

October 16, 2016

Director Victoria Rutson
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Docket No. FD 35952

In light of the fact that there are so many newly affected people due to the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.'s new submitted route, I believe a new commenting period should be officially opened and additional scoping meetings scheduled. I feel a 90 day period should be given to the general public.

I also believe the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. did not do their due diligence in identifying the new route as proposed. One example of new concern on our farm is that we have a USDA, NRCS, Bee Pollinator (at approx. location of MP 175,) directly where the GLBT plans on putting the new Railroad line (as indicated in the picture below, Exhibit A.) These Pollinators are crucial for our country and world as demonstrated from the world's scientists.

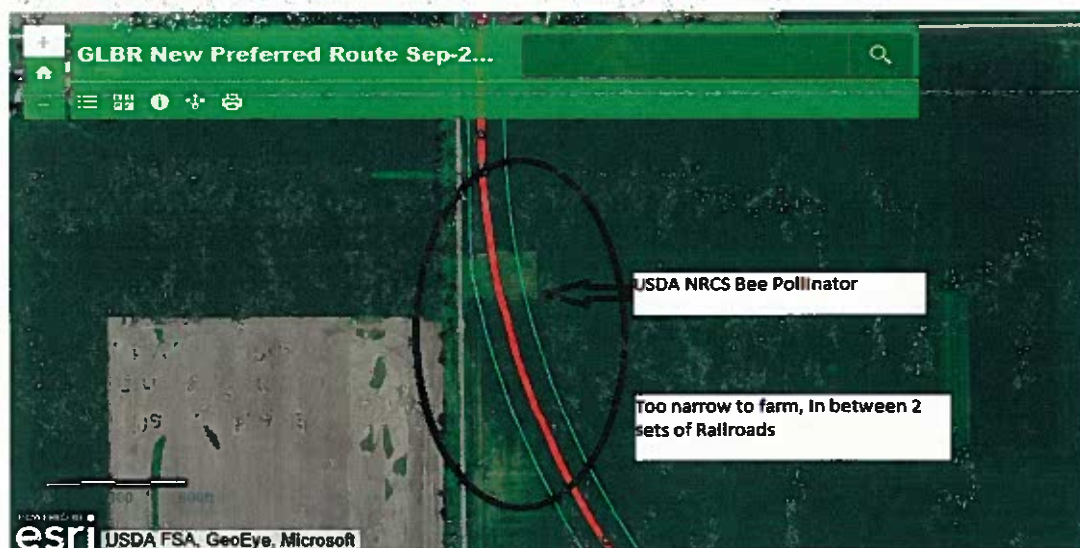
As well as crossing our farm and many other farms in the area on a slant, our farm and most of these farms are planted with large 24 to 30 row Planters (60 to 90 feet,) sprayed with equipment that have spray booms of 150 feet, and harvested with equipment that takes over 200 feet just to turn around. Also included in (Exhibit A) is the picture of the corner where we would need to plant (obviously not big enough.) The Ogle County Farm Bureau has stated the Rail Road should follow existing roadways and section lines.

Warm regards,

Mark Hayes Danette Hayes

Mark and Danette Hayes
Hayes and Hayes Farms
12611 East Mowers Road
Kings, Illinois 61068

Exhibit A



Mark & Danette Hayes
12611 East Mowers Road
Kings, IL 61068



1000392702

CAROL STREAM IL 601

18 OCT 2016 PM 5 L



Director Victoria Rutson
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Docket No. FD 35952
395 E. Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

20423-0001

