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Mr. Donald R. Allee
Executive Director and CEO
Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport
2510 14th Street, Suite 1450
Gulfport, MS 39501

Dear Mr. Allee:

On behalf of TVA, we are pleased to support the Mississippi State Port Authority's plan to renovate and restore the State Port at Gulfport. We look forward to the cooperative efforts and economic development opportunities that may result from the Port's restoration, including new carriers seeking opportunities to ship inland on routes through the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

TVA is dedicated to helping achieve economic prosperity for the cities and counties in the Tennessee Valley. Availability of sufficient infrastructure is a key in attracting industrial prospects, and this project could have a positive impact on the economic development the state and the region.

We recognize that the revitalization of the Port at Gulfport is essential to the continued economic recovery and development of the entire State of Mississippi from the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina. Please call on us if we can be of assistance during the restoration process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Surles".

Stephen Surles
Tennessee Valley Authority
Economic Development Specialist