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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Finance Docket No. 36284, *Seven County Infrastructure Coalition--Construction and Operation--in Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties, UT*

Dear Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the Argyle Wilderness Preservation Alliance (the Alliance), this is to respectfully request that the Board issue a procedural decision providing for a period of at least 45 days from the date of such decision for the filing of Replies in Opposition and other Comments on a lengthy and controversial Petition for Exemption of construction of an 87-mile rail line in the pristine and rugged terrain of eastern Utah that was filed by the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition on May 29, 2020.

The Alliance is a group of private property owners in an off-grid community in Argyle Canyon, Utah. The Alliance is deeply concerned over the misuse of public funds on fossil fuel projects. The Alliance intends to strenuously oppose the Petition for Exemption. The Alliance is informed that other entities will also oppose the Petition and/or file Comments.

Adequate time is required to prepare a reply in opposition to the lengthy and controversial Petition for Exemption. A 45-day Opposition and Comment period would be appropriate in a proceeding of this importance. The Opposition and Comment period should not provide for rebuttal by Petitioner inasmuch as Petitioner is required to file its entire case-in-chief with the Petition. See 49 C.F.R. § 1121.3(a).

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas F. McFarland

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