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Dear Doug, Justin, and whom it may concern,

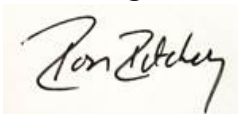
Thank you in advance for accepting my written comment and proposed change to LSA Doc #20-626 (see attached).

I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have, and am looking forward to participating in the next Commission Hearing where I would like to provide testimony before the Commission.

Can you please acknowledge receipt of this email?

Thanks in advance,

Kind Regards,



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SECTION 11. 675 IAC 12-5-6.2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

675 IAC 12-5-6.2 Determinations

Authority: IC 22-13-2-13

Affected: IC 22-12-7-3; IC 22-13-2-11

Sec. 6.2

(a) The department or the commission (whichever body is making the determination) shall wait at least five (5) business days following ~~submission~~ **receipt and posting** of a completed variance application **to the FP&BSC website or public portal** and **present a report to the Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting that includes the name and address of the project, the assigned variance project number(s), and the date the application was received.**

- (1) When the department makes the determination, a record of the determinations shall be reported to the Commission, including the names of each of the “department” staff members who participated in the determinations and date of the determinations .**
- (2) When the commission makes the determination, a record of the determinations shall be included in the monthly public meeting minutes.**
- (3) A complete record that includes both records required by 6.2.(a) 1, and 6.2.(a) 2, shall be posted on the public portal within 5 business days of the commission hearing.**

**Reason:**

The current process for the requirement to post the variance application submittals on the public portal is not user friendly or transparent. Requiring the department to post a simple list of variance applications received on the Commission’s web site that include determinations made by either the department or the commission will ensure transparency, increase public confidence, and provide proper accountability to all stakeholders involved.

The determinations of Commission hearings have been recorded in meeting minutes and made available to the general public since its inception in 1987. It is reasonable to expect the department’s determinations to be readily accessible and publicly available in like manner.