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I strongly support the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District's request for a time extension for permanent work associated with ongoing recovery efforts from Hurricanes Laura and Delta. A request for an extension, outlined in 44 CFR 206.202 and 206.204, is allowed if the applicant, beyond their ability, has not completed their project within the original work deadline.

Construction delays experienced by the Port of Lake Charles are attributed to extenuating circumstances that resulted from the impacts, responses, and recovery from additional federally declared disasters since Hurricane Laura, including Hurricane Delta (DR-4570-LA) and the Winter Ice Storm Uri (DR-4590-LA), which hindered the recovery process. Granting this time extension will prevent reimbursement issues with GOHSEP related to the date of approval. The following permanent work projects are included in this request:

- PW 2245, Project 163662; BT Ship Unloader #2 – Konecranes/PAAP 428 Replacement (Section 428)
- PW 3294, Project 165375; Bailey Unitizer #1 in-kind repairs PAAP 428
- PW 2292, Project 165376; City Docks – Bailey Unitizer #2 Replacement (Section 428)
- PW 2211, Project 168837; City Docks – Transit Shed 4-6/PAAP 428 Replacement (Section 428)
- PW 0934, Project 161512; City Docks Transit Shed 7
- PW 0909, Project 165372; City Docks Transit Shed 15/15B
- PW 0654, Project 167263; City Docks Warehouse 100
- PW 2244, Project 163657; Consolidated PAAP 428: BT Ship Unloader #1 – American Replacement (Section 428)
- PW 0871, Project 165538; Dongsung Bldg/Infrastructure at Industrial Pk
- PW 1110, Project 160463; Industrial Canal Revetment & Bulkhead
- PW 03891, Project 173599; OPER90 BT1 Temporary Rented Equipment
- PW 1137, Project 163651; BT Shiploader #1 - Hewitt-Robins
- PW 1129, Project 163665; BT Ship loader #2 – Koch
- PW 0679, Project 168843; Westlake Storage Facility – Units 1-8
- PW 0628, Project 165522; City Docks Transit Shed 9, 9A

I fully support the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District's request for this extension on essential permanent work. I look forward to working with you to ensure that Louisiana continues receiving the recovery assistance it needs. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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