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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Washington, DC 20423

Office Environmental Analysis

August 31, 2018

Brian Lindamood
Alaska Railroad Corp.
327 W Ship Creek Ave
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Docket No. FD 35095, Alaska Railroad Corporation - Construction and Operation
Exemption - A Rail Line Extension to Port MacKenzie, Alaska: Comments on
Quarterly Report for the Second Quarter of 2018

Dear Mr. Lindamood:

In its November 17, 2011 decision granting the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) the authority to construct and operate the Port MacKenzie rail line extension, the Board imposed 100 mitigation measures on the project. Mitigation Measure #98 requires ARRC to submit quarterly reports to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) on the progress of, implementation of, and compliance with the Board-imposed mitigation measures. On August 2, 2018, ARRC submitted a report for the quarter ending June 30, 2018.

OEA has reviewed the quarterly report for April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 and has one comment, as attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Navecky, OEA's Project Manager, at 202-245-0294.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

cc: Kathryn Kusske Floyd, Venable LLP
Jay Johnson, Venable LLP

ATTACHMENT

Docket No. FD 35095 Port MacKenzie Rail Line Extension

I. OEA Comments on Previous Quarterly Report (First Quarter of 2018)

No OEA comments were submitted on this report.

II. OEA Comments on Latest Quarterly Report (Second Quarter of 2018)

Mitigation Measures #37 (page 11) and #47 (page 14) – Since the 2017 second quarterly report, ARRC has stated that it is currently drafting an updated Moose Mitigation Strategy Plan with input from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The status of these measures has not changed over the past year. Has the Moose Mitigation Strategy been updated and finalized? Please clarify.