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and

## Dear Robyn and Mike:

I am replying to your individual requests to attend the Miramar Consultation Meetings scheduled for the third week of November, 2005.

On the question of whether or not each of you, or any party, can attend those meetings, NIRB has no problems with this request, but notes that the following rules need to be respected:

- 1. These meetings were called by Miramar and it is up to Miramar to agree to your participation;
- 2. Logistical concerns. NIRB does not believe Miramar should spend additional money to charter a larger plane to allow anyone, NIRB included, to attend Miramar's own consultation. If Miramar wants to, or if parties want to pay for their own attendance, then that is another matter. NIRB will not direct, nor could it require, any proponent to bring additional parties to the proponent's own meetings, as the meetings are not being coordinated by NIRB; and
- 3. Fairness. All parties have a right to object to the attendance of NIRB's staff at Miramar's consultation meetings. Assuming there may be logistical problems, like no extra airplane seats, any party can still object to NIRB's attendance. Please be advised that if any party objects under these circumstances NIRB will not be attending the meetings.

NIRB is asking that you reply back to us by October 31, 2005 confirming your position on the above three rules. NIRB will then verify to the proponent and all parties whether it will attend.

Yours truly,

Stephanie Briscoe Executive Director

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