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The Honorable Gary R. Herbert
Office of the Governor
State of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-2220

Dear Governor Herbert:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the proposed rail line that would connect the Uinta Basin in Utah to the interstate rail network. The Board appreciates knowing your support for the project.

As you know, the Board is currently moving forward with an environmental review in Seven County Infrastructure Coalition—Rail Construction & Operation—in Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, & Uintah Counties, Utah, Docket No. FD 36284. This environmental review is required under the National Environmental Protection Act and will be conducted in cooperation with several other agencies, including the State of Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, whose responsiveness and efficiency has been very helpful. The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis is finishing the public scoping process, continuing coordination with the cooperating agencies and interested stakeholders, and preparing the analysis of environmental impacts and benefits of the project. Please be assured that the Board will give full and fair consideration to all comments and submissions regarding this matter.

Again, thank you for informing the Board of your support for the proposed project. I have asked Lucille Marvin, Director of the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, to keep your office apprised of the Board's actions in this proceeding. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact us at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Ann Begeman
Chairman