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July 15, 2008

Alejandro Santacoloma, President  
Andino Energy Enterprises, L.L.C.  
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Lacassine, LA 70650

Dear Mr. Santacoloma:

The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) has determined that the Andino Energy Enterprises, L.L.C. (Andino) may be assigned a cane sugar marketing allocation for the 2008 crop, contingent upon its meeting the requirements set forth in this letter. Andino must demonstrate, to CCC's satisfaction, the ability to process, produce, and market 2008-crop raw cane sugar in accordance with the sugar regulation. CCC will establish a 2008-crop allocation for Andino consistent with its ability to process, produce, and market raw cane sugar. Because the new farm bill allows growers to request (in writing) to deliver sugarcane to any mill with the capacity to accommodate additional deliveries, CCC is not providing the allocation levels Andino requested for the 2009 through 2012-crop years. If Andino operates successfully in its first year, it should be able to obtain more allocation through growers' petitions and its allocation will be increased accordingly.

CCC will need the following documentation by September 1, 2008, before granting Andino an allocation: 1) a written guarantee from each grower to deliver X tons of cane from Y base acres for the 2008-crop year to Andino's St. James factory, along with the grower's request to transfer allocation (which requires crop-share owner agreement) associated with this tonnage and acres from the mill that currently holds their allocation; 2) evidence that Andino has the means, e.g., a sufficient work force, transportation and equipment, to harvest the crop, transport cane, operate the St. James factory, and transport raw sugar to a refinery; 3) certification by a qualified engineer that the St. James factory is in operable condition for the 2008 sugarcane crop; 4) a marketing agreement for the raw cane sugar and; 5) evidence that all necessary permits are in place to operate the St. James factory for the 2008 crop.

Andino cannot sell 2008-crop over-allocation sugar to permit another processor to meet its allocation nor may Andino buy 2008-crop over-allocation sugar to meet its allocation.

These requirements will result in a fair, efficient, and equitable distribution of sugar marketing allocations within Louisiana, recognizing both the potential opportunities afforded the Louisiana sugar industry by the applicant and the impact upon existing sugarcane processors.

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You may request a reconsideration of this decision by filing a written request with:  
Teresa Lasseter, Executive Vice President, CCC, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.,  
Washington, D.C., 20250-0501; detailing the basis of the request, within 10 days of  
this letter.

Sincerely,



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