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Commissioners Nunn, Towns, Rogers, Williams, and Justice,

The Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis is reaching out to confirm your receipt of a consultation letter sent in December 2023 regarding the proposed acquisitions of the Meridian & Bigbee Railroad (MNBR) by Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) and by CSX Transportation (CSXT). If the Board authorizes both CPKC's and CSXT's acquisitions, two more trains per day would operate on the MNBR line between Meridian, MS, and Myrtlewood, AL, and up to two more trains would operate between Myrtlewood, AL and Montgomery, AL. The Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for these acquisitions will evaluate the potential environmental impacts that additional train traffic may have on communities along the MNBR line.

We ask that you provide the names and contact information for leaders in your community such as school principals, faith leaders, and police chiefs so we may expand our notification on the Draft EA. Feedback from community leaders and members of the public is critical to the environmental review process and will help determine how this project may impact your community.

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.

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