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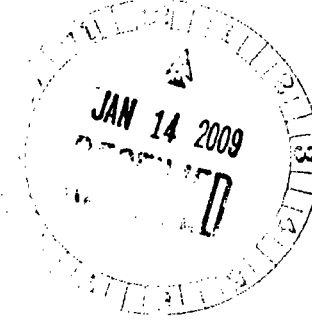
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Victoria Rutson
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Re: Finance Docket No. 35095, The Alaska Railroad Corp. -- Petition For An
Exemption From 49 U.S.C. §10901 To Construct and Operate a Rail Line
Extension to Port MacKenzie, Alaska

Dear Ms. Rutson:

In response to your letter dated December 31, 2008, enclosed please find additional information regarding existing rail traffic on the mainline between Wasilla and Willow:

- Average number of trains per day: November-April: 5 trains per day, May-October 10-12 trains per day.
- Average number of locomotives per train and typical locomotive length: 2-3 locomotives per train, average 80 feet each.
- Average number of railcars per train and typical railcar length: number of railcars varies from 4-80, averages 45. Car length is 50-90 feet, average about 68 feet.
- Average train speed: Posted speed limits through the area are 40 and 49-mph. Average train speed is about 42 mph.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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