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Marty:

I have received the justification from Mr. Vasaldua. His listing of the situations are detailed in the e-mail below. I hereby request that we extend his contract until June 19, 2012 to allow him the time to complete his tasks.

Jaime Longoria

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From: "Paul Vazaldua" <paulmv555@yahoo.com>
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Project start date. The contract was approved at Commissioner's Court on May 17, 2011. Per contract clause 5.01, VA was given the authority to "...begin incurring costs as of May 17, 2011." Erika Reyna of the County Judges Office would not allow VA to go on-site or proceed with the project until she had an official kickoff meeting. The meeting finally occurred on June 23, 2011, "five" weeks later thereby significantly delaying the start of the project.

List of buildings. Since December 2010 when VA was selected for the project, VA had been asking for a list of buildings. Interestingly, Erika Reyna was asking for a "best and final offer" for pricing before the County could produce a final list demonstrating she did not have a clear understanding of how an energy study is conducted, especially one with multiple buildings. After much delay and several iterations, a list of buildings was presented to VA that would be included in the contract. During the on-site work conducted by VA's sub-contractor, it was discovered that the precinct building "complexes" were considered "one" building. These discoveries emphasized the need for VA to create a master list of the buildings with basic information such as square feet for the County Facility Manager since one did not exist. The list of buildings increased from eleven to seventeen. VA has not approached the County for an increase in payment but rather absorbed the additional buildings into the project in the spirit of not having to through a lengthy acceptance process. This caused a delay in the project.

Contract Negotiations. Even after Commissioners Court had selected our team for the project Erika Reyna wanted to get price ranges from other Counties. The County queried other Counties and found that Bexar County recently \$250,000.00 for just "one" 100,000 ft2 building. This process delayed us another month. Even with this price information Erika Reyna insisted we lower our price (our work is for over 750,000 sf various buildings, for almost same price).

Illness and Death of Erika Reynas Grandmother. This tragic event caused Erka to be at the hospital with her grandmother who raised her and then a funeral for her. This caused a delay for 3 weeks. Erika explained to me that there was no one at her office or member of the committee who could conduct meetings.

Utility Bills. Since 5/5/11 VA asked that a Letter of Authorization (LOA) be signed so that we could obtain accurate and complete historical data from the local TDU (transmission distribution utility) AEP. This is a "very" common practice in Texas' electricity deregulated market. By law TDUs serving ERCOT's (Electric Reliability Council of Texas) deregulated market must provide historical consumption, demand and TDU costs to those requesting the data. Although this is a "very" common practice in the industry, the County Facility Manager felt it was a sensitive document that needed to be authorized by the

Commissioner's Court. The document was presented to the CC on 7/5/11 and APPROVED. However, Erika Reyna used her authority not to allow us to receive the LOA and asked Mr. Sunday to get us information. VA received the information on 10/6/11, "five" months later. This is what truly caused the most havoc and delay in our project.

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