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**RE: GDOT Project NH000-0520-01(017) Richmond County
GDOT P. I. No. 210700
Escalation Process Step 2**

Dear Ms. Davis and Mr. Pittman:

In accordance with section 4.4.C of the Department's 2009 Utility Accommodation Policy and Standards Manual, a Project Utility Delay Mitigation meeting was conducted for the referenced project on November 20, 2012. The meeting was held in room 408 of the Department's General Office located at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Representatives from the Department, City of Augusta Utilities Department (AUD), and Pittman Construction Company (Pittman) attended the meeting (see attached list of attendees).

The purpose of the meeting was to comply with Step 2 of the Escalation Process under the Procedures for Utility Delay Costs in the Manual and to determine if AUD's proposal to cure the delay is satisfactory.

Based on facts presented at the meeting, it is apparent that an impact to the project's schedule has occurred as a result of work in control of AUD. AUD stated at the various utility coordination meetings since January 2012 that there were no conflicts; therefore there were no days for utility relocation in the Utility Adjustment Schedule. However, there were sewer line, water line, and fiber optics conflicts.

As evidenced by project documentation, Pittman began experiencing utility conflicts on July 25, 2012. Since our meeting and prior to the writing of this letter, AUD completed all required sewer and water line conflict work. This work was completed on December 14, 2012.

Given the uncertainty whether this delay will hinder the overall completion of this project, it is our recommendation that AUD be advised that they may be liable for damages or delay costs incurred by our contractor.

If a determination is made by Pittman as to the total impact of damages attributed to AUD delays, AUD will be notified by Pittman in writing as to the total costs of said damages. AUD shall have 45 days from the receipt of such letter to either pay the amount of delay costs or request a full Mediation Board hearing as prescribed in the Official Code of Georgia, Section 32-6-171 and the Department's Board Rule 672-19.

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Should you have any further questions on this matter, please contact me at 404-631-1354.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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