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The Honorable John Boozman
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The Honorable Bill Cassidy, M.D.
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The Honorable Tom Cotton
326 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Kennedy, Senator Cassidy, Senator Boozman, and Senator Cotton,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Lake Providence Port Commission—Feeder Line Application—Line of Delta Southern Railroad Located in East Carroll and Madison, Parishes, Louisiana, Docket No. FD 36447. I appreciate hearing your views concerning the effort to revitalize freight transportation and economic growth in northeast Louisiana and southern Arkansas, and the urgent need for infrastructure investment in this region.

As you know, this case has a lengthy procedural history, including several court actions and, as you point out, action by the Louisiana State Legislature. I continue to expect the Board to act expeditiously to move this matter forward, and I anticipate the Board will take its next action in this docket by the end of September.

Because this matter is pending, I cannot comment further; however, I again thank you for sharing your views. A copy of your letter and this reply have been placed in the docket on the Board's website. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Ms. Janie Sheng, Director of the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Fuchs
Chairman