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GLBT Application

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Mr. Blodgett,

On May 1, 2017, the Great Lakes Basin Transportation (GLBT), Inc, submitted its application to construct and operate an approximately 261 mile rail line spanning multiple states. Among many concerns I have with this proposal, is the request for a motion of protective order that was filed with the application.

This application lacks the proper disclosure of finances to build and maintain this project. How is anyone supposed to know if these investors have the proper backing to carry out their plans? Or are they counting on government funding to step in and save the day if the money runs dry, thus no longer making them a privately funded project? In fact, the request by GLBT, that the principle stockholders who would be involved with GLBT on this project be hidden from view, protected from the scrutiny of a concerned public, raises serious concerns about why a project, that is as intrusive to a community and an environment as the building of a railroad, has to go forward with out the appropriate disclosure. Property owners are required to obtain permits and register in one form or another with their local governing bodies for many reasons when making changes or improvements to their own existing property. Based on the premise that the public has a right to know, and certainly in this instance, the public absolutely has a right to know who is it exactly that is going to be behind this massive project. Without even addressing the very real concerns of untold damage to an already existing economy that holds the responsibility of feeding an ever growing population, the cost to our community, it's overall safety and our personal property, including all of the lands in the area both in the path of the railroad, but also those that are surrounding it that could have their productivity jeopardized, access to and proper utilization eliminated, and the marketable value decreased, why is it that I have to let you know that I am building a tool shed on my property, but GLBT needs to protect investors who are going to be running over and effecting everybody's property here in my community and in every community along the path of this proposed rail line.

Not to be overlooked, could it be that the reason that GLBT has filed a motion of protective order with their application is to hide an interest or interests that would stand in conflict with the public good but presents a very profitable return for the investors if only they can get the approval of the Surface Transportation Board (STB)? The sizable reduction in their projected costs to build this railroad (65%??!!), suggests on it's face that somebody wants this to happen really, really badly.....and

quickly. Without making any other presumptions, which unfortunately seems to be a significant portion of the GLBT proposal, and also happens to be what we as landowners, neighbors, communities and even the STB, are being asked to accept from GLBT as sufficient explanation of their plans, this one fact, were it brought to a financial institution for approval, I would suspect to be denied outright.

I am opposed to the GLBT project and asked that the filed request for a motion of protective order be denied by the STB.

Regards,

Delbert Dummer