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Hello Stacey,

Attached is the response to your question about the Black & Veatch report. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Have a nice weekend Stacey

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South Jersey Gas

BL England 24" Pipeline Project

October 25, 2013

As the Black & Veatch report states, South Jersey Gas and Woodard & Curran began the process of evaluating how to supply gas to the BL England Power Plant while providing needed reliability to Atlantic and Cape May County customers by looking at a variety of potential solutions. We identified the overall South Jersey Gas service area and identified potential supply options but most options were quickly dismissed because they were either not good solutions to the reliability issue or they were not environmentally feasible. Options such as coming from the south or from the east were immediately dismissed because there is not existing piping with the required capacity to support any aspect of the project. Routes that did not meet the goals of the project, such as extending the existing gas system down Route 50 would have not provided the reliability because you would still have had a one way feed from the Union Road Station as indicated in Figure 4 of the Black & Veatch report, were dismissed.

Ultimately, the most viable options from a constructability, supply, and reliability perspective were identified as Routes A, B and C. Route A became the obvious choice for the reasons that have been stated in both the route study prepared by Woodard & Curran and the Cost Allocation Study prepared by Black & Veatch. We have provided all documentation of the detailed route analysis in the reports submitted. No other routes were identified by South Jersey Gas, Woodard & Curran or Black & Veatch that met any of the project goals.

After the initial evaluation of the South Jersey Gas service area the three potential routes (A, B & C) were identified. We shared the route evaluation process and the three potential routes with your office at meetings with Mr. Chuck Horner and Branwen Ellis as well as Dr. Ruth Foster in the spring of 2012. We also shared the potential routes with the NJDEP and the US Army Corps of Engineers. We submitted the Route Analysis with mapping to your office and requested comments on July 24, 2012.