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From: Raphael Cordray <craphaelc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 3:44 PM
To: Rutson, Vicki
Cc: Gosselin, Danielle; Wayland, Joshua; Utah Tar Sands Resistance
Subject: Re: Uinta Basin Railway Public Meetings

Dear Vicki

Thank you for your email

Will there be foam posters from the 7 county coalition in the presentation room? I am concerned that certain groups do indeed get to have posters in the room.

Can you direct me to the rules are you using to restrict the size and type of my comments? How can I present a map ?

Thank you
Raphael Cordray

On Fri, Jul 12, 2019 at 2:14 PM Rutson, Vicki <Vicki.Rutson@stb.gov> wrote:

I'm afraid not. As you accurately write, our statement ("We ask that public demonstrations—either in support of or opposed to the proposals—including signage, posters, and demonstrations, occur outside the meeting room") means that foam poster boards will not be permitted in the meeting room. Some people find the presence of signage, posters, and demonstrations in the meeting room intimidating, which may chill their ability to speak freely. You are very welcome to submit a written or oral comment.

Regards,

Victoria Rutson

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Thank You for your response Vicki,

You state that the STB/ OEA is responsible for "providing interested stakeholders, including members of the Utah Tar Sands Resistance with the opportunity to express their views on the potential environmental effects of the proposed railroad project in a non-intimidating, respectful environment that encourages free expression"

My free expression includes a foam poster board depicting relevant information, will that be prohibited in the meeting room? And if so on what basis or policy?

Thank you for your time and assistance,

Raphael Cordray

On Fri, Jul 12, 2019 at 12:31 PM Rutson, Vicki <Vicki.Rutson@stb.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Cordray:

Thank you for your email. The Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is responsible for providing interested stakeholders, including members of the

Utah Tar Sands Resistance, with the opportunity to express their views on the potential environmental effects of the proposed railroad project in a non-intimidating, respectful environment that encourages free expression. That is why we ask that public demonstrations do not occur in the rooms we have reserved for the public scoping meetings. We have no view on your plans to seek space away from the various meeting rooms to hold demonstrations because that is beyond our area of responsibility.

Respectfully yours,

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Subject: Uinta Basin Railway Public Meetings

Dear Surface transportation board,

Your notice states:

" We ask that public demonstrations—either in support of or opposed to the proposals—including signage, posters, and demonstrations, occur outside the meeting room. "

I am concerned that the meetings for scoping of the Uinta Basin Railway, which are scheduled to be held on private property will not allow any public speech as described by your notice.

The Uinta Basin Conference center has a policy excluding public speech. I want to clarify with ALL locations that they make a space outside the meeting room for public demonstrations.

Can you guarantee that the public will be given a space outside of the meeting room where we can express our free speech rights and engage with the community about this project.

I look forward to your response,

Personally and on Behalf of Utah Tar Sands Resistance.

Ms. Raphael Cordray

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-Andrea Dworkin

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