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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

August 20, 2018

Ms. Jo Ann Battise, Chairperson
Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas
571 State Park Road 56
Livingston, TX 77351

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF
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