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Ms. Ruth Santiago, Esq.
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Re: Aguirre Offshore GasPort, Jobos Bay

Dear Ms. Santiago:

Thank you for your letter dated September 27, 2013, requesting information regarding the above referenced project. In your letter, you are requesting to "be notified of the docket or index of all Aguirre Offshore GasPort (AOGP) project filing, including but not limited to the permits being considered or within the jurisdiction of FWS", and asked to meet with FWS personnel handling the referenced matters.

Please be aware that the permit application for the AOGP is not an application being processed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). The regulatory Federal agencies responsible for processing the permit application for this project are the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Therefore, we recommend that you contact these agencies to receive the requested information.

For your information, AOGP project related documents are currently available on the FERC website using the FERC Online Library. You can access the documents at the following web address http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp. You need to use docket number CP13-193. You may also visit the project's website (http://en.aguirreoffshoregasport.com/) for more information.

With regards to the Service's participation in this permit application process, FERC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers consult with the Service as required by Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 United States Code 1531 et seq.). Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act requires all Federal agencies to consult with the Service to ensure that the proposed activities are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of federally listed species or adversely modify designated critical habitats. The Service evaluates the proposed project actions and offers technical assistance to avoid, minimize or compensate possible direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the project on federally listed species and their

habitat. If you wish to obtain the documents we have regarding this project you may requested them via the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Jan P. Zegarra at 787-851-7297 extension 220. You may also visit our website http://www.fws.gov/caribbean/ES for additional information on threatened and endangered species under jurisdiction and Section 7 consultation process.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin E. Muñiz
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