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Subject: Proposed 80-Mile Line of Railroad: Seven County Infrastructure Coalition
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Hello Mr. Wayland,

I'm attaching the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining's comment letter regarding the Proposed 80-Mile Line of Railroad.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Thank you.

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Subject: Comments Regarding Proposed 80-Mile Line of Railroad – Seven County Infrastructure Coalition, RDCC, Project #68723

Dear Mr. Wayland,

The Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (Division) has reviewed the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition's (the Coalition) proposal to build an approximately 80-mile line of railroad to transport commodities and products into and out of the Uinta Basin in northeastern Utah. The Division does not anticipate any environmental impacts and does not anticipate any permitting or approval will be needed in the Coalition's proposed project.

The Division has been tasked by the Utah Legislature to foster, encourage, and promote the development, production, and utilization of natural resources (namely oil, gas, coal, and minerals) in the State of Utah in a manner that will prevent waste and protect the environment. As a result of these duties, the Division evaluates the prices of natural resources and factors in transportation costs. The proposed project will have a potential positive affect on transportation costs of oil and gas out of the Uinta Basin as all products are transported by truck.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposed project.

Sincerely,



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