



September 21, 2026

Ms. Elizabeth Webster
Surface Transportation Board (Docket No. FD 36873)
395 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Webster,

Thank you for the opportunity to present comments during this preliminary consultation stage related to potential impacts to be considered by Surface Transportation Board (STB) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) related to the Union Pacific/Norfolk Southern merger. After reviewing the preliminary documents and the potential for increased rail traffic on certain lines in Ohio, we strongly encourage the STB to include in the environmental impact statement (EIS), the potential air quality impacts, water quality impacts, and transportation risks associated with increased hazardous material transport within the State of Ohio, including a safety analysis for areas intersected with a public water system's source water protection area. In particular, the Pittsburgh to Cleveland corridor indicates increased rail traffic, and several Ohio communities will see an increase in hazardous carloads. There are many Ohio communities along that trackage and in the areas proposed to see increased hazardous carloads, and it is vital that the environment impacts of the merger are analyzed in the EIS.

Ohio EPA would request that we remain informed on the progress and public availability of the EIS and that Ohio EPA has future opportunities to review and comment on the environmental impact of the Union Pacific/Norfolk Southern merger.

Sincerely,

John Logue
Director

CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

RE: Docket No. FD 36873, Union Pacific Corporation and Union Pacific Company – Control – Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company; Preliminary Consultation

Please check all appropriate responses that apply from the list below and use the back of this form or additional sheets if you wish to make comments:

- ☐ We have no interest in the Transaction and no further consultation with our Tribe is required.
- ☒ We want to continue to receive information about the Transaction by mail and participate in the public involvement process for the environmental review.
- ☒ We have an interest in the Transaction and want to participate in government-to-government consultation with the Surface Transportation Board.

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