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RESOLUTION NO. 5029

A resolution authorizing the Chairman or the Secretary to offer a **STRONG OBJECTION** to Herbert D. Hughes Estate Trust, EM-19-990-0866-1 for a permit to install and maintain an anchor pile, buoy, and chain to add two tiers of barges to a previously permitted barge fleet and expand the width of the permitted barge fleet tiers in the Mississippi River, left descending bank, at a point about 122.8 above the Head of Passes, at Destrehan, in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Charles Parish Council acting as the Governing Authority of the Parish:

SECTION I. That the Chairman or the Secretary be and is hereby authorized to offer a **STRONG OBJECTION** in connection with the application of Herbert D. Hughes Estate Trust, EM-19-990-0866-1 for a permit to install and maintain an anchor pile, buoy, and chain to add two tiers of barges to a previously permitted barge fleet and expand the width of the permitted barge fleet tiers in the Mississippi River, left descending bank, at a point about 122.8 above the Head of Passes, at Destrehan, in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

SECTION II. That the offer of **STRONG OBJECTION** is issued per the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION III. That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to all interested parties

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: RAMCHANDRAN, FAUCHEUX, ABADIE, AUTHEMENT, BLACK, MARINO, MINNICH

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: HILAIRE, FABRE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 17th day of June, 2002, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

STRONG OBJECTION Herbert Hughes2002

CHAIRMAN.

SECRETARY:

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT:

APPROVED:

DISAPPROVED.

PARISH PRESIDENT:

RETD/SECRETARY:

AT: 3:20pm

RECD BY:

Exhibit A

- recent "run-away" barge incident (February 12, 1999, 90 to 100 barges, four barges sank)
- absence of requirements for placarding of water vessels
- detriment to the quality of life of the residential area
- potentially dangerous materials in barges moored too close to homes
- offensive odors emanate from barges
- little or no batture in Brown's Curve poses navigation hazard
- adjacent to densely populated residential area
- scenic recreational area
- industrial operation is not compatible to residential area
- barges can pollute the River
- need for a balance between residential and industrial uses
- jeopardize economics
- chemicals released into air
- substandard roads exist for an evacuation if an accident occurs
- fish and wildlife in River jeopardized
- danger for River traffic
- absence of monitor system
- potential for explosion to occur
- grain barge fires are frequent (November 2, 1998)
- barge accidents are prevalent on River (see enclosed data)
- if the same operation was proposed on land, a one (1) mile buffer would be required
- Brown's Curve is a hazardous curve
- irregular currents (reverse current) prevalent in that area of the River
- levee undercut in Brown's Curve
- applicant absent from the meeting to explain the project
- no technical data provided in notice
- no vehicle for the public to obtain technical information on the project
- noise intrudes unto the residential neighborhood
- safety of the school children jeopardized
- evacuation route jeopardized
- creates creeping commercialization and industrialization in historic residential area
- cursing by Tugboat Operators over radios and loudspeakers
- barge mooring operations historically are not good neighbors
- barge fleeting operations causes erosion of the batture
- Steamship Association objected
- Port's fireboat comes from LaPlace (minimum 45 minutes to reach Destrehan)
- concern that the process does not take into account the public's concern
- affects peace, harmony, and integrity of area (especially night time operations)
- spillover affect will occur and is occurring
- grain fume treated with insecticide therefor fumes poisonous
- proposed site similar to River area of Brightfield incident
- rising river always cause barge problems
- bright lights at night
- interest of citizens should be considered over interest of industry
- River traffic already too heavy
- trees are destroyed
- wrong that local officials have no jurisdiction in the permitting process
- lack of batture at Brown's Curve
- enough other existing fleet space available
- historical character of the area affected