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GLBT Application

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Public necessity is determined in part by the possible financial affect of a project on the public. The Great Lakes Basin project has failed to show any positive financial affects for the public. the only people helped are themselves and their mysterious stock holders. They cite other rail companies will have a faster shipping time, but they do not say at what cost, so no cost comparison can be done. They say faster shipping will reduce inventory on hand for businesses, but they do not quantify by how much or how this will save money. They provide no specific cost savings. But we can easily see the cost of lost farmland, each acre stolen is thousands of dollars in lost income, each acres taken is lost tax dollars for the community, each crossing added is more fuel and time everyday citizens must buy as they wait for the train to pass. This project does not financially benefit the public it benefits businesses and as such it must be denied for not meeting public necessity in regards to having a positive financial affect for the public.