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Mr. Scott A. Angelle, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 94396
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9396

Re: Bayou Postillion Water Quality Project

Dear Secretary Angelle:

As you are aware on May 9, 2007, I delivered important information to your office related to the first water quality project funded entirely by the State of Louisiana known as the Bayou Postillion Water Quality Project situated in Atchafalaya Basin within Iberia Parish. Additionally, I delivered information pertaining to a proposed second water quality project known as the Big Bayou Pigeon Water Quality Project.

Numerous individuals have recognized and called the original project (Bayou Postillion) to be an oil and gas project - not a water quality project. As you know, some actually before it was dredged. According to information supplied to me, over one hundred (100+) letters have been directed to Governor Kathleen Blanco regarding the alleged misuse and misappropriation of State funds on Kyle-Peterman Management Corporation lands to access private oil and gas activity. This has been in-part reported now by three (3) different news publications: The Independent, Lafayette, Louisiana; the Teche News, St. Martinville, Louisiana; and The Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana.

Recently, I have obtained additional information from the public records that clearly evidences how the State of Louisiana conveyed significant property interests including surface and mineral rights to the adjoining Kyle-Peterman landowner group. The loss and divestiture of the State's interests occurred while significant oil and gas development was being planned and in-fact underway. A private group of landowners has apparently personally profited and benefited at the expense of the State of Louisiana.

Additionally, it has been determined that the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers permit authorizing the work at Bayou Postillion may be greatly out of compliance. If correct, this may result in a large obligation to be satisfied by the State.

As reported within the Teche News article entitled, “*State Sanctioned Land Grab*” dated July 18, 2007, an unnamed State employee was quoted as saying “*This administration was duped into signing off on the project. Governor Blanco and (DNR Secretary) Scott Angelle inherited this problem from the Foster Administration*”. The information I have in-hand clearly demonstrates that informed statement may well be correct and I do believe this apparent scheme was orchestrated primarily by persons in and connected to the previous administration.

Over the last couple of months I have diligently tried to meet with you to go over these findings. It is my understanding that your staff has advised you of that desire to meet. Recent statements were made in a letter (August 18, 2007) by Ms. Sandra Thompson, the recently retired Executive Director, Atchafalaya Basin Program, that additional projects should be beginning soon. Certainly, no one would like to see the identical mistakes and misappropriations that occurred within the Bayou Postillion Project.

Please advise when we can meet to review this information. There are also penalties being accrued at the rate of One Hundred Dollars per day (\$100.00) owed to the State of Louisiana by one company tied to individuals in the landowner group within those misappropriations. My effort to bring this discovered information to you is not being well received by parties directly connected to the Bayou Postillion activities. Yet, I feel a personal obligation to disclose my findings; therefore, I look forward to speaking with you and your staff at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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**cc: The Independent, Lafayette, Louisiana
Teche News, St. Martinville, Louisiana
The Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana
The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana
The American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana**

Enclosure: (7) Maps of Bayou Postillion & Related Activity of Tortuga Interests, Inc.

August 18, 2007 – Letter-Dear Friends of the Atchafalaya, from Sandra S. Thompson

May 9, 2007 – Letter to Secretary Scott A. Angelle from Dan S. Collins, CPL & Associates, Inc. w/o attachments