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FW: Requesting New Rail Line- Eagle Pass

ALANIS, JOHN E to: david.navecky

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Cc: "MANZANARES, ROSA", "BECKER, NANCY F", "DIAZ, MARTA
L.",

1 attachment



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Mr. Navecky,

Please see the email string below.

Thank you,

John E. Alanis

Admin Chief

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DIAZ, MARTA L.

Sent: Mon Mar 19 14:33:16 2012

Subject: FW: Union Pacific requesting New Rail Line- Eagle Pass

Ms. Rodriguez,

Will you please forward this e-mail to Dave Navecky from Surface Transportation Board so he can review e-mail from Mr. Pavlov just below.

Thank you,

David De Leon

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From: PAVLOV, MIKHAIL A
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 2:14 PM
To: BECKER, NANCY F; RAMOS, JOE G
Cc: COUNIHAN, DENNIS M
Subject: FW: Union Pacific requesting New Rail Line- Eagle Pass

Joe, Nancy:

I wanted to make sure you received the comments below from the State Department on the next steps to be taken with regard to the proposal for a new rail line construction in Maverick County, Eagle Pass, Texas. As the State response indicates, we need to communicate to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) contact the following:

1. This proposal requires a Presidential Permit Application (PPA)
2. State Department must be included as a cooperating agency for the Environmental Assessment (EA) purposes

Once the project proponent completes the EA and submits the PPA, CBP will have the opportunity (90 days) to review and comment on the application, as you know. We will then prepare a formal response to the State Department recommending or withholding approval for this project.

I will make sure GSA is aware of this proposal. Please let me know if you need anything else to get back to STR.

Thanks,

Mikhail A. Pavlov

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From: COUNIHAN, DENNIS M
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 4:28 PM
To: PAVLOV, MIKHAIL A
Cc: WRIGHT, GARRETT (CTR)
Subject: FW: Union Pacific requesting New Rail Line- Eagle Pass

Please check in with OFO/DoS on this on Monday to make sure we are square.

Dennis Counihan
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From: Brouillette-Rodriguez, Andrea R [mailto:RodriguezAR@state.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 3:49 PM
To: COUNIHAN, DENNIS M; PAVLOV, MIKHAIL A; CAMPOS, GRETA R
Cc: Poynter, Rachel M; Palazzolo, Angela J

Subject: FW: Union Pacific requesting New Rail Line- Eagle Pass

Dennis:

Sorry for not getting back to you on this issue sooner. I guess I thought I had forwarded our legal counsel's email when I had not, so thanks for reminding me. Please see their response below.

Please let me know if you have any questions,
Andrea

From: Lahne, Richard K
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 2:53 PM
To: Lahne, Richard K; Brouillette-Rodriguez, Andrea R; Schnitker, John P; Huitema, David P
Cc: Poynter, Rachel M; Palazzolo, Angela J
Subject: RE: Union Pacific requesting New Rail Line- Eagle Pass

John kindly counseled me via telephone on this. Looks like all's well, we should confirm to STB that a new RR bridge will require a PP, and ask them to make us a cooperating agency for the environmental review. Also ask them and/or CBP to make sure GSA is looped in, since they will be the ones building any CBP facilities.

Thanks John!

Richard

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From: Lahne, Richard K
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 1:33 PM
To: Brouillette-Rodriguez, Andrea R; Schnitker, John P; Huitema, David P
Cc: Poynter, Rachel M; Palazzolo, Angela J
Subject: RE: Union Pacific requesting New Rail Line- Eagle Pass

Andrea,

I don't know much about the Surface Transportation Board either, but hurrah for them taking on the EA!

The STB does note that a PP will be needed, but it's not clear what the order of events should be. It would seem that we would want them to coordinate from the beginning with us, so that the EA would take in the whole thing – not just rail line construction, but the bridge and the USG facilities at the POE, etc. And for that you'd think you would want them to start with us, coordinating with STB.

But there's something of a chicken-egg thing here, because in the few applications I've seen, applicants do sometimes indicate that they've already obtained necessary permits or approvals from other USG agencies.

John and David, can you elucidate?

Richard

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From: Brouillette-Rodriguez, Andrea R
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 12:55 PM
To: Lahne, Richard K
Cc: Poynter, Rachel M; Palazzolo, Angela J
Subject: FW: Union Pacific requesting New Rail Line- Eagle Pass

Richard:

I could really use your help on this one. I have read it twice and am not sure what our next step would be. It looks like they are proposing a new international rail bridge but I don't know much about the Surface Transportation Board. Help, please!

Thanks,
Andrea

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From: COUNIHAN, DENNIS M [mailto:DENNIS.COUNIHAN@cbp.dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 1:07 PM
To: Brouillette-Rodriguez, Andrea R
Cc: Poynter, Rachel M; PAVLOV, MIKHAIL A; CAMPOS, GRETA R; POE PMO; Palazzolo, Angela J; RAMOS, JOE G; JACOBS, THOMAS M
Subject: FW: Union Pacific requesting New Rail Line- Eagle Pass

Andrea,

Can you please review the attached proposal? Has DoS been contacted about this new rail line in Maverick County? We were assuming a multi-agency response would funnel through your office outlining the permitting activities these folks would need to undertake.

Let us know your thoughts.

Thanks,

Dennis Counihan
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From: RODRIGUEZ, CYNTHIA
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2012 9:20 AM

To: BECKER, NANCY F; RAMOS, JOE G
Cc: SEPULVEDA, GILBERT R; BEATTIE, PETE; ALANIS, JOHN E; RODRIGUEZ, CYNTHIA; TABOADA, ARMANDO
Subject: Union Pacific requesting New Rail Line- Eagle Pass

ADFO Becker and Ramos,

Please find on attachment a proposal for a new rail line construction and operation in Maverick County, Eagle Pass, Texas.

It is from the Director of Environmental Analysis, Victoria Rutson.

A request for comment is being asked on whether any resources under our jurisdiction could be affected by the proposed project, and whether this proposal would require permitting or approval requirements from our agency.

These comments are to go to:

Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
305 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001
Attn: Docket No FD 35554

This has a due date of March 5th, 2012

Please advice on the process to address this project,

Thank you,

Cynthia O. Rodriguez
Port Director
CBP-OFO
Eagle Pass Port of Entry
Office: 830-752-3102

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