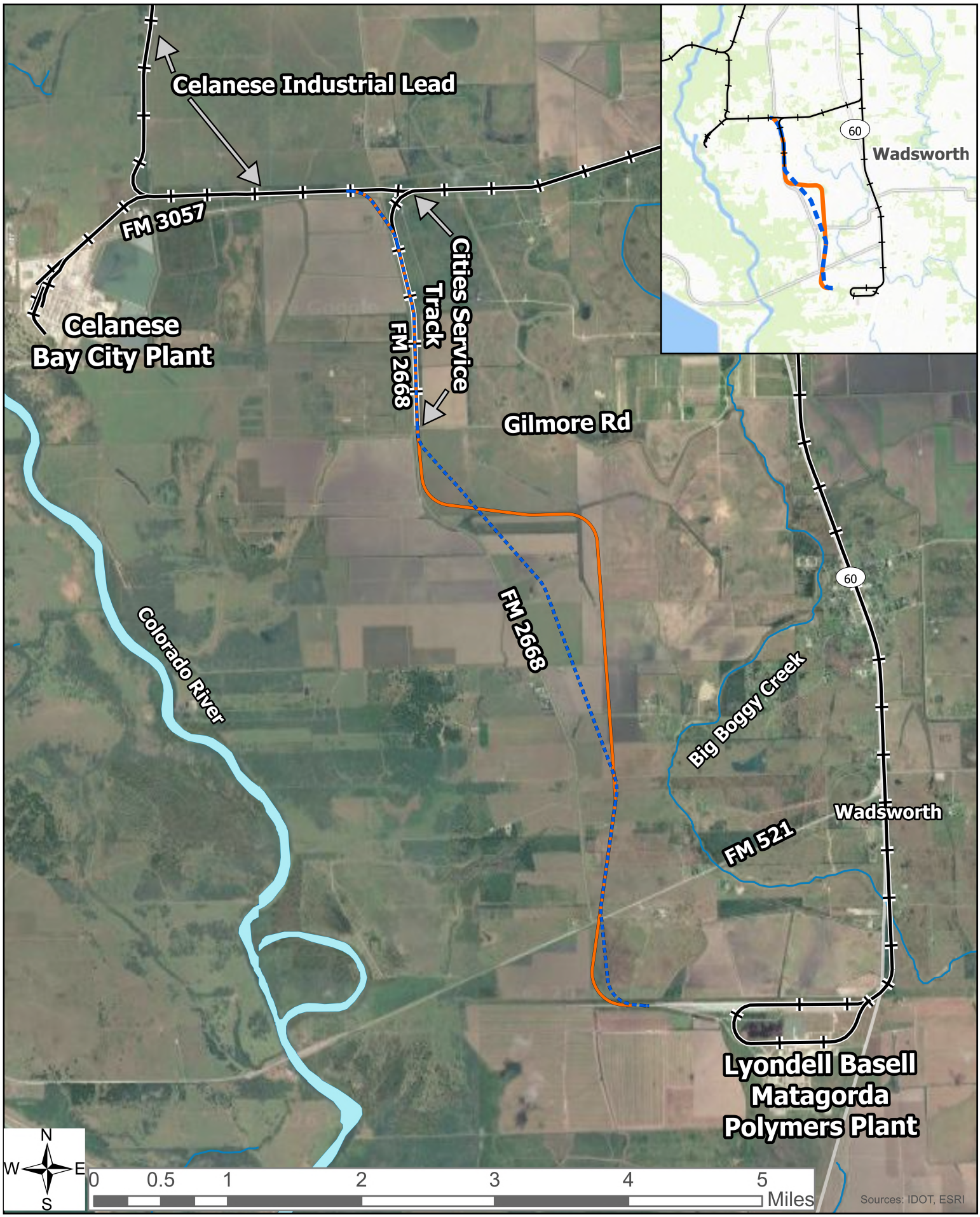
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Matagorda County Soil and Water Conservation District designated contact for the proposed line:

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Cynthia Armstrong
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RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

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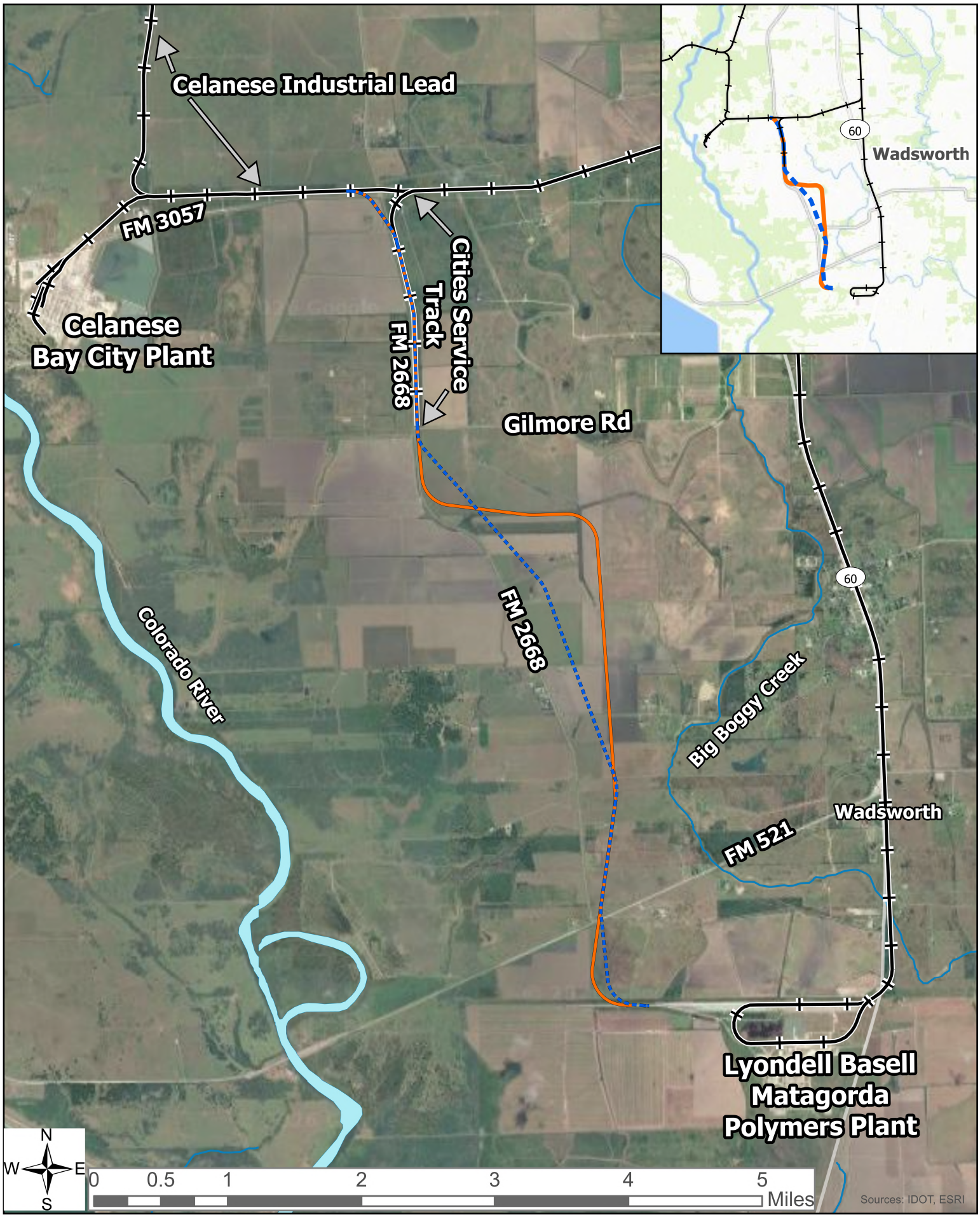
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Matagorda County Museum designated contact for the proposed line:

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Cindy Howell
