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EI-20485

July 11, 2011

Mr. Craig Potts
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Kentucky Heritage Council
300 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Finance Docket No. 35523, CSX Transportation, Inc.-Acquisition-Louisville Indiana Railroad Company

Dear Mr. Potts:

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") expects to be filing on or about September 1, 2011 with the Surface Transportation Board (the "STB") an application pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §11323 and 49 CFR Part 1180 to acquire a perpetual non-exclusive overhead freight operating easement for joint use over 106.5 miles of the Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company ("LIRC") between Indianapolis, IN, milepost 4.0, and Louisville, KY, milepost 110.5 (the "Line").

The proposed project includes rehabilitation of the Line to FRA Class IV, which will allow freight trains to operate at up to 49 miles per hour and the movement of 286,000 lbs. (286K) carloads including double stack intermodal trains. The rehabilitation is planned to occur over a period of time that may be up to seven years. All of the rehabilitation will be limited to work upon and within existing railroad right of way.

Once the rehabilitation is completed, CSXT intends to reroute trains from its other lines in the Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, and Kentucky region over the Line. The reroute of trains will reduce the use of certain parts of CSXT's current network, specifically that between Louisville, KY and Cincinnati, OH, and create additional capacity on that route. CSXT plans to add up to 15 trains per day between Indianapolis and Seymour, IN; 13 trains per day between Seymour and Jeff Yard, IN; and 16 trains per day between Jeff Yard, IN and Louisville, KY.

As part of the application process CSXT will submit a Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (the "PDEA") to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis ("OEA"). The PDEA will discuss land use, hazardous material, hazardous waste sites, socioeconomic, geology & soils, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, environmental justice, transportation (including the local road network and grade crossing delay & safety), air quality & climate, noise & vibration, energy resources, and proposed mitigation. Attached is a map of the proposed transaction.

CSXT is soliciting your input to assist us with the identification of possible economic, social, or environmental effects that should be considered in preparation of the PDEA. It is anticipated that the STB's OEA will use this information in preparing an Environmental Assessment ("EA") for the proposed transaction. The EA will be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and related environmental laws, including the National Historic Preservation Act. On behalf of CSXT, we request your input by August 1, 2011. Replies should be addressed to:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Wollschlager". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent and the last name "Wollschlager" written in a continuous script.

Mark Wollschlager
Project Manager

Attachment

