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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Victoria Rutson, Director
Office of Environmental Analysis
Washington, DC 20423

Via e-mail to: Diana.Wood@Stb.Gov

Dear Ms. Rutson,

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 10, 2017 requesting the Coast Guard participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the environmental review for the proposed railroad bridge crossing the Diversion Canal connecting Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie. As the Coast Guard Seventh District Bridge Branch representative, I acknowledge receipt of and accept the invitation to be a cooperating agency.

The Coast Guard will be a cooperating agency on the proposed project in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.5 and as such provide comments concerning proposed bridges over navigable waterways of the United States that fall within the project corridor. Having been designated as the Coast Guard's Project Manager for the proposed project, I attended meetings and a site visit on October 24, 2017 of the proposed location, and have a basic understanding of the project's scope.

If you have any questions please call me at (305) 415-6747 or e-mail me at William.G.Tate@Uscg.Mil

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W. Gwin Tate III".

W. GWIN TATE III
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