



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

March 31, 2011

Malcolm R. Nash
Executive Administrator
Sevier County
250 North Main Street
Richfield, UT 84701

Re: STB Docket No. 34075, Six County Association of Governments—Construction and Operation—Rail line between Levan and Salina, Utah.

Dear Mr. Nash:

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 1506.5(a), I am writing to request information needed for the purposes of the Office of Environmental Analysis' (OEA) environmental review in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. This information will assist OEA in conducting the analysis necessary for the ongoing preparation of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Supplement). At this time, we are requesting the following information:

- Any updated information that you may have regarding the proposed transaction's purpose and need (specifically, whether the movement of coal from the Sufco Mine remains viable given the time that has elapsed since you filed your petition for exemption in 2001);
- Additional studies that you may have conducted identifying and studying the reasonable range of alternatives to the proposal;
- Updates on the United States Fish and Wildlife Service 404 Permit application, including any wetland avoidance measures; and
- Any updated studies and surveys of the project area that would assist OEA in determining which properties, if any, may be listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Please let us know if any of the information requested is available from public sources. As we move closer to completion of the Supplement, we may have additional information request.

We appreciate your continued assistance. Please provide a copy of your response as soon as possible to Phillis Johnson-Ball of my staff (e-mail address: johnson-ballp@stb.dot.gov), and to Barry Butterfield, at HDR, 8404 Indian Hills Drive, Omaha, Nebraska, 68114-4098 (e-mail address: bbutterfield@hdrinc.com). If you have questions or concerns about this information request, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 202-245-0295 or Ms. Johnson-Ball at 202-245-0304.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and a stylized "R".

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis