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The Honorable Burgess Owens
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Dear Senator Lee, Senator Romney, Representative Moore, Representative Stewart, Representative Curtis, and Representative Owens,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Seven County Infrastructure Coalition—Rail Construction & Operation Exemption—in Utah, Carbon, Duchesne and Uintah Counties, Utah, Finance Docket No. 36284. I appreciate hearing your views concerning this matter.

As you may be aware, on January 5, 2021, the Board issued a decision granting preliminary approval of the transportation merits of the transaction, subject to the agency's completion of the environmental review process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. That decision explained that, after completion of the environmental phase, the Board will issue a further, final decision addressing any environmental impacts, weighing any environmental impacts with the transportation merits, and determining whether the preliminary approval should become effective, subject to any appropriate mitigation conditions. Eagle County, Colorado and the Center for Biological Diversity have subsequently filed petitions requesting that the Board reconsider the January 5, 2021 decision. Because this case is pending, I cannot comment further. However, please be assured that the Board will give full and fair consideration to all comments and submissions in this proceeding.

A copy of your letter has been placed in the public docket. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Higgins, Acting Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Martin J. Oberman". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Martin" being the most prominent.

Martin J. Oberman
Chairman