

Exhibit R. Belle Grove Site Railroad Infrastructure Upgrade Letter



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Mr. Jim Cavanaugh
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Re. Belle Grove Site Railroad Spur Feasibility Evaluation
CSRS Job No. 212161.020

Dear Mr. Cavanaugh:

The Belle Grove Site in Iberville Parish, Louisiana currently does not have access to a rail line to service the site. A Union Pacific rail line is located approximately 6,000 linear feet (L.F.) south of the site, but has permitting and operation challenges that would preclude rail service to the Belle Grove site. CSRS contacted a representative of Union Pacific Railroad Company, Inc. and determined that rail is not feasible from an operational standpoint.

A Union Pacific rail line is located approximately 6,000 linear feet (L.F.) south of the site, but would require two at-grade crossings and right of way acquisition from two separate property owners to access the site. It is current state policy that construction of a new at-grade railroad crossing would require the closure of an existing crossing elsewhere in the state. In order to meet permit regulations, the proposed rail route may require a grade separation for the rail crossing, which would significantly decrease the feasibility of the rail spur or the rail must cross at a skewed angle to the road, but due to the proximity of the main line to LA Highway 1 this crossing may pose permitting challenges from LADOTD and would require endorsement from Union Pacific Railroad Company. Thank you for the opportunity to assist you in this project. Should you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

CSRS, Inc.

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