



October 2, 2013

On behalf of Bunge North America, I am submitting a revised application to rezone approximately seven acres of bature on Bunge's existing property. The revised application includes modifications to the footprint requested by parish leaders. In addition, Bunge has held additional conversations with community leaders as requested by the Planning and Zoning Commission when it tabled the previous application on September 5, 2013.

The revised application reduces the section requested for rezoning to B-2 to the area that runs from roughly Jonathan Street to just before Lorraine Street. This places the west end of the berth at Pelican Street. Due to U.S. Coast Guard regulations, two vessel mooring dolphins will extend west from the structure. The Planning and Zoning Department advises that these structures be included in the B-2 zoning area as well since they are connected via a catwalk. With these modifications, Bunge has reduced the requested rezoning area by 398 feet. The revision includes 271 feet that will contain the two mooring dolphins. The area that Bunge has withdrawn from the previous rezoning request will only be used as navigable waters for vessel and barge movements.

Bunge believes this revised application addresses some of the concerns raised by the community and parish leaders. The new design moves the berth farther from the residential area with an expected reduction in noise from barge fleeting that currently exists. The design continues to include state-of-the-art dust control and grain handling equipment technology to ensure the new facility is safer and cleaner.

The proposed rezoning is necessary to Bunge's ongoing contributions to the economy of St. Charles Parish. The new ship loading structure will replace the existing one that was originally built in 1962 and is now nearing the end of its useful life. The change in location would allow Bunge to continue to operate our existing berth until construction of the replacement is complete. If rezoning is denied, Bunge would be forced to replace the existing berth in its current location, shutting down the facility for approximately 28 months. The shutdown would likely lead to the layoff of up to 150 of our full time employees as well as more than 50 contract employees and service providers. Because Destrehan is Bunge's only export terminal in the Louisiana Gulf, we would also have to move significant grain exports away from the region since midstream operations could not handle the existing volume. By approving Bunge's rezoning request, we will not only be able to continue to operate during construction, but when complete, the new ship dock ensures the economic viability of the facility for decades to come.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with our neighbors and community leaders towards a viable solution that allows Bunge to remain an integral component of the economic health of St. Charles Parish and a good corporate citizen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MKerrigan".

Matthew Kerrigan  
Facility Manager