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been much discussion with BOEMRE itself on this front.

Fran Ulmer and I, and perhaps Terry Garcia, are planning to go down to New Orleans after the hearing at the end of the month. Eric will be joining us and we will be focusing on restoration and impacts in our discussions with local experts. However, I thought this visit would provide an opportunity to discuss studies and assessments with key people in the BOEMRE Gulf of Mexico office where most of the studies planning and environmental assessments are done. So, on Friday I called Jim Kendall, who is Chief of the Environmental Division at headquarters in Herndon. He was surprised but seemingly very pleased to hear from me. Apparently, his office has had no previous contact with the Commission, but has both a lot of information and a lot at stake. He asked that I send the following email so that he can let his superiors know about this request. He indicated that he would eagerly and promptly help us with any New Orleans discussions. I think this also sets the stage for any staff discussions with Jim and the headquarters folks that might follow.

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