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Meeting under Section 5, STB Reauthorization Act

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Present: Members Begeman, Fuchs, Oberman, Primus and Schultz
Staff Stephanie Borges, Matthew Bornstein, Rachel Campbell, Allison Davis,
Ellen Erichsen, Amanda Gorski, Danielle Gosselin, Theodore Hunt, Craig
Keats, Evelyn Kitay, Adam Kress, Barbara Miller, Lisa Novins, Valerie
Quinn, Janie Sheng, Michael Small, Joshua Wayland, Amy Ziehm, Scott
Zimmerman

Topic: Docket No. FD 36284, Seven County Infrastructure Coalition—Rail
Construction and Operation Exemption—in Utah, Carbon, Duchesne and
Uintah Counties, Utah

Summary of the Matters Discussed, Prepared by General Counsel Craig Keats:

At this meeting, staff briefed Board Members on two petitions seeking reconsideration of an order the Board issued in the above-referenced proceeding on January 5, 2021 (January Order). The proceeding involves a petition filed by the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition) for exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 for authorization to construct and operate an approximately 85-mile rail line connecting two termini in the Uinta Basin to the national rail network at Kyune, Utah. In the January Order, the Board granted a request by the Coalition asking that it preliminarily decide the transportation merits of the project while the environmental review is ongoing. Eagle County and the Center for Biological Diversity each filed a petition to reconsider the January Order. The Coalition filed a reply opposing the petitions for reconsideration.

Staff and Board Members discussed the nature and history of the project, the environmental review process, the January Order, and options for addressing the petitions for reconsideration.