

Exhibit EE. Dequincy Industrial Park LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries Letter



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Dear Kim:

Personnel of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), Wildlife Diversity Section have reviewed your project for the proposed Dequincy Industrial Park in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana for potential impacts to the red-cockaded woodpecker (*Dryobates borealis* formally *Picoides*) (RCW). A site visit was conducted on 12 June 2019 to determine the activity status of a relic RCW cavity tree located during your surveys. After visually inspecting this cavity tree I can confirm that it has not been used by an RCW for over 5 years and can be considered abandoned. The pine habitat surrounding the site is not suitable RCW habitat based on the stand density and excessive midstory. Therefore, this project will not likely adversely affect the RCW. Should your project require the removal of the relic RCW cavity tree you will need authorization from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regional office located in Lafayette, Louisiana. Please let me know if you need any other technical assistance regarding this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E J Baka".

Eric J. Baka, RCW Safe Harbor Coordinator

Cc: Carolyn Michon, LDWF

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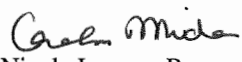
Personnel of the Coastal and Nongame Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project.

Suitable habitat for the federally and state endangered red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) (RCW) may occur near and within the proposed project area. RCW nesting and foraging habitats are defined as pines ≥ 60 years old and/or pines ≥ 30 years old that are at least 10-inches in diameter at breast height (DBH). RCWs will nest in most species of southern yellow pine, including longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris*), loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*), short-leaf pine (*Pinus echinata*) and slash pine (*Pinus elliottii*). If pines ≥ 30 years old that are at least 10-inches DBH are to be removed from the project site, a survey of potential RCW nesting habitat should be conducted by personnel experienced in management and/or monitoring of the species (USFWS 2003). Surveys should be conducted as described in Appendix 4 of the RCW Recovery Plan, Second Revision. Contact Eric Baka at (318) 487-5885 for more information regarding this species.

After careful review of our database, no other impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program (LNHP) has compiled data on rare, endangered, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, plant communities, and other natural features throughout the state of Louisiana. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. The quantity and quality of data collected by the LNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; many natural areas in Louisiana have not been surveyed. This report does not address the occurrence of wetlands at the site in question. Heritage reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. LNHP requires that this office be acknowledged in all reports as the source of all data provided here. If at any time Heritage tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact the LNHP Data Manager at 225-765-2643. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call 225-765-2357.

Sincerely,


Nicole Lorenz, Program Manager
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