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Mr. Donald R. Allee
Executive Director and CEO
Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport
2510 14th Street, Suite 1450
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Dear Mr. Allee:

Mississippi Power Company strives to make the communities we serve better places to live and work, while attaining total commitment, superior performance, and unquestionable trust in our business activities.

Supporting economic development projects that will enhance Mississippi communities plays a major role in our business activities. The Mississippi State Port Authority's plan to restore the State Port at Gulfport is a bold initiative, and one that Mississippi Power endorses.

We recognize that the revitalization of the Port at Gulfport is essential to the continued recovery of the Gulf Coast, as well as the entire state of Mississippi, from the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina.

As the restoration continues, please feel free to contact Mississippi Power whenever there is a need or opportunity for which we may provide assistance. We look forward to the business, economic and community development activities that will result from the Port's restoration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Atherton". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large initial "J" and "A".