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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 35095, The Alaska Railroad Corp. -- Petition For An Exemption
From 49 U.S.C. §10901 To Construct and Operate a Rail Line Extension to Port
MacKenzie, Alaska

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Per your October 9, 2009 request, and on behalf of the Alaska Railroad Corporation and with the support of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, enclosed please find information regarding the proposed terminal reserve.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Kusske Floyd

Enclosure

ARRC'S RESPONSE TO SEA'S OCTOBER 9, 2009 INFORMATION
REQUEST CONCERNING THE PORT MAC TERMINAL RESERVE LOCATION

Per SEA's request, this is to provide updated information on the proposed Port Mac terminal reserve including the length of the terminal reserve area.

Attached hereto is an exhibit showing ARRC's current conceptual design of the Port Mac terminal area (hereinafter "facility"). This conceptual design depicts the facility as envisioned for the Mac East alignment. The body of the facility is no longer expected to be shaped in a uniform rectangle as was initially planned. Its current shape is designed to take into account, among other things, existing topography and land boundaries. Due to its irregular shape, the exact size of the facility is difficult to quantify. However, it is anticipated that the body of the facility (as measured from the power lines on the east end to the west switch for the refueling pad) would be approximately 10,000 feet in length. It is expected that there will be some additional tracks to be used for railroad operating purposes that will be located within the proposed 200-foot right-of-way, and that such tracks may extend beyond this 10,000 feet distance. As shown in the attached exhibit, the majority of the development will be well within the boundary depicted, providing for a natural boundary between the facility and the surrounding area.

For the Mac West alignment, ARRC anticipates that the facility will be nearly identical to Mac East alignment except that the body of the facility will be longer. The expected length of the facility would be 12,000 feet, extending to the west. No conceptual design of the facility for Mac West has been prepared.

