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Meeting under Section 5, STB Reauthorization Act

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Present: Members Fuchs, Hedlund, Primus, and Schultz
Staff Nathaniel Bawcombe, Christopher Bertram, Jessica Caine, Rachel
Campbell, Anika Cooper, Douglas Eden, Adam Kress, Erik Light, Lisa Novins,
Brian O'Boyle, Alice O'Brien, Janie Sheng, Michael Small, Valerie Quinn,
Charles Vance, Candace White

Topic: AB 1305 (Sub-No. 1), *Great Redwood Trail Agency—Adverse Abandonment—
Mendocino Railway in Mendocino County, California*

Summary of the Matters Discussed, Prepared by General Counsel Anika Cooper:

In this matter, Great Redwood Trail Agency filed an application seeking the adverse abandonment of an approximately 40-mile rail line owned by Mendocino Railway between Willits, Cal. and Fort Bragg, Cal. At this meeting, staff briefed the Board Members on the record, the case law, and options for next steps.