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Subject: Extension Request to County Notice of Termination of Next Gen Implementation Agreement

Mr. Pearce:

Thank you for your letter. The County is committed to cooperating and coordinating with MERA throughout the transition process such that the Next Gen Project moves forward expeditiously. Being MERA's largest member agency, the County has a shared interest in a successful transition and ultimately a successful implementation of the Next Gen Project.

We acknowledge that the current COVID-19 pandemic situation has created challenges for everyone, and we are willing to extend some portion of implementation service support to MERA beyond the termination of our 90-day notice requirement. Specifically, the County is willing to extend direct transition services to be provided by our staff such as engineering or leasing services at MERA's direction.

Given Ernest Klock's resignation as the Program Manager, we believe that MERA should immediately begin their search for a Program Manager so they would be available for the transition. As MERA is aware, the County is in the process of finalizing construction drawings and anticipates that many of the sites will be ready to bid before June 30, 2020. Accordingly, we request that MERA immediately begin to recruit a Program Manager to lead the next phases of the project and for MERA to be the signatory to future contracts, as well as assigning the FE and Motorola contract to MERA.

We look forward to working with you on the details of an extension of some portion of our transition services to keep the project moving forward and helping to provide a smooth transition to MERA's Program Manager.

Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hymel  
County Administrator