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Subject: Port of Corpus Christi 75-ft Planning Charrette Request

Dear Colonel Zetterstrom,

The Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas (PCCA) wishes to deepen portions of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel beyond the current authorized project depth of -54 feet MLLW, from the Gulf of Mexico through Harbor Island to the La Quinta Junction, to accommodate Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs). The proposed depth for the channel will be in the range of -75 feet to -85 feet MLLW, with the final design depth being confirmed following a detailed review of VLCC vessels expected to call at the PCCA's crude export terminals.

The PCCA will seek to obtain a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit and a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 permit for dredge and fill activities. Additionally, the PCCA will conduct studies as required by 33 U.S.C 408 for approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to modification of an existing Federal project and to determine the Federal interest in the Assumption of Maintenance (AOM) of non-federal sponsor (NFS) improvements to the Corpus Christi Ship Channel under Section 204(f) of WRDA 1986.

The PCCA envisions conducting the studies and gaining approvals through the remainder of 2018 with construction of the channel commencing in 2019 to support crude exports at Harbor Island as well as developments by customers near Ingleside, Texas. As such, the PCCA requests a Planning Charrette with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss project elements and NEPA requirements, to establish a review plan and schedule, and to determine efficient review and approval processes. Given the scope and schedule of the proposed project, it is expected that at least 1.5 days will be required to cover all relevant topics.

The PCCA suggests the Planning Charrette be held in Galveston during one of the options listed below:

- Thursday, June 21st – Friday, June 22nd
- Tuesday, June 26th – Wednesday, June 27th
- Wednesday, June 27th – Thursday, June 28th
- Thursday, June 28th – Friday, June 29th
- Thursday, July 5th – Friday, July 6th



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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (361) 885-6138 or by email at dan@pocca.com.

Respectfully,



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