President
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RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

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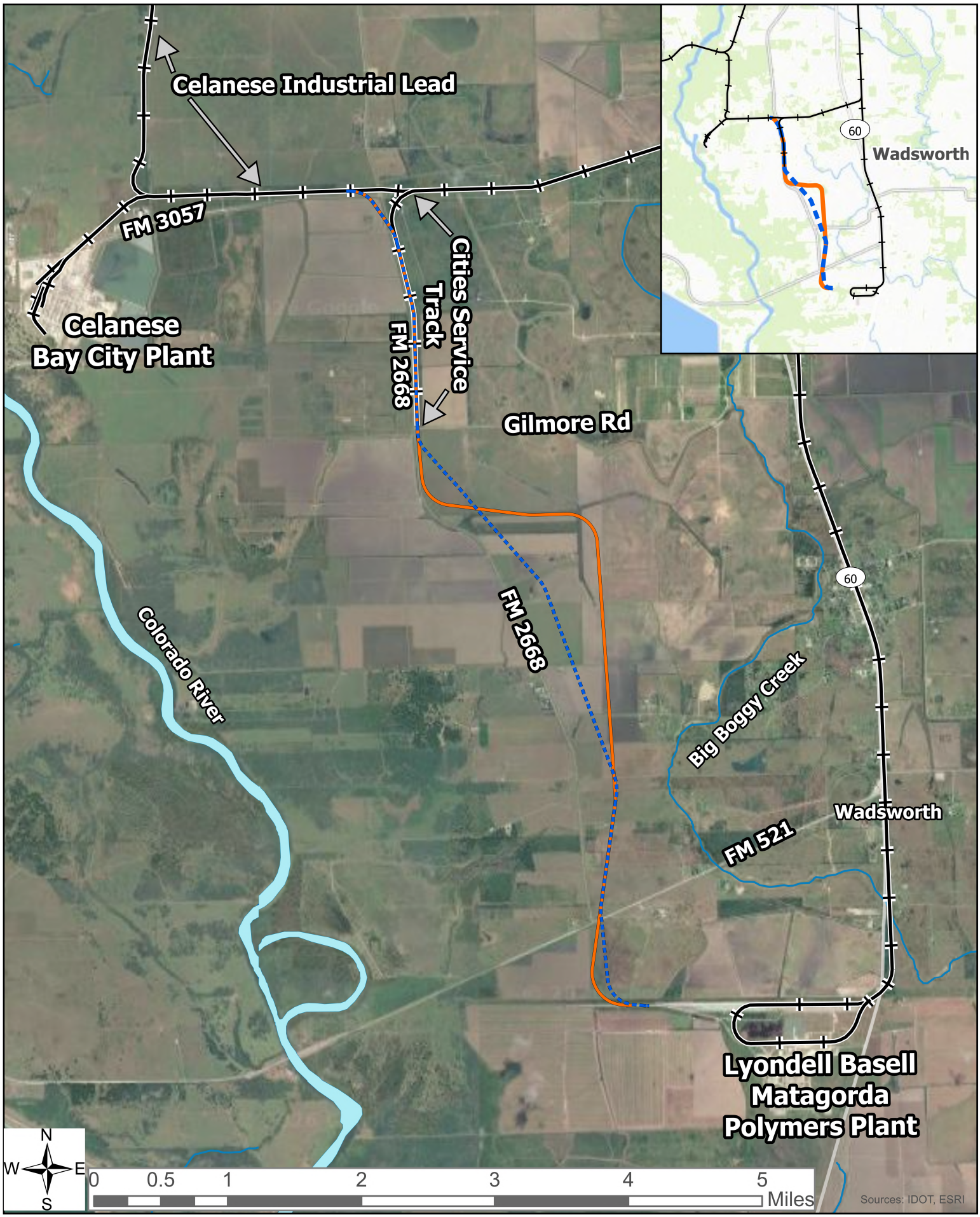
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RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

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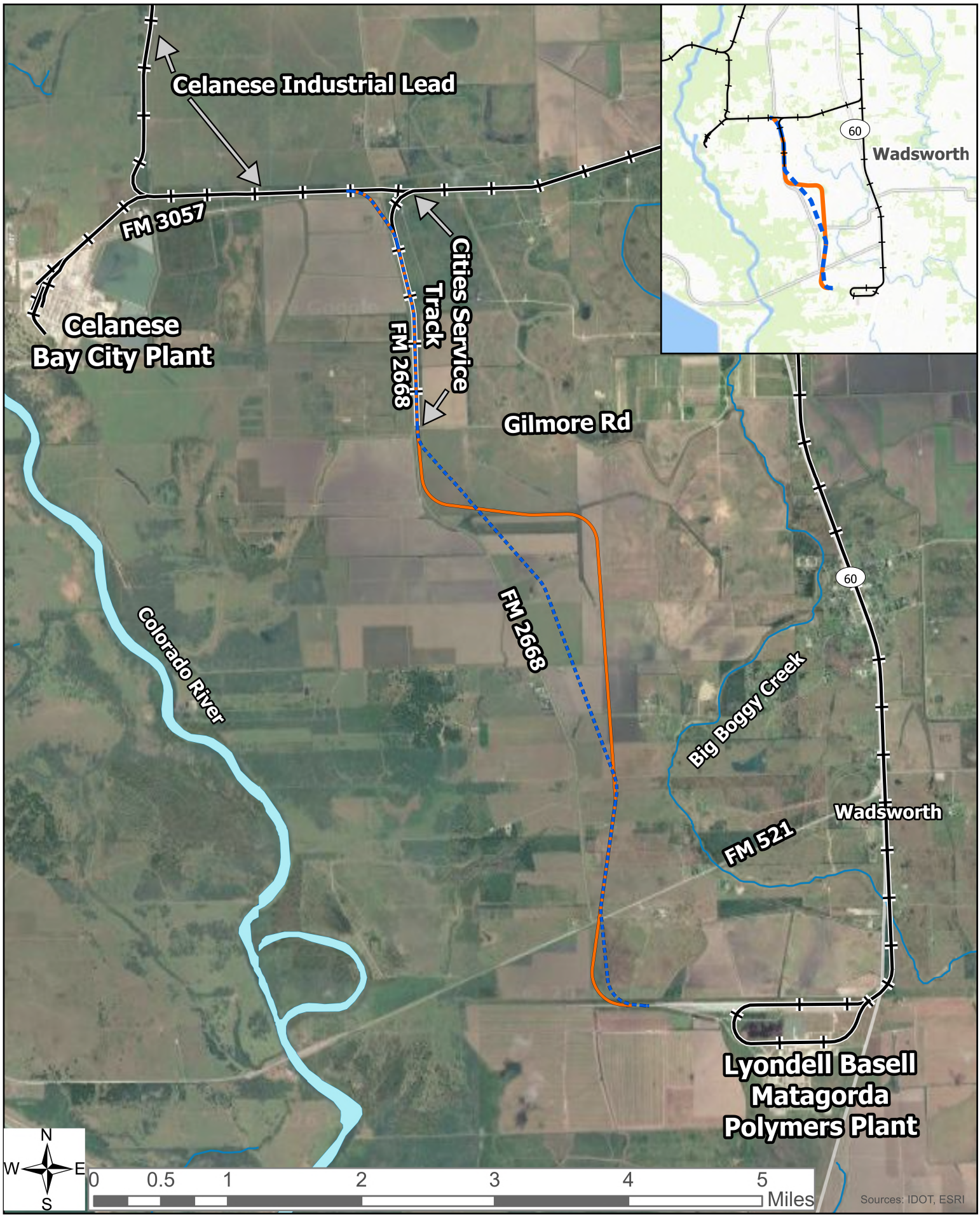
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Lower Colorado River Authority designated contact for the proposed line:

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