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Danielle Gosselin
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Re: Finance Docket No. 36633 – Louisiana Gateway Rail Mainline Extension Project

Dear Danielle:

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §1105.10(d), the Louisiana 23 Development Company, LLC (“LA23”) requests that the Office of Environmental Analysis (“OEA”) approve the use of a third-party consultant, to be selected by OEA, to work under the supervision of OEA in the preparation of the environmental documentation required under 49 C.F.R. Part 1105 in connection with the above-captioned matter.

LA23 wishes to inform OEA that it would have no objection if OEA were to select Freese and Nichols as the third-party consultant. Freese and Nichols is among the third-party consultants pre-approved by OEA for use in the environmental studies.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Floyd

cc: Anne Crochet, Taylor Porter
Sam Matheny, Volkert, Inc.
Jay C. Johnson