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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35095, The Alaska Railroad Corporation –
Petition for Exemption to Construct and Operate a Rail Line to Port
MacKenzie, Alaska

Dear Ms. Floyd:

Consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 1506.5(a), we would like to request additional information needed for the Section of Environmental Analysis' (SEA) on-going environmental review in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. We are providing the results from stream crossing fieldwork conducted by our third-party contractor. The data and GIS files are available for download from an FTP site maintained by ENTRIX, Inc., a member of SEA's third-party contracting team. Please contact Mike Nagy of ENTRIX at 907-563-0438 for assistance in accessing the data.

We are requesting that ARRC update the water crossing plans presented in the Preliminary Environmental and Alternatives Report (PEAR) to reflect the information provided as well as additional wetland data collected during 2008. Please update locations, types, and designs of conveyance structures where necessary to reflect this new information. We look forward to receiving this information.

Thank you for your assistance. In addition to Dave Navecky of my staff, please provide a copy of your response to Mr. Alan Summerville of ICF International, our independent third-party contractor at 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia, 22031. Please contact Dave Navecky at 202-245-0294 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Chief
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