

From: Gosselin, Danielle
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 3:36 PM
To: Darrell Fordham; Rutson, Vicki
Cc: Wayland, Joshua
Subject: RE: Landowner Scoping Meeting Notification Errors

Dear Mr. Fordham,

Thank you for your email. We apologize for the misinformation and inconvenience. Please see our responses to your questions below:

1. Please confirm the correct location for the Scoping Meeting on Friday July 19th.

The public scoping meeting on July 19, 2019, will be held from 10 am to 12 pm at the Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown, 215 W S Temple, Salt Lake City, UT

2. Please explain who is responsible for publishing the wrong location and the circumstances that resulted in the error.

The Third-Party NEPA contractor, ICF, accidentally printed and mailed a version of the postcard, which included the previously considered meeting location for the July 19, 2019 public scoping meeting in Salt Lake City. Shortly before the final postcard was approved and sent to the printer, the location of the Salt Lake City meeting changed to the Radisson to ensure a larger, more comfortable meeting facility. After this change was approved, all meeting notification materials were updated to include the postcard, community flyer, media release, and newspaper advertisements. Unfortunately, the printer accidentally printed and mailed an old, draft version of the postcard.

3. If the East High School location that was printed on the postcards is the incorrect location, please explain how the STB intends to remedy the misinformation. If new postcards are not going to be mailed out to everyone that received the ones with the incorrect information then we feel that the affected landowners and the public – essentially anyone who received the deceptive information – are going to be unduly harmed and their ability to attend the meeting in Salt Lake City to learn about the project and express their concerns and comments is going to be compromised unfairly.

We will be reprinting and mailing a corrected postcard on Thursday, July 11, 2019, to landowners previously receiving a postcard to ensure they have the correct meeting information for the Friday, July 19th morning meeting. All other materials distributed to the public contained the correct meeting location.

In addition, we will take the following actions:

- We will post a staff member at the East High School in Salt Lake City from 9 am to 1 pm on Friday, July 19 to ensure any attendees who arrive at this facility are redirected to the Radisson hotel downtown.*
- This posted staff member will distribute flyers to any attendee who arrives at the East High School, providing directions to the Radisson hotel downtown (note: the facilities are 3.8 miles apart).*

- Staff will stay at Radisson hotel downtown for an extra hour (until 1 pm) to ensure any attendee who went to the wrong meeting location has adequate time to review the informational materials and provide oral comments.
- We will ensure the court reporter (and security guard) can stay the extra hour at the Salt Lake City facility
- On Friday, July 12, 2019, we can distribute a revised media release and public service announcement to all local media, and the community flyer, emphasizing the correct location for the SLC meeting.

4. **Please clarify who these postcards were mailed to, as it appears that there has been very little rhyme or reason as to who received the postcards and who did not, again as was the case with multiple rounds of notification from SCIC.**

The postcard was mailed to 361 landowners near the proposed routes. The Applicant provided this list to OEA for ICF's use, in an effort to maximize notification.

5. **Please review and confirm that the dates, times, and locations currently displayed on the STB's Project Website (www.untabasinrailwayeis.com) are correct, as there was also an incorrect address for the meeting on Monday July 15th in Fort Duchesne.**

All information on the board-sponsored EIS project STB's website, www.untabasinrailwayeis.com, is correct.

6. **I have looked at the "Submit Comments" link on STB's Project Website. The comment section only allows comments to be submitted in plain text format, such that paragraphs, formatting, etc. are not correctly displayed. We feel that this makes submitted comments very difficult to read and understand and causes them to lose much of their effectiveness. Is there something that can be done to modify the web form, or is the only alternative to submit comments via email?**

Comments may also be emailed to the project email address at: uinta.eis@icf.com and submitted via the Board's website, www.stb.gov, by clicking on the "E-FILING" link on the home page and then selecting "Environmental Comments." E-FILING also allows commenters to attach files such as word, pdf or JPEG files. Additionally, printed, written, and oral comments will be accepted at each of the public scoping meetings. Printed and written comments can be mailed at any time to the address included on the website and on the outreach materials. We have noted these additional ways to submit comments on the project website.

If you have any additional questions, please let us know. Josh will be back in the office on Friday, July 12th.

Best,
Danielle

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Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2019 6:53 PM

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Subject: FW: Landowner Scoping Meeting Notification Errors

Importance: High

Please see attached email sent to Joshua Wayland. I would appreciate your prompt attention given Mr. Wayland's absence.

Thank you,

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From: Darrell Fordham
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 3:30 PM
To: joshua.wayland@stb.gov
Subject: Landowner Scoping Meeting Notification Errors
Importance: High

Mr. Wayland,

I was recently contacted by several landowners in the Argyle Canyon area who received the attached postcards from the STB regarding the upcoming scoping meetings for the Uinta Basin Railway Project. As you can see, these postcards show a conflicting location for the meeting on Friday, July 19th at 10am. This is extremely frustrating and disheartening to us landowners, as this type of miscommunication about meetings regarding this project has already happened several times before by the Project Proponent, Seven County Infrastructure Coalition. The SCIC has repeatedly sent out meeting notifications to landowners weeks after the meetings had already taken place. This has happened so many times with this Uinta Basin Railway Project that it is beginning to feel like it is intentional.

That said, if you could answer the following questions for me as soon as possible I would sincerely appreciate it:

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I trust that you can sense and understand our frustration with the continued lack of communication, misinformation, selective landowner notification, etc. regarding this project. This, coupled with Seven County Infrastructure Coalition's continued refusal to make public project cost information and estimates and assumptions, financial feasibility studies, project financing plans, route selection evaluation criteria and information (all of which has been done in secret, behind

closed doors, without public involvement or access), and proposed route mapping, has served to severely limit the public's and affected landowners' and stakeholders' ability to evaluate and effectively comment on the proposed project. This Uinta Basin Railway Project is not of little significance, and has the potential to negatively impact hundreds of landowners and their families. Your urgent attention to these matters would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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