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By email to: Katherine.M.Taylor@usace.army.mil

RE: Docket No. FD 36854, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – in Matagorda County, Tex.; Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

Dear K. Marie Taylor:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to participate as a consulting party in the Section 106 process for the above-referenced project. Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) is seeking authority from the Surface Transportation Board (Board) to construct and operate approximately five miles of new rail line in Matagorda County, Texas, near Wadsworth and Bay City. The proposed line would connect LyondellBasell's existing Matagorda Polymers Plant to UP's Angleton Subdivision via two existing rail lines known as the Celanese Industrial Lead and the Cities Service Track. OEA is evaluating two alternative alignments for the proposed rail line: Alternative 1 (Far East) and Alternative 2 (East). The alternatives share common segments near the northern and southern termini of the proposed line but follow different alignments through the central portion of the project area (see Attachment 1: Location Map). According to UP, the proposed line would provide LyondellBasell with a second competitive rail option.

As part of the approval process, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4370m-11), that will assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed line. The EA will also assess the potential impacts on historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and the Section 106 implementing regulations (36 C.F.R. Part 800).

As part of the EA process, OEA is currently conducting Phase I archaeological and above-ground surveys. OEA will submit the results of these surveys to the Texas Historical Commission, which serves as the Texas State Historic Preservation Office, and will make the

survey reports available to consulting parties upon request. The final redacted reports will also be posted on the Board's website (www.stb.gov).

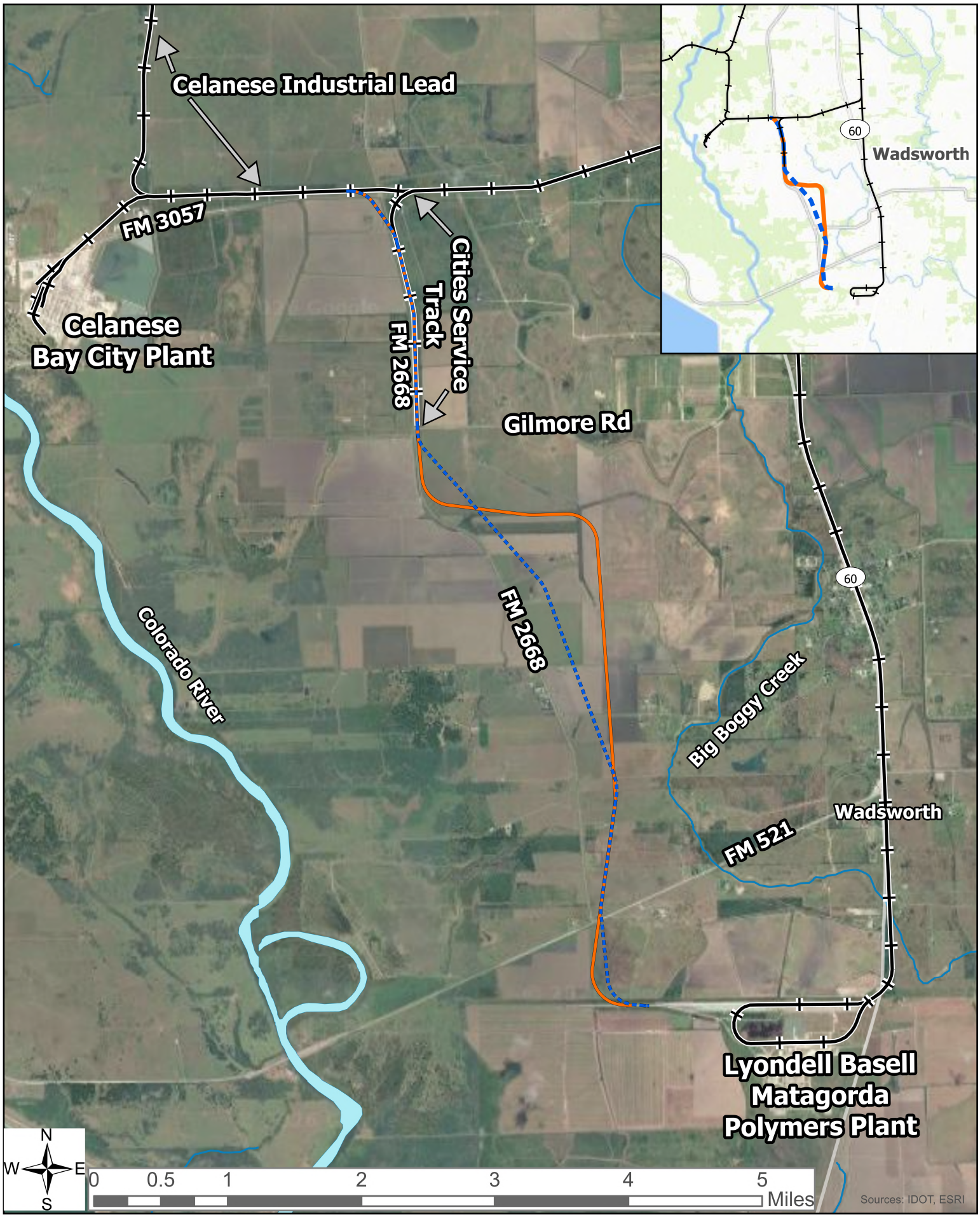
Please complete the attached Consultation Questionnaire to provide feedback on your interest in participating in the Section 106 process by **Monday, December 14, 2026**. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the proposed line in more detail, please contact Alan Tabachnick at 202-245-0367 or by email at Alan.Tabachnick@stb.gov. We look forward to your participation in the Board's environmental and/or historic review process.

Sincerely,



Danielle Gosselin
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures**:** Attachment 1: Location Map
Attachment 2: Questionnaire



Attachment 1: Location Map

Docket No. FD 36854
Union Pacific Railroad Company
Construction and Operation Exemption
Matagorda County, TX

Alternative 1- Far East
Alternative 2- East
Existing Rail Line

Parametrix

Attachment 2: Questionnaire

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District

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

☐ We have no interest in the proposed line and further consultation with our agency/Tribe is not necessary.

☐ We want to continue to receive project information by mail and participate in the public involvement process for the EA.

☐ We have an interest in the proposed line and want to participate as a Consulting Party in the Section 106 process.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District designated contact for the proposed line:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

(please print)

E-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Alan Tabachnick, Surface Transportation Board
c/o Parametrix, Attn: Docket No. FD 36854
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Or E-mail to: Alan.Tabachnick@stb.gov

Stevens, Karen

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On behalf of the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), Parametrix (OEA's third-party contractor) is sending the attached letter inviting you to participate as a consulting party in the Section 106 review of the proposed rail line construction and operation project near Wadsworth, Texas.

Please review the attached letter and location map and complete the Consultation Questionnaire by the date identified in the letter. The completed questionnaire may be returned by email to Alan.Tabachnick@stb.gov or by regular mail to the address provided on the questionnaire.

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Tabachnick at 202-245-0367 or by email at Alan.Tabachnick@stb.gov.

We look forward to hearing from you.