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Re: 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 are requesting additional information needed for the Office of Environmental Analysis' (OEA) on-going environmental review of the above-referenced proceeding. The requested information will enable OEA to respond more fully to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Specifically, we are requesting that the Alaska Railroad Corporation confirm the anticipated average operating speed of trains on the proposed rail line extension.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Navecky, SEA's Project Manager, at 202-245-0294, or Alan Summerville, ICF's Project Manager, at 703-934-3616.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
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