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State Utilities Construction Engineer
GDOT Office of Utilities
Attention: Thomas Parker
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600 W. Peachtree Street NW
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**Re: GDOT Project NH000-0529-01(017) Richmond County
GDOT P.I. No. 210700
Escalation Process Step 2**

Dear Mr. Parker:

While Augusta, expressly does not waive any legal defenses, including, but not limited to, Sovereign Immunity, in accordance with section 4.4.C of the GDOT 2009 Utility Accommodation Policy and Standards Manual, Augusta requests a full Mediation Board hearing pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-6-171 and GDOT's Board Rule 672-19. Augusta is immune from any liability with respect to the alleged costs included in Pittman Construction's correspondence. Additionally, Augusta, Georgia disagrees with the amount of damages claims by Pittman

Construction. In good faith Augusta, Georgia attended a meeting with representatives of GDOT and Pittman Construction on Thursday, May 30, 2013 in an attempt to discuss resolving this matter. At this time, it does not appear that the matter can be resolved by the parties, accordingly Augusta, Georgia requests to move forward with the statutorily required mediation.

Please let me know if anything further is needed at this time in regards to mediating this claim. Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at: (706) 842-5550.

Thank you,



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