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Subject: RE: Lampwrights Rail Construction Project: 6 month notice waiver letter and third-party contractor approval letter
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 3:38:00 PM
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[Lampwrights Waiver 2.10.pdf](#)

Thank you, Justin. Attached please find OEA's letters regarding approval of VHB as the third-party consultant as well as the 6-month notice waiver. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,
Elizabeth
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From: Marks, Justin J. <jmarks@ClarkHill.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 11:10 AM
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Danielle/ Elizabeth:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Niko and me to discuss Lampwrights rail construction project in Pennsylvania. Attached please find the 6-month notice waiver letter and the letter seeking approval to hire VHB as the third-party contractor.

Thanks again,

Justin

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February 10, 2025

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By email at jmarks@ClarkHill.com

**Re: FD 36833, Lampwrights LLC– Construction and Operation
Exemption–In Elk and Jefferson Counties, Pa.; Waiver Requests of Six-
Month Prefiling Notice Requirement**

Dear Mr. Marks:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(c)(3), the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is granting your January 30, 2025 request for waiver of the six-month prefiling notice generally required for rail construction projects under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(a)(1). According to your letter, Lampwrights LLC (Lampwrights), a noncarrier, intends to file a petition under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 for an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10901 to construct and operate approximately 20,427 feet of new rail line in Elk and Jefferson Counties, Pa. (the Line).

On January 28, 2025, via videoconference, OEA met with a representative from Lampwrights and outside legal counsel to discuss the proposed project. Lampwrights provided a brief overview of the proposed project, including maps and a description of the former railroad right-of-way, known as the Toby Branch. According to Lampwrights, the Line would follow the former Toby Branch and terminate at the Superior Greentree Landfill, which currently receives all waste via truck. Lampwrights explained that Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. would be the operator of the Line and that the Line would handle one inbound train and one empty outbound train per week.

At the January 28, 2025 meeting, OEA provided an overview of the Board's environmental review process, OEA's role in the process, and the use of third-party consultants. After meeting with Lampwrights and its legal counsel, OEA believes that it has adequate information, and that Lampwrights is sufficiently aware of the Board's environmental review process, to grant this request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Webster of my staff at 202-360-0742 or by email at Elizabeth.Webster@stb.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danielle Gosselin". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Danielle" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Gosselin".

Danielle Gosselin
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis