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From: Zwier, Roberta [Roberta.Zwier@Williams.com]
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To: Brower, Matthew (AGR)
Subject: RE: Agricultural Inspection

Hi Matt,

Happy New Year. Hope you had a wonderful the holiday season. I'm just getting back from a long vacation, so I apologize for the delayed response – I know you sent this in mid-December.

I have read through your concerns and recommendations as well as the attachment outlining the qualifications for an agricultural inspector. It is our intent to have experienced agricultural inspectors on the project during construction. I have passed the additional recommendations along to the Project Manager and will work towards the development of an agricultural inspection program that helps to avoid some of the issues you've seen on past projects.

Thanks for taking the time to outline these issues. They certainly will help us with our planning moving forward.

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Roberta,

I hope you have had a chance to recover from the storm damage. I figured I would give you a chance to get back to "normal" before I got back to you with some thoughts relative to agricultural inspection before, during, and after pipeline construction. I have attached a document that the Department prepared outlining recommended qualifications and responsibilities for agricultural inspectors.

I wanted to mention some problems I have experienced with past pipelines in hopes that Constitution can avoid similar issues. It is fairly common for project sponsors to wait until very close to actual construction before hiring an agricultural inspector. This creates several problems. First, the Department believes it is important for the agricultural inspector to be available to meet with the agricultural landowners and the Department to discuss site specific concerns so that they can be identified on plan and profile drawings and incorporated into the construction plans. This includes such features as existing surface and subsurface drainage improvements. Also, after walking the agricultural areas, the inspector may have recommendations for slight routing modifications to minimize agricultural impacts. It also allows the agricultural inspector to assist the company with developing a fair crop compensation plan for agricultural landowners.

One project I was involved in did not have agricultural inspectors on site for each spread at the time construction began. When I pointed out that this was not in compliance with their certificate conditions, they had wetland inspectors serve as agricultural inspectors. As a result, it was necessary for me to provide training to these inspectors before they were