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DATE: Oct. 08, 2021

TMV Internal Reference Request # 0035

OPEN RECORDS REQUEST (ORR)

Pursuant to Georgia Open Records Law (O.C.G.A. 50-18-70 et seq), I would like to:

Inspect and Copy; Obtain Copies (*select option*) of the following Records:

ORR SECTION 1: REFERENCE & BACKGROUND:

This GORA Request pertains to records related to LAKE PETIT DAM ("LPD"); State ID No. 112-009-00462; NID No. GA00685, located in the community of Big Canoe, and located in Pickens County, GA.

I have previously requested, and received substantial information through previous GORA Requests related to this matter, the last being dated July 30 2021, and any previously received documents or information is exempt from this request. (*with the exception of any new revisions, attachments, associated notes or supplemental documentation not previously provided.*)

The current specific request(s) are found on the following page, and include in brief summary: all new information related to Lake Petit Dam available since July 30 2021, and any new revisions, attachments, associated notes or supplemental documentation not previously provided.

Note: References to "Big Canoe Property Owners Association, or their Engineer of Record, Geosyntec" or "Big Canoe POA" is defined as including any Big Canoe POA Employees, Board Members, Assignees, Consultants or Sub-Contractors, and further includes any Staff, Assignees, Consultants or Sub-Contractors to Geosyntec, and further includes ANY representatives of the original Petit Dam Owner, *Big Canoe Corporation*; or representatives of the original Dam Designer, *Cranston Robertson & Whitehurst*.

ORR SECTION 2: SPECIFIC OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS:

(1) Copies of ALL Documents/Files (Notes, Plans, Reports, Studies or Inspections, Audio or Visual etc) related to Lake Petit Dam, not previously provided. This should include any new supplemental information, data, or revisions not previously provided. This also should include copies of all Dive & Camera Inspection Reports or Documents that relate to the Lower Lake Drain Pipe, Sluice Gate, Spillway or other portions of the Lake Petit Dam.

(2) Copies of ALL communications related to Lake Petit Dam between Ga Safe Dams (or other agencies, engineers or consultants working with or on behalf of Safe Dams) and the Lake Petit Dam Owner, Big Canoe POA (including any Engineers or consultants working with or on behalf of Big Canoe POA, i.e. Geosyntec or others). This should include any new emails, letters, faxes, texts, videos, data streams, phone or video logs, or other communications not previously provided.

(3) Copies of ALL internal or interagency communications related to Lake Petit Dam between Ga Safe Dams, Ga EPD, U.S. Corp of Engineers, Ga Governor's Office, any other State or U.S Agency, or any Engineering Firm, Representative or Consultant working with or on behalf of any State or U.S. Agency. This should include any new emails, letters, faxes, texts, videos, data streams, phone or video logs or other communications not previously provided.

(4) Please provide copies of any written notices to Big Canoe regarding the Lake Petit Dam that warn of, or that are in effect, a Non-compliance letter, a Notice of Violation, a Consent Order or an Administrative Order that have been issued after the previously received May 20 2021 Compliance and Maintenance Letter.

(5) Please provide copies of all notes, presentations, reports, communications, visual or audio files included in or related to any meetings that have occurred since May 25 2021, that involve representatives of Ga Safe Dams meeting with representatives of the Big Canoe Property Owners Association, or their Engineer of Record, Geosyntec.

ORR SECTION 3: INSTRUCTIONS, LEGAL, COMMUNICATIONS:

If this request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you cite in writing the specific statutory exemption upon which you have relied, as required by law. I also ask that you release all separate portions of otherwise exempt material. Please waive any costs associated with this request, or first inform me about such costs as required by Georgia law. As you know, the Law requires a response by you within three business days of your receipt of this letter and provides sanctions for non-compliance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cost estimates should be submitted by email to themtnsvoice@aol.com along with payment remittance instructions, or you may call me at 706-265-0010. **Copies of Records are requested to be provided in electronic format. Electronic records responses should be submitted by email to themtnsvoice@aol.com.**

If for any reason there is a specific and valid reason why the records cannot be simply forwarded in a cost effective and quick electronic format, preferably in PDF, please inform me of said fact including the time the documents will be ready, and I will make arrangements to either have them picked up, or will provide you with a Mailing Address to where they may be sent depending upon the manner of shipment. Please include separate mailing costs in any cost estimate that may be forthcoming.

Sincerely,
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