

July 7, 2016

Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
ATTN: Docket No. FD 35952
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Mr. Navecky,

This correspondence is in regards to the Great Lakes Basin (GLB) railroad.

My concern about this railroad is in regards to the effects on the McGillivray Drainage District in Salina Township, Bonfield, IL as well as surrounding areas. Where the railroad is proposed to come into Salina Township, Section 1, the railroad would be running over a district funded ditch and 2 district funded tile lines that also provide drainage for Sections 6 & 7 in Limestone Township, Kankakee, IL. As the railroad would proceed south into Sections 12 & 14 in Salina Township, the railroad will cross 3 main tile lines in those 2 sections, again all district funded and maintained. The diameter of those tile lines range from 12" to 24" and are thus responsible for providing much needed drainage to help our soil be as productive as it possibly can.

This district was established in roughly the early 1920s and serves to provide drainage for roughly 3000 acres in Salina and Limestone Townships in Kankakee County, and also Custer Township in Will County, and the tile lines and ditches have served the area farmers very well. I would not want to see that system damaged for all of the good it has provided and still provides in our farming community.

I am opposed to this GLB project as per the reasons listed above.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delbert Dummer".

Delbert Dummer

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