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FD 35523 Voluntary Mitigation

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Lou and Melanie -

Two questions related to voluntary mitigation for the Supplemental EA.

1. Do Applicants agree to extend the operations-related Voluntary Mitigation in the Draft EA (i.e., VM 33 through VM 61) to CSXT's Louisville Connection, Indianapolis Belt Line and Indianapolis Line Subdivision in the Supplemental EA, as applicable?

2. For the Indianapolis Belt Line, environmental justice communities in Indianapolis (specifically, low-income populations) would disproportionately bear potentially adverse noise impacts, that is, noise levels that exceed 70 dBA Ldn and an increase in Ldn of 5 dBA or greater. On the Belt Line, the number of noise sensitive receptors exposed to greater than 70 and 5 would increase from zero under existing conditions to 346 under the Proposed Transaction. 200 of these receptors are low-income. Would the Applicants be willing to volunteer more specific mitigation to address these potential noise impacts? In the absence of any voluntary mitigation, OEA may recommend mitigation that would require Applicants to conduct targeted outreach to the Indianapolis community containing these 200 receptors as well as community's leaders/elected officials, disclose the potentially adverse noise impacts.

In addition, to comply with the Executive Order on environmental justice, OEA will be taking additional steps to facilitate the affected community's ability to participate in the environmental review process. To accomplish this, we envision mailing a hard copy of the Executive Summary of the Supplemental EA (along with the disk) to each mailing address in the affected community. The Final EA would also go out to the expanded mailing list. These steps will add reproduction and mailing cost not currently covered in HDR's budget.

Once you've had a chance to consider these questions, and perhaps discuss them CSXT, I would be happy to speak about them over the phone.

Thanks,

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