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**PROJECT: San Francisco Oakland Bay SAS Bridge Superstructure
Caltrans Contract No. 04-0120F4
ABF Job No. 660110**

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABF-RFI-000876R0
PWS CABLE GEOMETRY NEAR PIER E-2**

Gentlemen:

American Bridge / Fluor Enterprises, Inc. Joint Venture (ABFJV) acknowledges receipt of the Department's response to ABF-RFI-000876R00 dated August 24, 2007 regarding PWS Cable Geometry Near Pier E2.

With respect to the statement; "The conflict of the free-hanging cable with the box girder in the vicinity of the East Saddle was identified in notes 3 and 4 of sheet 978/1204 and note 6 of 967/1204. The Contractor was directed to take necessary measures to avoid interference between the cable and deck during construction", ABFJV offers the following response:

Sheet 978/1204 is clearly marked "Cable System Movements" and shows the movements of the Cable System to be from Free Cable to Loaded Cable. In accordance with the notes on sheet 972/1204 and sheet 973/1204 ABFJV expected to erect the Cable, Compact the Cable, erect Cable Bands and install the Suspenders before moving the Cable from Free Cable to Loaded Cable.

The Notes referred to in the RFI response identify the conflict between Cable and Box Girder during Cable movements. The Notes **do not** identify the conflict between the Free Cable and the Box Girder. Furthermore the Notes **do not** identify the conflict between the Loaded Cable and the Box Girder.

Considering the above, AFBJV considers the conflict between the Free Cable and the Box Girder to be a change in character of work. Additionally AFBJV considers the conflict between the Loaded Cable and the Box Girder to be a change in character of work. Pursuant to the Agreement, including Standard Specifications, Article 4-1.03C, Changes in Character of the Work, ABF hereby notifies the Engineer of these Changes in the Character of the Work. It is not possible at this time to quantify the time impact and/or extra costs that may be incurred as a result of these changes and no definitive assessment is possible until after these matters have been investigated more thoroughly.

The intent of the above is to provide the required notice per the Contract Documents. It is however, as with other matters such as these in the past, to work together with the Department and its consultants in an effort to obtain a solution that is the most beneficial for the Project.

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If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN BRIDGE/FLUOR ENTERPRISES, INC. A JOINT VENTURE

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