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Ryan,

As discussed, we have been contracted by Puerto Rico Power Authority (PREPA) to be the prime contractor for the power line rebuild there. Having been there on 9/26 and helicoptered around the island this week with PREPA, I can say with confidence this will be a biblical task. We now have a moral duty to the people of PR to ensure they can return to some resemblance of normal life. This will take 6-12 months to accomplish and we have some key hurdles to overcome that we could use Mr. Rick Perry's assistance.

Because we have been the only ones to manage to get to the island and keep constant communication with PREPA, we are also the only ones to manage to get under contract and gain "soft" guarantees of payment. Yes we are still very worried about payment. In fact we have had several subcontractors turn us down, after soliciting their services, because they too are afraid of the financial risk. We have however been working with Jacksonville Electric Authority, and the rest of the American Public Power Agencies (APPA), and they too were afraid to go because of the uncertainty of payment of costs. That said the APPA electrical utilities have given us a commitment of 140 linemen, to work under our logistical and project management team, and the framework of our master service agreements payment terms.

We could really use some assistance with the Department of Energy and Mr. Rick Perry. Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) which is part of the DOE has contacted us and solicited support for sending power line crews under our flag and logistical support. They are stuck in a bureaucratic gridlock with needing the DOE to formally request their assistance to second their

folks to our cause. I believe that if someone from Mr. Perry's office could send a letter of request and authorization, then we could maneuver through the politics to reallocate their technical staff to the cause.

Our goal is to provide PR with as many qualified workers as possible to repair the power lines there and restore life and wellbeing to its citizens. We plan on organizing 500+ personnel that will be a blend of Whitefish Energy, other contractors, Investor owned and public/governmental utilities. With your support and that of the federal government behind us, this will be expedited to its fullest deployment potential.

Thank you for your help.

Regards,

Andy Techmanski

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