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To: Floyd, Kathryn K.
Cc: Rogers, Debra; Moelter, Chris; Keller, Kevin
Subject: Uinta Basin Railway--Outstanding Project Information
Attachments: Uinta Basin Railway Outstanding Information Letter.pdf

Hi Kathryn,

Please find attached a letter from OEA setting out the information that we understand the Coalition will be submitting in the coming weeks, along with expected dates for receiving that information. The information referenced in the letter has been discussed previously with the Coalition and with HDR and is required for OEA to move forward with the Board's EIS process in a timely fashion. Thank you for your attention and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
Josh

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Re: Docket No. FD 36284, Seven County Infrastructure Coalition—Construction & Operation Exemption—in Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties, Utah;
List of anticipated incoming information and data

Dear Ms. Floyd:

Below is a list of information and data related to the above-referenced proceeding, in addition to what my office—the Surface Transportation Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA)—has already requested in several Information Requests. The Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (Coalition) either has committed to providing the listed information and data to OEA or has indicated to OEA that it has this information and data. We believe it is necessary for us to receive this information and data for us to continue moving forward with preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Coalition’s proposal.

We have also included dates by which we expect the Coalition will provide the information and data to us. The Coalition’s compliance with these delivery dates is necessary to avoid schedule delays in OEA’s environmental review. Please review the items below and reply with confirmation of the delivery dates and any other questions you may have regarding these items.

Project Design, Construction, and Operation

Revised design and engineering information for all reasonable and feasible alternatives, including the following items:

- Alignments for all reasonable and feasible alternatives, provided in GIS format (shapefiles and .kmz files), including project features identified below. The Coalition and OEA have discussed that revised GIS for potential routes will be available by the time of our in-person meeting in Utah on **November 19, 2019**.
 - Rail centerlines
 - Rail sidings

- Daylight lines
- Right-of-way footprint
- Stationing
- Tunnels
- Bridges, culverts, and other water conveyances.
- At-grade and grade-separated road crossings
- Road relocations
- Water channel shifts
- Utility crossings
- Corrals and other miscellaneous features identified inside the rights-of-way
- Profile exhibits for each revised route. Please provide no later than **December 13, 2019**.
- Cross-sections of the typical right-of-way at representative locations, including features such as access roads, power lines, and set out tracks. In their file, *2019-09-06 – UBRY – STB Response Table*, the Coalition indicated that more detailed cross sections would be available once detailed design begins. Please provide no later than **December 13, 2019**.

Biological Resources

Biological Resource Technical Memorandum, including results of all biological resources surveys, land cover types, vegetation, and wildlife field data collected by the Coalition, including GIS. The Coalition has indicated this would be provided to OEA by **November 29, 2019**.

Cultural and Tribal

Cultural Resources Technical Memorandum, including results of field surveys, site forms, maps, GIS files of historic properties, and photos. The Coalition has indicated this information would be provided to OEA by **November 29, 2019**.

Paleontological Resources

Available previous survey results and analyses of existing paleontological data for the Uinta Basin and Piceance Creek Basin. During a March 19, 2019, in-person meeting with OEA and their third-party contractor, the Coalition noted that information regarding paleontological resources was available to send to OEA. Please provide this no later than **November 29, 2019**.

Noise and Vibration

Aerial photographs of the rights-of-way for all routes. In their file, *2019-09-06 – UBRV – STB Response Table*, the Coalition indicated that detailed aerial imagery was being developed. Please provide this no later than **December 13, 2019**.

Water Resources

Hydrologic and hydraulic model results, including identification of surface water crossing locations (i.e., streams, rivers, etc.) specific for each alternative and type of structure (bridge or culvert) to be built (e.g., bridge and culvert specifications, including number, location, size, and type). In the Coalition's June 18, 2019, response to Information Request #1, the Coalition indicated these results would be provided in December 2019. Please provide no later than **December 13, 2019**.

Water use reports, data, maps, aerial photos, and ground-based photos. As indicated in the Coalition's June 18, 2019, response to Information Request #1, the Coalition indicated this information would be provided in December 2019. Please provide no later than **December 13, 2019**.

I would appreciate written confirmation that the above information will be provided at the noted times. Please contact Joshua Wayland of my staff at (202) 245-0330, or Joshua.Wayland@stb.gov, with any questions. We thank you for your cooperation in continuing to move the environmental review process forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" and last name "Rutson" clearly distinguishable.

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis