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Surface Transportation Board,

On May 1, 2017, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. (GLBT) filed a formal application with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) for authority to construct and operate a 261-mile rail line through portions of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana. When a company applies for a permit from the STB, they must provide an explanation of why the proposal is not inconsistent with the "public convenience and necessity". GLBT did not do this. There is already a CREATE project in Chicago that has the same purpose as the GLBT, however the CREATE project is based on current facts and current numbers, not on someone's idea of what the future numbers may be. The GLBT project is based on nothing but conjecture of what the future may hold. The GLBT application contained the phrase "future demand" three times, while the phrase "present demand" appears nowhere in the application. The STB should throw out the GLBT application due to the fact that it is based on future hopes and dreams. Nobody knows what the future may bring. CREATE will handle the current traffic. GLBT is pushing their project based on hopes and dreams, not on facts. A proposal based on hopes and dreams is not a proposal based on "public convenience and necessity." Therefore, the GLBT application IS inconsistent with the public convenience and necessity and should be thrown out.

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