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Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 4:18 PM
To: Floyd, Kathryn K.
Cc: Rutson, Vicki
Subject: RE: Seven County Infrastructure Coalition
Attachments: Uinta Third Party Consultant Approval.pdf; Uinta Basin Disclosure Statement.pdf; Uinta Six-Month Prefiling Notice Approval.pdf

Kathryn,

Please find attached the approval of your request of a waiver of the six-month prefiling notice and for ICF to act as the Board third-party contractor for the Uinta Basin railroad project. In keeping with our usual process, I have also attached a disclosure statement that I am asking you to forward to ICF for their signature. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
Josh

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Subject: RE: Seven County Infrastructure Coalition

Kathryn,

I just wanted to let you know that we have received the request letters you sent earlier today and that I will provide our responses as soon as possible. Please be advised, however, that the potential upcoming lapse in funding may delay this process. Thank you for your patience.

Best,
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Subject: Seven County Infrastructure Coalition

Ms. Rutson,

Please see the attached correspondence.

Thank you,

Kathryn

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
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Office of Environmental Analysis

February 1, 2019

Kathryn K. Floyd
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Seven County Infrastructure Coalition—Based in Uinta, Utah; Approval of Third-Party Consultant

Dear Ms. Floyd:

Your request for approval under 49 CFR 1105.10(d) and 40 CFR 1506.5 for retention of ICF International (ICF) as an independent third-party consultant for the above referenced project is approved. ICF will prepare the appropriate environmental document on behalf of the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) in connection with a proposed project by the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (SCIC) to construct and operate a rail line based in Uinta, Utah. The proposed rail line would provide rail service to and from the Uinta Basin in eastern Utah.

We have attached a disclosure statement that we ask you to forward to ICF to complete. Once the statement is signed by ICF, we request that ICF send it directly to us. As we discussed in our meeting on December 12, 2018, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis will directly supervise, review, and approve all environmental documents prepared by the independent third-party contractor.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Josh Wayland of my staff at (202) 245-0330 or joshua.wayland@stb.gov.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson, Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

On behalf of _____, I certify that _____ has
(name of contractor) (name of contractor)

no financial or other interests in the outcome of the prospective petition of the

_____ to construct a rail line in _____.
(name of applicant/petitioner) (location of proposed rail line)

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date _____



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
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February 1, 2019

Kathryn K. Floyd
Venable LLP
600 Massachusetts Ave., NW
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Re: Seven County Infrastructure Coalition—Based in Uinta, Utah; Waiver of Six-Month Prefiling Notice

Dear Ms. Floyd:

Pursuant to 49 CFR 1105.10(c), we are granting your request of December 20, 2018 for waiver of the six-month pre-filing notice generally required for construction projects under 49 CFR 1105.10 (a)(1).

The Surface Transportation Board's (the Board's) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) has met and consulted with the representatives of the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (SCIC) regarding the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction and operation of an approximately 130-mile new rail line that would connect the Uinta Basin in Utah with the national rail network. At a meeting on December 12, 2018, the SCIC representatives presented an overview of the project to OEA staff. OEA understands that SCIC intends to provide OEA and OEA's third-party contractor with additional information, including detailed engineering and environmental data, at or in advance of a meeting to be held in the first quarter of 2019.

OEA understands that SCIC intends to file an application with the Board seeking approval to construct and operate the proposed rail line. OEA, with the assistance of its third-party contractor, will be responsible for conducting an analysis of the potential environmental impacts of SCIC's proposal and preparing the appropriate environmental documentation, potentially including an Environmental Impact Statement, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

The information provided by SCIC, and the fact that members of OEA have explained in detail the Board's environmental review process to the representatives of SCIC, lead OEA to believe that it has adequate information at this point, and that SCIC is sufficiently aware of the environmental review process, to grant your request.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact me or Josh Wayland of my staff at (202) 245-0330 or joshua.wayland@stb.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" and last name "Rutson" clearly distinguishable.

Victoria Rutson, Director
Office of Environmental Analysis