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GLB recently filed a response to the opposition groups motion to dismiss their application. In their response they indicate, as they also do in their application, that their route is needed to add more capacity and allow the Chicago market to handle even more trains. They further state Chicago is the most crowded rail area in the nation. By their own admission then they have proven their project is inconsistent with the public necessity. The most crowded area in the nation for rail does not need more rail. GLB needs to propose a real bypass. Perhaps the STB could explain to them a by pass does not add capacity to a crowded area, instead a bypass takes traffic away from an area. A route taking milk and cheese directly from Wisconsin to California, without going anywhere near Chicago is a bypass, the GLB route which just moves trains within the same area is not a bypass. Since GLB has already admitted the Chicago market is overcrowded, they have proven their project is inconsistent with public necessity. And since their route is not a bypass, it just moves trains within the same area, they have again shown the project is inconsistent with public necessity. Please issue an immediate no build ruling.