



March 2, 1989

Honorable William Lehman
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Eastern Caribbean Utilities Maintenance Project

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Since you were so very instrumental in getting this very important project started, we felt you would like to have an update on our present activities.

As you recall, the scope of the project was to improve the overall reliability of electric generation and distribution among the islands of the Eastern Caribbean through training and technology transfer. We are also assisting in establishing a common services organization within the region which would enable them to develop and maintain indigenous training capabilities and meet other common needs long after our assistance has ended.

We have had excellent commitment, support, and cooperation from the USAID mission representatives in Barbados.

We actually started the project in September 1988 by sending a Power Plant Engineer to the island of Grenada. Our full-time Training Advisor arrived in Barbados in December which completed our basic mobilization efforts.

Training programs are being developed at the Training Center which we have located on the island of Barbados. In March of this year, we will train instructors from each of the eight islands to teach four Basic Training Programs developed by Florida Power & Light Company.

Also beginning in March, hands-on skills training will be conducted on each island in all phases of utility construction, operations and maintenance.

Our Power Plant Engineer in Grenada has already succeeded in improving electric service reliability to the island. We have developed an automated preventative maintenance program which will schedule service requirements as well as parts and equipment procurement lead times.

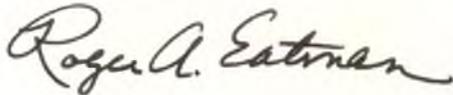
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In addition, we have recommended to GRENLEC (the government owned utility on the island of Grenada) that they consider installing an automated "Monitoring and Control System" at the power plant. This will eliminate total black-outs from occurring on the island. They have agreed, however, they have advised us that they cannot fund the entire \$170,000 cost of the system. (These kinds of development costs are not included within the project funding). We are exploring other sources for funding.

We are rather excited about our participation in this project and we feel the benefits of utility-to-utility technology transfer, particularly from Florida Power & Light Company, will be a valuable commodity both economically and politically.

All of this could not have taken place without your leadership and involvement. On behalf of our entire project team and particularly the beneficiaries of this program, we extend our heartfelt "Thanks".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger A. Eatman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Roger A. Eatman
President & CEO

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