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Adam Assenza
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**Re: STB Docket No. FD 36889, Nevada Gold Rail LLC Proposed Construction:
Request for Approval of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. as Independent
Contractor & Waiver of Prefiling Notice Requirement**

Dear Mr. Assenza:

On behalf of Nevada Gold Rail LLC (“NGM Rail”), as part of the proposed construction, we would like to engage Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (“VHB”), an approved third-party contractor, to work with the Office of Environmental Analysis (“OEA”) to prepare the necessary environmental documentation associated with the proposed construction. We respectfully request approval of this selection in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(d).

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(d), we expect and understand VHB’s work will be performed under the OEA’s direct, supervision, and control. We can confirm that VHB is not presently engaged in any other projects for NGM Rail.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(c) and (d), we also request a waiver of the prefiling notice required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(a)(1). Early engagement of the third-party contractor, if approved by OEA, warrants waiver of this environmental reporting requirement.

We look forward to your review of our request and are prepared to sign a disclosure statement upon approval. If you have any questions, please reach out.

Sincerely,



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