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**RE: Consent Decree (Case: No. 1:12-cv-24400-FAM)**  
**Reference DOJ Case No. 90-5-1-1-4022/1**  
**Section XI, Paragraph 52 – Potential Delay**  
**Section XVII, Paragraph 77 – Notices**  
**Potential Delay Notification Letter for Consent Decree Appendix D-2, Capital Improvement Project 5.7 Replacement of Switchgear and Rehabilitation of Wetwell PS #0417**

Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with the provisions of Section XI, Paragraph 52 of the above referenced Consent Decree (CD), on December 1, 2017, Miami-Dade County (County) electronically notified United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) of a delay of CD Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 5.7 Replacement of Switchgear and Rehabilitation of Wetwell PS #0417. The December 1<sup>st</sup> email stated that the anticipated Construction Phase Notice to Proceed issue date was not met, and as a result, the Contractor would not be able to complete the project within the predetermined contract duration required to meet the CD compliance date. This delay will impact the project CD compliance date of January 27, 2019.

In accordance with Section XI, Paragraph 52, this notification letter shall further describe and explain the reasons for the delay; the anticipated duration of the delay; all actions taken or to be taken to prevent or minimize the delay; a schedule for implementation of any measures to be taken to prevent or mitigate the delay or the effect of the delay; a statement as to whether, in the opinion of the County, such event may cause or contribute to an endangerment to public health, welfare or the environment.

**Explanation and description of the reasons for the delay**

The Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued to all listed contractors under the MCC 7360/7040 terms and conditions which was established to promote the use of small business contractors, in keeping with established protocols for a contract of this size and magnitude. Upon receipt of the RFP responses and supporting documentation, the County determined that the four (4) lowest apparent bidders did not meet the stipulated pre-qualifications and experience required of them. The next low bidder, the fifth most expensive. At the date of this letter the County is determining the best course of action to mitigate this situation. The available options include:

- Award to the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest bidder
- Cancel this RFP entirely and re-issue the RFP, effectively starting the procurement cycle from the beginning

**Actions taken or to be taken to prevent or minimize the delay**

The County will explore all avenues to mitigate the delay once a final decision is made on the award of the contract. During construction, additional actions to be taken to minimize the delay include, but not limited to, the following:

1. Engage the Contractor in a focused schedule review of any potential issues that may affect critical path and completion of the work.
2. Consider extended hours of work to improve schedule delivery of critical items.
3. Meet with Contractor to discuss additional work resources on the project to expedite key elements of the work.

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**Anticipated duration of the delay**

Currently, the delay cannot be determined until a final decision is made on the award of the contract. We expect this decision to take another 30 days from the date of this letter. At that time, we will update you on the decision and quantify the expected delay.

**Cause or contribute to an endangerment to public health, welfare or the environment**

The rehabilitation of this PS #0417 is necessary to ensure the collection system's capacity to serve future developments as well as upgrade equipment to maintain the integrity of our system. It is the County's opinion that this delay will not present an immediate endangerment to the public health, welfare, or the environment.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (786) 552-8571.

I certify under penalty of law that this document was prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering such information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Sincerely,

  
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