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Mr. Bean,

On November 2, 2012 I was provided a copy of the October 23, 2012 letter that Justin Savage of Pittman Construction sent to you concerning the escalation step 2 for project NH000-0520-01(017) Richmond. Though the letter was not addressed to AUD, I would like to provide feedback on the accounts presented to you.

AUD was informed of conflicts with our existing utility lines and proposed storm drains on July 26, 2012 via email. We immediately had an AUD representative onsite that afternoon and then again the next day. AUD coordinated with and had a contractor onsite as soon as possible to survey. On August 28, 2012, after compiling the data together and determining the conflict locations, AUD met onsite with GDOT representatives to discuss the conflicts and how we could eliminate them. After working with GDOT to meet their requirements, I applied for a permit for the three conflict locations on September 4, 2012. On September 18, 2012 we received the approved permit for the sewer work.

Mr. Savage is correct, AUD did not specifically seek out Pittman Construction to ask for permission to adjust AUD's sewer line and water line that is located in GDOT ROW. AUD worked with GDOT representatives on conflict resolutions and received permission from them, the owner, for the proposed project adjustments. AUD representative did, multiple times, discuss with GDOT Pittman's circumstance and time frame. Though we did not specifically seek Pittman Construction's approval on the relocations, they were informed of them. Pittman Construction had a crew onsite working with AUD's contractor on the sewer/storm drain conflict. As we received approval from GDOT on the design of the conflict resolution, I would argue against Mr. Savage's claim that we do not meet GDOT's requirements.

On October 12, 2012, AUD was informed that Pittman damaged a sewer manhole within the project limits. An AUD representative met at the site and instructed Pittman that the repair they performed on the manhole was just a temporary fix and could not be left that way. On October 17, 2012 I sent Mr. Savage an email seeking permission from him for AUD to go into the area to remove and replace the damaged manhole and pipe. On October 18, 2012 Mr. Savage replied telling me that Pittman cannot approve for AUD to work on an area as it is GDOT ROW and we would need to have their permission. On October 23, 2012 I sent an email to you describing our proposed fix in the area. I also copied Mr. Savage and requested that he review the proposed plan and provide comments. Mr. Savage replied to this on November 2, 2012 and his concern was that the proposed sewer would be too close to the existing 36" storm drain to allow Pittman to remove the existing line without damage to the sewer line. I have told Mr. Savage that our contractor would coordinate their work with him so that Pittman could remove the storm drain while we have the sewer line removed, therefore eliminating this conflict. I also proposed that when our contractor relays the sewer line that we lay it at a 1% slope, it is currently at a 2% slope, for more cover.

On October 23, 2012 I spoke with you about installing a temporary lift station on GDOT property by the Wal-Mart property. I outlined to you verbally, then in an email, the advantages to both AUD and GDOT in installing this lift station and the resulting conflict eliminations it would provide. We also discussed the proposed adjustments to the waterline. We met on October 24, 2012 to again discuss this with additional GDOT representatives. As we all appeared to be on the same page I sent an email to Mr. Savage explaining what we were working on to eliminate the water and sewer conflicts in the area. I asked him to provide me with any comments/concerns on the plan and have yet to receive anything.

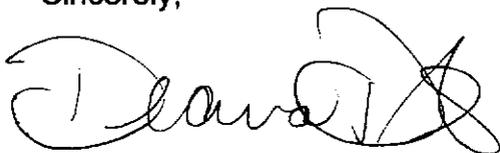
AUD has provided plans and a broad schedule for the proposed conflict resolution. I cannot provide a more decisive schedule because Pittman will not respond to me with a date in which my contractor can have access to work.

On October 10, 2012 Kevin Luce of the Augusta IT department provided GDOT with their proposed changes and as of October 31, 2012 they have not received a response yet.

At this point AUD has received permission from GDOT to perform the manhole and sewer relocation from approximate station 2048+91 to approximate station 2051+42. We are waiting on Pittman to tell us when we can get to work in the area. We are also waiting on GDOT to approve the permit application to install the temporary lift station. AUD's plan is to abandon and fill the existing sewer line from approximate station 2029+16 to approximate station 2048+91. AUD is also planning to abandon and fill the existing water line from approximate station. This plan has been sent via email to Pittman Construction and no response has been provided from them.

AUD is committed to quickly resolving the conflicts that are present with this job but we feel the delays are beyond our control. We have been given conflicting direction as to whom we are to address the conflict resolutions. We have begun emailing both Pittman and GDOT to gain permission and review comments. We currently have our contractor working on the supplying water to the Kroger area via Augusta Tech Drive. Once this has been completed the waterline will be abandoned, therefore eliminating the water conflicts with Pittman's work. We are in the process of getting an approved permit from GDOT to install a temporary lift station to abandon the sewer line throughout the majority of Pittman's work area. I need to have Pittman's approval to work in the area in front of the fire station to be able to abandon this line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deanna Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "A".

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