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Judge Lee,

I hope this finds you doing well and having enjoyed a great holiday season!

I wanted to touch base with you and let you know where we are in the utility coordination process. I previously left you with an SOP as well as the forms that we are proposing to use. As I have not had any word, I assume that you did not have any problem or concerns with said documents. If that is not the case, please let me know so that I can make the appropriate changes.

I know there has been some concern about the overall budget for this project, as it appears that the ROW acquisition costs are coming in higher than originally anticipated. I have reviewed the information that I have, and while I cannot make any meaningful estimations of the utility adjustment costs at this time, I can at least assure you that you will have significant notice of these costs prior to them being payable. The utility reimbursement process is just that, a reimbursement. We will have cost estimates prior to an agreement, the agreement prior to work being done, and the work done prior to billing. It is unusual for the process to take less than six months from the estimate to the billing, and I will keep you informed along the way.

As for the overall timeline, 30% plans are expected shortly after the first of the year, which we will provide to the utilities. However, 60% plans are generally required by the utilities before they will make any solid plans for adjustment and those are not due until the first of April.

We are currently working to schedule a meeting with representatives of the Atlanta District to work out some of the issues that have not be directly addressed. If you would like to be included in that meeting (virtual) let me know, otherwise we will keep you informed as things progress.

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