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Mr. Corpus,
The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is in receipt of the comments you submitted by email on June 2, 2025. Your comments will be included in the record for this case, and the Board will consider all comments received when deciding whether to authorize the project.

As OEA indicated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and associated release materials, OEA will respond to your substantive comments in the Final EIS. However, I wanted to answer your questions regarding the comment period and notification process in advance.

As you are aware, OEA released the Draft EIS for public review and comment on March 14, 2025, with a comment deadline of May 5, 2025 (a total of 52 calendar days). OEA then extended the comment period through June 2, 2025. Thus, the Draft EIS was available for public review and comment for a total of 80 calendar days (two and a half months). In compliance with NEPA, OEA has provided the public with ample opportunity for review and comment and as indicated in the May 20, 2025 decision extending the comment period to June 2nd, no further extensions will be granted.

To notify agencies, organizations, and interested parties of the Draft EIS release, OEA emailed approximately 150 individuals and organizations March 14, 2025, as explained in Appendix A, Agency Coordination, and Appendix B, Public Involvement, of the Draft EIS. The email included, as an attachment, a flyer in both English and Spanish, that explained how to comment on the Draft EIS and provided details on the upcoming public meetings.

OEA also mailed postcards to approximately 680 addresses adjacent to the project area. The postcards were in English with a QR code linking to a Spanish version of the same document. Both versions of the postcard contained information on how to comment on the Draft EIS and announced the public meetings. These and other Draft EIS notification materials are available on the Board-sponsored project website at www.greeneaglerreis.com (Documents tab).

In addition, OEA ran digital advertisements targeted to the project area from March 15 through the end of the initial commenting period. The digital ads announced the availability of the Draft EIS and provided a link to the Board-sponsored project website.

As noted above, OEA will respond to the rest of your comments in the Final EIS. We appreciate your participation in the environmental review process.

Best,

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