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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Docket FD 36406 Port KC MRT Rail Cooperating Agency Invitation
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Hello Alex,

Ashley Riedel is leaving her position at the USFWS at the end of September, and since we are going to be down an employee, the MO Ecological Services Office is going to decline participation in the preparation of this environmental assessment. We are more than happy to provide a list of potentially affected species and other considerations in the future, and we will also happily consult via the Endangered Species Act whenever the Surface Transportation Board is ready.

Thank you for your time,

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Good Afternoon, Ashley,

Attached, please find a letter inviting the USFWS to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the Port KC Missouri River Terminal Rail Environmental Assessment. The Surface Transportation Board is requesting a response indicating USFWS preference for participation in the environmental and historic review of the proposed rail line by Friday, September 3, 2021. Note that a hard-copy version of the letter has also been sent to your office via U.S. Certified Mail.

Feel free to respond to this request via email to Adam Assenza (Adam.Assenza@stb.gov) or by U.S. Mail at: 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423. We are happy to discuss any questions you have during our federal agency meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 31 at 12:00PM Eastern Time. We understand that you have indicated a tentative availability for this meeting and can accommodate another time to speak with you if necessary.

Thank you,



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