



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

May 24, 2022

Thomas W. Wilcox, LLC
1629 K St, N.W.
Suite 300
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Docket No. FD 36616, Savage Tooele Railroad - Petition
for Exemption; Waiver Request of Six-Month Prefiling Notice Requirement

Dear Mr. Wilcox:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(c)(2), the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is granting your May 20, 2022, request for a waiver of the six-month prefiling notice generally required for rail construction projects under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(a)(1).

On May 6, 2022, via videoconference, OEA met with representatives from the Savage Tooele Railroad Company (STR) and outside legal counsel to discuss STR's plans. STR intends to petition the Board for an individual exemption under 49 U.S.C. §§ 10901 and 10502 for authority to: (1) reinstate common carrier rail service over 5.9 miles of an approximately 15.8-mile branch line of railroad constructed in 1917 by a predecessor of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and formally abandoned in 1983; and (2) construct another approximately 5 miles of Class III track in a new industrial park¹ being developed on 1,300 acres of land near Grantsville, Utah. STR intends to carry rail traffic to and from industrial park tenants and UP's main line at the northern end of STR's tracks, where STR would interchange with UP² to provide the shippers with a connection to the national rail system.

¹ The Lakeview Business Park (<https://www.lakeviewbusinesspark.com/>).

² STR notes that the current terms of the transaction being negotiated with UP would entail STR acquiring the former branch line right-of-way and track from MP 1.04 to MP 6.94, a total of 5.9 miles. UP would retain ownership of the right-of-way and track from MP 0.0 to MP 1.04, which STR expects to be utilized as part of the private tracks used to interchange traffic between UP and STR.

At the May 6, 2022 meeting, OEA provided a general overview of the Board's environmental review process, OEA's role in the process, and the use of third-party consultants. Based on this initial meeting and your letter, OEA believes that it has adequate information to grant this request and that STR is sufficiently aware of OEA's environmental process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 202-245-0300 or Andrea Poole of my staff at 202-245-0305.

Sincerely,

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

Danielle Gosselin
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board