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Sent: Friday, 15 May 2026 4:09 pm
To: Valente.Betsy@epa.gov
Subject: RE: Request for a call regarding a potential protect in the Pacific

Dear Betsy,

Thanks for your email. Yes my team has been speaking with Gigablue. I will discuss with the team as to who is best to speak with you and organise a time that works with the different time zones.

Ngā mihi
David

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From: Valente, Betsy <Valente.Betsy@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, 15 May 2026 1:55 am
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Dear David,

My name is Betsy Valente, and I work in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water. Specifically, my branch includes EPA's Marine Protection Permitting Program and supports U.S. activities at London Convention and London Protocol Meetings, including the LC/LP Scientific Groups.

We were recently contacted by Gigablue about a potential project in the North Pacific. Given recent discussions at the London Convention/London Protocol Meetings, we are aware that New Zealand has had some engagement with this organization. As such, I would like to set up a short conversation with you (to also include a member of my permitting team). If you would be available for a short call, please let me know what dates/times work best for you and I will follow up with a Teams meeting invite. I believe the best windows for our time zones are 8-10 am New Zealand (4-6 pm Washington, DC). If you are not the correct point of contact, I would appreciate it if you could refer me to the current point of contact for this issue.

Best regards,

Betsy

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