

Reeves Construction Company

Vs City of Eastman

CSSTP- 0006-00 (476)

Dodge - Lawrens Counties.

Conclusion Details

① Utility aid is approved.

② Leakprios requested DCE  
to go ahead with SA

## Joseph, Shajan

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**From:** Reynolds, Corbett  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 19, 2014 11:17 PM  
**To:** Smith, Daniel  
**Cc:** Mastronardi, Marc; Bolden, Mike; Sammons, Matthew; Hobby, James; Gibbs, Bryan; Lindsey, Jamie; Joseph, Shajan; Upkins, Lee; Bean, Lynn  
**Subject:** RE: CSSTP-0006-00(476) Dodge-Laurens Counties- City of Eastman Utility Aid Approval Letter (Water)

Daniel,

Please call your contractor ASAP to discuss a SA to complete the relocation work for the City of Eastman. Plans and quantities should be available by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Corbett

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**Importance:** High

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**Cc:** Madaris, Charis; Heath, Andrew; Bean, Lynn; O'Brien, Neal; Birnkammer, Jun; 'Munshi, Abdulvahid'; Belford, Charity; Reynolds, Corbett; Mastronardi, Marc  
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Keith Golden, P.E., Commissioner



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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April 18, 2014

Bea Edge  
City Manager  
City of Eastman  
Post Office Drawer 40  
Eastman, Georgia 31023

Georgia Project: CSSTP-0006-00(476) Dodge-Laurens Counties  
GDOT PI No.: PI 0006476  
Utility-Aid Approval, SR 17 from Eastman City Limits to SR 31/US 441  
Water Facilities

Dear Bea Edge:

The Department has approved funding for the City's Utility-Aid request for the above project. The Department believes these costs were unforeseeable and considering the costs in comparison with your operating budget, the Department will assume 100% of the construction cost of the utility facilities in conflict with the proposed project excluding betterment, currently estimated at \$58,237.00. The City will be responsible for 100% of the preliminary engineering costs associated with relocation design of the subject facilities. The following general requirements shall apply to this aid:

1. The City will routinely budget for potential relocation liabilities for permitted facilities on right of way under the jurisdiction of the Department. The City may be asked to provide verification that this responsibility is met prior to approval of permits.
2. All relocation work required for this project shall be included in the Department's project contract. Therefore the City will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department to perform the utility relocation required for this project. In this MOU the City will agree that construction engineering and contract supervision shall be the responsibility of the GDOT and the GDOT shall be responsible to assure that all utility work is accomplished in accordance with plans and specifications and to consult with the City before authorizing any changes or deviations which affect the City's facility. The City must coordinate with the Department's District Office to ensure that arrangements are made to ensure that the relocation plans are prepared to meet the Department's schedule and plan standards.
3. The City shall ensure that engineering for this work is performed according to current Department Standards. The City must coordinate with the Department's District Office so arrangements are made to ensure that the engineering is completed and approved by **May 1, 2014** without further delay to the project's schedule.

Bea Edge, City Manager – City of Eastman  
CSSTP-0006-00(476) Dodge-Laurens Counties  
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4. The Department cannot bear the cost of any “betterment” items. The City may use this opportunity to upgrade its facilities if paying the net increase in cost by coordinating with our District Office. Any betterment will be addressed under a separate Utility Agreement so that the Department may be reimbursed by the City.

Please make completion of preliminary engineering an urgent matter and continue coordination with the District Utilities Office to finalize arrangements. All such correspondence should be sent to the following address:

Mr. Lynn Bean  
District 2 Utilities Engineer  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
801 Hwy 15 South  
Tennille, GA 31809

If there are any questions about this approval, please call me at 404-631-1354.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Bolden  
State Utilities Engineer

MJB: LEU

CC: Jamie Boswell, Board Member  
Keith Golden, P.E., Commissioner  
Russell McMurry, P.E., Chief Engineer  
Angie Robinson, Financial Management Administrator  
Terry Gable, State Aid Administrator  
James H. Smith, District 2 Engineer, Tennille  
Lynn Bean, District 2 Utilities Engineer  
Neal O'Brien, District 2 Preconstruction Engineer  
Utility-Aid File  
Project File

## Joseph, Shajan

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**From:** Upkins, Lee  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 7:49 AM  
**To:** Sammons, Matthew; Joseph, Shajan; Bean, Lynn  
**Cc:** Bolden, Mike; Lindsey, Jamie  
**Subject:** RE: escalation letter CSSTP-0006-00(476)

Lynn/Matthew,

Can you get with the City and ask the following questions:

1. Do they have a problem with our contractor doing the work once their designer complete the relocation plans
2. What will be the time frame for having relocation plans complete for the Contractor, if they are acceptable to the Department doing the work.
3. If they can budget for the work, the Department will pay the contractor than the City can reimburse the Department back out of their FY 15 funds
4. If not funds, we will still need information for Utility Aid to provide work at no cost or reduced cost.
5. Do they have a contractor on standby if 100% Utility Aid is approved. Can they start immediately after plans are approved.

Once we have an idea on which way to head, we can complete the process.

Mike Bolden is checking with Construction now to determine if a SA is agreeable with their office.

Thanks

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**From:** Sammons, Matthew  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 1:0  
**To:** Joseph, Shajan; Bean, Lynn  
**Cc:** Upkins, Lee; Bolden, Mike; Li  
**Subject:** RE: escalation letter CS

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**From:** Joseph, Shajan  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 11:54 AM  
**To:** Bean, Lynn  
**Cc:** Sammons, Matthew; Upkins, Lee; Bolden, Mike; Lindsey, Jamie  
**Subject:** RE: escalation letter CSSTP-0006-00(476)

Good Morning Lynn:

I went through the contractor's letter and have a discussion with Mr. Lee Upkins.

**Action Plan:**

1. You have to request a letter and financial situation/details from City of Eastman. ( I think Lee already talked to you earlier about this)
2. Once we receive this letter, Lee and Mike will talk to the Construction Office / Upper Management about this issue and try to resolve the issue for the money.
3. If we receive the money, we may ask the City of Eastman to submit an estimate for the removal/ relocation/ adjustment of their facility.
4. District Construction Estimator will review the estimate, based on quantities and the unit price.
5. If it is an acceptable price, we may ask the City of Eastman to do the job otherwise we may ask the contractor to do the job through an SA.

**Immediate Steps:**

1. A letter from the City Of Eastman explain the situation about the financial crisis and present Financial Situation.
2. The details and amount of work and an estimate they are forecasting to complete this job.

So, please contact the City of Eastman and obtain the "Immediate Steps" details and forwarded to Lee or me.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Thanks.

**Shajan P. Joseph, P.E.**  
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**Georgia Department of Transportation**  
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**From:** Bean, Lynn  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 9:18 AM  
**To:** Upkins, Lee; Bolden, Mike; Joseph, Shajan  
**Cc:** Sammons, Matthew  
**Subject:** escalation letter CSSTP-0006-00(476)

Attached is the escalation letter from Reeves Construction Co. for the above project.  
Additional information forthcoming(Matt)

Lynn Bean  
District Utilities Engineer  
District Two, Tennille, Ga.  
478 552-4646 Office  
478 232-3338 Cell

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March 13, 2014

  
Mr. James Smith  
District Engineer  
GA. DOT  
PO Box 8  
Tennille, GA 31089

Re: Utility Relocation Ga. Hwy 117  
Eastman, GA  
H&A File No. 2020-195

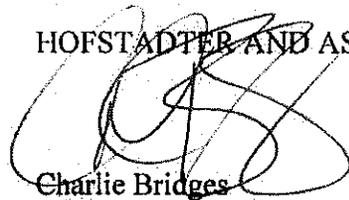
Dear James:

This letter is written in response to the Department's letter dated February 17, 2014, denying the City of Eastman's request for utility aid. The reason given for denial was that the request came after the Department's project was under construction. While this is true, the City was not informed of the Department's project until after construction had begun. Additionally, the City does not have money in the FY 2014 budget to complete this relocation. In order for the City to complete the relocation, the City would need to include the cost in next year's (FY2015) budget. The City would also need to survey, design, bid and award the line in conflict. We estimate that this would take between 8 and 12 months to complete and would not fall within the Department's Completion Schedule.

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

HOFSTADTER AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

  
Charlie Bridges  
Project Engineer

Cc: Mr. Matthew Sammons  
Mr. Lynn Bean  
Ms. Bea Edge

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