



RE: Northwest Tennessee Regional Port Authority Project
Heffner, John D. to: 'Joshua.Wayland@stb.dot.gov'

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Thanks Josh. I have a docket number. It's FD 35802. I have prepared a draft of the petition without actually having seen the right of way or area for construction. Our plan is to try to get a fee waiver based upon the fact the petitioner is a public agency and the area to be served is very, very poor with high unemployment. Chairman Elliott told one of the port's consultants that the project might qualify for a waiver. The fee waiver regulations require that the applicant submit a copy of the filing with the waiver request. I expect to visit the site sometime in the next few weeks. I'd like to wait until the recent cold wave is over before tramping around in a field wearing jeans.

Please note our new address effective 12/09/2013

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From: Joshua.Wayland@stb.dot.gov [<mailto:Joshua.Wayland@stb.dot.gov>]
 Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 3:11 PM
 To: Heffner, John D.
 Subject: Northwest Tennessee Regional Port Authority Project

John,

I have attached two letters, which you will also be receiving in the mail. The first letter approves your request for the waiver of the Six Month Prefiling Notice with regard to the proposed Northwest Tennessee Regional Port Authority rail construction in Lake County, Tennessee. The second letter approves the selection of ENSAFE as a third party consultant in this case; attached with the letter is a disclosure statement, which we are requesting that you supply to ENSAFE so that they can send it to us directly.

I would also recommend that you obtain an STB docket number for the case as soon as possible in order to facilitate our review process. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

(See attached file: Waiver of Six Month Prefiling Notice.pdf) (See attached file: Approval of Third Party Consultant.pdf)

Best regards,

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