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Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration

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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35095, The Alaska Railroad Corporation – Petition for Exemption to Construct and Operate a Rail Line Extension 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 purposes of the Section of Environmental Analysis' environmental review in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. Specifically, we are requesting the following information about existing rail traffic on the mainline between Wasilla and Willow:

- Average number of trains per day,
- Average number of locomotives per train and typical locomotive length,
- Average number of railcars per train and typical railcar length, and
- Average train speed.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Dave Navecky, SEA Project Manager, at 202-245-0294, or Alan Summerville, ICF International Project Manager, at 703-934-3616.

Sincerely,

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