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I am asking you issue an immediate no build ruling on the Great Lakes basin project. This line is not in the public interest. This line has failed to show the basics of understanding current freight trends. Their application does not address the increase in barge traffic on the Mississippi River, the studies looking to expand freight liners on the Great Lakes, the expansion of the Panama Canal, the many new intermodal and repair yards the existing Class One Railroads are building, and the increase in pipelines. Class One Railroads are also already making huge improvements to improve freight in Chicagoland, form modernizing their tracks, to sophisticated computer programs to calculate the best routes. Just recently Canadian National and CSX have announced they plan on using each others trains to haul each others freight. The trains will meet outside of Chicago and they will place cars needing to go to Chicago on one train, and those needing to go elsewhere on another. this will improve efficiencies as both do not need to run trains to a place where all they are going to do is off-load cars to go some place else. This will also greatly reduce trains into Chicago and out of Chicago. The existing experienced railroads know how to solve their problems, they do not need great Lakes Basing telling them what they need. If this project was in the public's interest an existing rail road would be proposing it. Please issue an immediate no build ruling.