



***SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD***  
*Washington, DC 20423*

Office of Environmental Analysis

October 18, 2012

David H. Coburn  
Steptoe & Johnson LLP  
1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail  
Construction and Operation—in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud  
Counties, Mont.; Approval of Third-Party Contractor

Dear Mr. Coburn:

Your request for approval under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(d) and 40 C.F.R. § 1506.5 for retention of ICF International (ICF) as an independent third-party contractor for the above referenced project is approved. ICF will prepare the Environmental Impact Statement on behalf of the Surface Transportation Board (Board) in connection with the proposed project by the Tongue River Railroad Company to construct and operate an approximately 80-mile rail line between Miles City and Ashland, Montana.

I have attached a disclosure statement that we ask you to forward to ICF to complete. Once the statement is signed by ICF, we request that ICF send it directly to us. As you know, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis will direct, supervise, and control the work of the independent third-party contractor and will be responsible for all environmental documentation prepared by the independent third-party contractor.

If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me or Ken Blodgett of my staff at (202) 245-0305.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson  
Director

Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosure

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## DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify  
(name of contractor)

that I have no financial or other interest in the  
outcome of the prospective application/petition of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ to construct a rail  
(name of applicant/petitioner)  
line near \_\_\_\_\_.  
(location)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_