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To: PUC Commission Staff

Subject: Information request from Keystone XL Hearing

Information was requested at the Keystone XL Hearing in regards to nesting dates for the Least Tern and Piping Plover. The dates of April 20 through August 31 will cover the main nesting period for these two species. However, it should be pointed out that rare occasions arise when nesting could occur prior to or after these dates, thus serving as general guidelines.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Kirschenmann'.

Tom Kirschenmann
Chief of Terrestrial Resources