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To prove public necessity a project must show a need, an absence of existing transportation facilities. Great Lakes Basin Transportation has shown no need given the numerous alternative rail shippers that exist in the Chicago market. The immediate Chicago area, that area which is affected by the line, and as such the "public" for this project is more than adequately served by the existing rail lines. There is no need for this line based on the public need in the 11 affected counties for more rail service. In fact GLBT basically states there is too much rail service which is why their line is needed. This argument of adding more lines to increase capacity is contrary to the public need and necessity. GLBT instead needs to develop a plan to prevent trains from entering the 11 county area, as that area is already over served by the existing rail facilities. Therefore based on the fact there are more than adequate lines available in the 11 affected counties this proposal must be denied as not meeting public necessity.

Please also release the investor of this project as the public has a right to know.