



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

October 10, 2017

Commander
Coast Guard Seventh District
Attn: Bridge Branch, Randall Overton
909 SE 1st Ave Suite 432
Miami, FL 33131

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Berkeley County, South Carolina; Cooperating Agency Invitation

Dear Mr. Overton:

Thank you for your September 27th email responding to my letter dated September 8th concerning the subject project. As joint-lead agencies, the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Charleston District acknowledge the Coast Guard Seventh District's interest in serving as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the environmental review for the subject project. Given your jurisdiction over the proposed rail line crossing of the Diversion Canal between Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie (also known as the Santee Cooper Diversion Canal) and consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 1501.6, we are inviting you to be a cooperating agency in the environmental review based on your special expertise and jurisdiction by law. I would appreciate your response to this invitation by October 29, 2017.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a call, please feel free to contact Diana Wood of my staff by phone at 202-245-0302 or by email at Diana.Wood@stb.gov or the Corps' project manager, Courtney Stevens by phone at 843-329-8027 or by email at Courtney.M.Stevens@usace.army.mil. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis