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Dear Ms. Pak,

Thank you for your response to our April 8 letter. We appreciate your clarifications on the RFEI sessions held in the week of April 13. I am writing to follow up about providing public access to the full RFEI submissions to the extent allowable. This is important to our shared commitment to transparency and meaningful community partnership.

At the April 15 in-person session at Miccio Center in Red Hook, I raised the question of releasing the full responses to the public to EDC's David Lowin. To illustrate why this is important, I used the example of the Prologis response.

Prologis has made their full response available to the public on request. I noted the detailed rationale they gave for their proposal to renovate the existing finger piers. I spoke about some of the interesting questions their response raised. These include the cost variance between these alternatives, and what regulatory challenges the marginal pier may face. I noted that EDC's summary of Prologis' response could only give a hint of their rationale. I explained why EDC should disclose the full responses of the four port operators who signaled support for the marginal pier. These could be equally valuable in understanding the pros and cons of this major design decision.

The above discussion is relevant to what community members may wish to include in their written DSOW comments. For example, the question of how NYDEC will approach regulatory approval of a marginal pier emphasizes the importance of including an alternate port plan in the EIS which proposes upgraded finger piers (such as the Prologis and City Club plans).

And the importance of the public getting access to the detailed responses is not unique to those of the port operators. Skyports, per the summary, proposes "Drone-enabled Blue Highways logistics to Hunts Point and Downtown Skyport". An operation like this could have positive or negative impacts which are relevant to EIS study areas such as Noise and Air Pollution. But it's difficult to provide specific comments or requests based solely on the cited statement.

As I suggested to David at the end of the session, EDC could ask the respondents other than Prologis and Portside (which also made their response public) if they too are willing to share their responses with the community. There's still time for citizens to review and consider changes and additions to their written comments. CSWA continues to believe the case is strong for EDC to make this information publicly available (to the extent allowable).

Today, I had the opportunity to review the complete RFEI submissions at EDC's office at One Liberty Plaza. This is because one of the BMT Development Corporation directors, James DeFilippis, has appointed me as his alternate. As I will be attending this Thursday's BMTDC meeting in James' place, and reviewing the RFEI responses is on the agenda, I asked to review the full responses, as the other directors have had the chance to do. I appreciate Betty Cao and Michele Lamberti arranging for me to complete this review today before the meeting.

Like my experience reading the complete Prologis RFEI response, I found the details of the other respondents' submissions enlightening. They suggest more points to explore in written comments to the DSOW. This review strengthens my belief in the value of public disclosure of these documents as discussed above.

CSWA is continuing to encourage our members to send their written comments before the deadline. We are also preparing our CSWA written commentary document which consolidates and amplifies testimony and commentary from our community. To ensure all the impacted communities have the full information needed, we again request EDC make the full RFEI submissions available where allowable.

Sincerely,



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