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GLBT Application

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I am asking for an immediate no build ruling on the Great Lakes Basin Project. GLBT has failed to demonstrate public necessity for the rail line. GLBT has not shown that they have any customers in place to use the line. GLBT has failed to show they have the experience to operate a project of this magnitude. GLBT has also failed to show that if the project is to constructed that there will be any measurable harm to the existing rail operations in the city. The GLBT project is an outdated concept and may actually harm over-all freight operations in Chicagoland. Currently the existing railroads are seeking every advantage they can through technological advances to improve freight operations. These advances allow them to do more with less. Necessity is the mother of invention and currently the railroads are demonstrating this idea to its fullest. From agreements between themselves all the way to the CREAT program testing a computer system that will track all freight movements in Chicagoland. No railroads have even signed on in support of GLBT and for these and numerous other reasons this project must be denied.