

7/11/2025

**Mr Andrija Selak**  
Project Manager  
City of Clearwater

Subject: Notification of Construction Delay Due to Material Lead Times, Hurricane Occurrences, and change in scope.

Dear Andrija,

I am writing to inform you of the multiple unforeseen delays we have experienced on the Reclaimed Water Piping Improvement Project, Project No. 21-0029-UT which we are currently working on. Unfortunately, as you are aware, we have encountered significant disruptions that have impacted our project timeline due to no fault of the City of Clearwater (City) or Rowland. I will outline a few of these so that we can justify our request for the year timeline.

Firstly, we have experienced extended lead times for certain critical materials due to global supply chain disruptions. Some of these were brought on by the lead water meter replacement project that gained national news attention and immediate allocation of resources were sent to curb these problems. These delays in procurement have hindered our ability to maintain the originally scheduled progress on the project. This was experienced in the first few months of the project and as a result caused a minimum of 6 months of 7 months direct impact to the installation of reclaim services. Please see attached correspondence from our supplier and manufacture to back this up.

Secondly, as you are aware, recent hurricanes have impacted the region, resulting in unforeseen weather-related challenges that have further delayed construction activities. The severity of the multiple storms led to interruptions in both material deliveries and the availability of our crews. This, is in addition to the necessary safety precautions required to safeguard personnel and equipment during such adverse conditions. Due to the destruction and devastation caused by these storms Rowland was not permitted to mobilize back to Clearwater Beach for 3 months to be able to complete these reclaim services due to the reclaim system not being a priority . This time was, in part, due to the City of Clearwater requesting our additional resources to be mobilized elsewhere to help with critical infrastructure projects that were results of these conditions.

Thirdly, the circumstances around the installation of these reclaim services have changed greatly from the time the project was bid. At the time of bid we were anticipating the reclaim water main to be able to be located accurately and the issued plans would show the correct alignment of the reclaim main. If this were the case, we would be able to use alternative construction methods that would increase the speed of which we could complete the services by not having to open cut each service. We have not requested additional compensation due to this change in scope of work; however we feel additional

should be granted for this additional work. Due to these unforeseen conditions, we are asking for a minimum of three months.

In addition to these delays, Rowland was also tasked with completing additional work because of this contract that were not originally anticipated. Crews working on a large portion of MLK were scheduled to only replaced a small amount of reclaim piping, however, while on site it was determined that the sanitary sewer system in this same area needed to be replaced along with additional storm drainage. Due to this work the road then had to be completely re-built and replaced. This work was completed under another contract; however the resources of this crew could have remained on the existing reclaim project and not pushed. This resulted in an additional two months of work that was not originally intended. We did not request additional time because of this added scope of work.

Finally, crews have been tasked with removing concrete “caps” over the existing reclaim services. These caps were not indicated on the drawings nor was there anyway of anticipating them being there. A change order was submitted and approved for the additional cost of this removal, however no request for a time extension was filed for this work.

Given these circumstances, we anticipate a delay in the completion of the project by a minimum of 365 days. Please be assured that we are taking every possible measure to mitigate delays moving forward. We are working closely with our suppliers to expedite material deliveries, adjusting our work schedule to maximize productivity. We are mobilizing additional crews, sub-contractors and different types of equipment to see if we can increase our daily production rate.

We greatly appreciate the residents and the City of Clearwater’s understanding and patience during this challenging period. Please know that we are doing everything we can to complete this project as quickly and safely as possible. We remain committed to completing the project with the highest quality standards and ensuring that we meet your expectations, despite these setbacks.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to continuing our work together and appreciate your cooperation in navigating these unforeseen challenges



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Re: Ford Meter Box Lead Times

To Whom It May Concern,

As a result of the robust business climate and supply chain challenges, our traditional lead times are being stretched. Ford Meter Box is not immune to the delivery issues facing the waterworks industry today. We are working hard to support your expectations of us and appreciate your patience during these unprecedented times.

Due to the circumstances noted above, our current lead times for most brass and copper material is approximately 22-27 weeks from the time of order. The majority of iron material is approximately 19-21 weeks from the time of order. This is applicable to new orders and is not retroactive to material currently on backorder. We will ship the product sooner should it become available before this timeframe.

Once again, we apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we navigate the uncertainty facing the industry today.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney A. Kelsheimer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rodney A. Kelsheimer  
Manager of Inside Sales