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Subject:	RE: Inquiry Regarding Project Sponsor Discrepancy and Environmental Review – Puerto Verde / Green Eagle Rail Project
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Dear Coalition Members,

Thank you for your email. The environmental review in this proceeding is complete. The Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance can assist you if you would like to submit any type of filing, including a petition or additional comments, for consideration by the Board. They can be reached at 202-245-0245.
Please see the Note in Table 1.1 on page 1-4 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, which states that Puerto Verde Holdings submitted the Presidential Permit Application for the Puerto Verde Global Trade Bridge project to the U.S. State Department on behalf of Maverick County.

The project website is linked below for easy access to project materials including the Final EIS.
https://www.greeneaglerreis.com/

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Good morning Mrs. Poole,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to respectfully follow up on our last email sent to you on October 16, 2025 regarding the **Surface Transportation Board's rules and procedures for community petition drives** related to projects under your jurisdiction. Specifically, to get guidance and clarification on how community members are **directly impacted by the Puerto Verde Projects (STB Docket No. FD 36652)** may formally submit a petition for consideration by the Board. We are requesting guidance and a response.

We are also submitting this inquiry seeking clarification regarding a documented discrepancy between the entity named as permittee in a Presidential Permit published in the Federal Register and the entity identified as the applicant in the Surface Transportation Board's permitting and environmental review process for the Puerto Verde rail projects **(STB Docket No. FD 36652)** in Maverick County, Texas.

According to the Federal Register, the Presidential Permit entitled *"Authorizing Maverick County, Texas, To Construct, Maintain, and Operate a Vehicular, Pedestrian, and Rail Border Crossing Near Eagle Pass, Texas, at the International Boundary Between the United States and Mexico"* names **Maverick County, Texas** as the permittee. The permit does not identify Puerto Verde Holdings, Green Eagle Railroad, LLC, or any affiliated entity as a permittee or co-permittee. As published, the Federal Register record indicates that Maverick County, Texas, is the **sole holder and owner of the Presidential Permit** for the border-crossing facilities.

By contrast, Federal Register notices related to the Board's environmental review state that, *"On December 14, 2023, Green Eagle Railroad, LLC (GER), a subsidiary of Puerto Verde Holdings (PVH), filed a petition with the Board for authority to construct and operate approximately 1.3 miles of new common carrier rail line in Maverick County, Texas."* Those notices further explain that the purpose of the notice is to inform the public and governmental stakeholders of the availability of the Final Scope of Study for the Environmental Impact Statement related to the proposed rail line and the Puerto Verde Green Transportation Bridge project.

Taken together, these Federal Register records appear to identify **two different legal entities** as the project sponsor and operator for closely integrated components of the same cross-border rail and transportation project: Maverick County, Texas, as the sole Presidential Permit holder for the international crossing, and Green Eagle Railroad, LLC, a subsidiary of Puerto Verde Holdings, as the applicant before the Board for rail construction authority.

As the Board is aware, accurate identification of the entity proposing to construct and operate a rail line is a material element of the Board's review under 49 U.S.C. § 10901 and a foundational assumption underlying environmental review conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Where federal approvals identify different entities as the project sponsor, questions arise regarding project control, operational responsibility, environmental accountability, and the adequacy of public notice.

To ensure procedural clarity and appropriate engagement, we respectfully request the Board's guidance on the following:

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3. What corrective steps the Board typically takes when a discrepancy is identified between the entity

4. named in a Presidential Permit published in the Federal Register and the entity identified as the applicant in an STB rail-construction proceeding (for example, amended applications, supplemental environmental filings, additional notice, dismissal without

5. prejudice, or holding the proceeding in abeyance);
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9. Whether an STB application is considered complete and ripe for review while such a discrepancy remains
10. unresolved; and
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14. How a nonprofit organization or other interested party should properly proceed to raise or address this

15. issue within the Board's procedural framework.

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This inquiry is submitted in the interest of transparency, consistency among federal approvals, and the integrity of the Board's review process. We appreciate the Board's attention to this matter and welcome any guidance the Board may provide regarding appropriate next steps.

Links:
Authorizing Maverick County, Texas, To Construct, Maintain, and Operate a Vehicular, Pedestrian, and Rail Border Crossing Near Eagle Pass, Texas, at the International Boundary Between the United States and Mexico
https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/06/05/2024-12489/authorizing-maverick-county-texas-to-construct-maintain-and-operate-a-vehicular-pedestrian-and-rail

Surface Transportation Federal Green Eagle Railroad Application-Construction and Operation Exemption-Line of Railroad in Maverick County, Texahttps://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/07/08/2024-14740/green-eagle-railroad-construction-and-operation-exemption-line-of-railroad-in-maverick-county-texas

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