



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

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RE: Docket No. FD 36727, CSX Transportation, Inc. - Acquisition and Operation - Rail Line of Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C. & Docket No. 36732, Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited and the Kansas City Southern Railway Company, D/B/A CPKC - Acquisition and Operation - Certain Rail Line of Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C., in Lauderdale County, Miss. and Choctaw and Marengo Counties Ala.
Information Request No. 1

Dear Peter Denton:

Consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 1506.5(b)(1), the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis requests the information below, which is needed to support the environmental review in connection with the above-referenced proceedings.

1. Provide the following information on rail traffic where transaction-related traffic would exceed the Board's thresholds at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5) (with traffic levels based on projections five years after the date of the anticipated year of the issuance of a final decision from the Board):
 - A. For all Meridian & Bigbee Railroad (MNBR) rail segments between Meridian, Mississippi and Burkville, Alabama, provide the milepost endpoints for operation of local trains pre- and post-transactions.
 - B. Provide segment lengths and milepost endpoints for each rail segment between Meridian, Mississippi and Burkville, Alabama.
 - C. Provide estimates of the average number of locomotives per train, the average number of railcars per train, and the average total length (in feet) of trains pre- and post-transactions.

- D. Provide estimates of the average length of locomotives and average rail car length pre- and post-transactions.
 - E. Provide the proportion of locomotives in each US Environmental Protection Agency emissions tier fleetwide (Uncontrolled, 0, 0+, 1, 1+, 2, 2+, 3 and 4) pre- and post-transactions.
 - F. Provide anticipated fleet-wide locomotive fuel efficiency factor in gross ton miles per gallon of fuel pre-and post-transactions.
 - G. Provide average train speed on each MNBR rail line segment pre- and post-transactions.
2. Confirm that there would be no growth in daily carloads switched above the 100% threshold in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(B) at any yard on the MNBR line.

Please provide your response as soon as possible and no later than **January 5, 2024**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Diana Wood at 202-934-0388 or by email at Diana.Wood@stb.gov or Elizabeth Webster at 202-360-0742 or by email at Elizabeth.Webster@stb.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danielle Gosselin".

Danielle Gosselin
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