

**EXPLANATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM E.1.c.(15) – April 15, 2015**

**ITEM:**

Consideration of authorizing staff to negotiate with Kennedy Space Center for the use of the Jay-Jay rail yard and potential rail float barge facility.

**EXPLANATION:**

Canaveral continues to have demand from current and new customers to move product from the Port to FEC Rail. While the EIS for hard rail progresses through a remaining 18-30 month process followed by 6-12 months of construction. We have a pressing need for an interim low volume connection. A rail float barge coupled with truck drayage of some products will provide two solutions. The OUC facility has strong community pushback and challenges with Route 1 crossing, grades, and extensive cost for a temporary facility. After evaluating other sites, our attention is now focused on the Jay-Jay Bridge West Bank rail yard and access to the Indian River. We have consulted with KSC staff and a lease looks possible with right conditions met to have a barge facility and bulk rail yard at this site. Once due diligence, permits and engineering are further explored. Staff seeks permission to engage in negotiation with KSC staff and eventually NASA management to enter into a lease and or use agreement of this area.



**STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL**

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