



Re: CSXT LIRC Supplemental Ea
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Dave - 7200 feet is the average per train. Lou

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> On May 20, 2014, at 7:46 AM, "David.Navecky@stb.dot.gov"
 <David.Navecky@stb.dot.gov> wrote:
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 > Lou -
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 > I'm checking in on the status of this last data request. Can you advise?
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 > The incomplete information on train length, in particular, is preventing us
 > from moving forward with the noise analysis.
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 > Thanks,
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 > Dave
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 > Date: 05/13/2014 03:09 PM
 > Subject: Re: CSXT LIRC Supplemental Ea
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 > Lou -
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 > Thanks for the data received so far. We do, however, have some follow-up
 > questions.
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 > Train Length
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 > CSXT stated that the rerouted trains would be "no longer than 7,200 feet"
 > including two locomotives at the front. As train length will affect a
 > number of our calculations (e.g., noise, crossing delay, etc), we want to
 > ensure we use the appropriate number. Shall we assume that all of the
 > rerouted trains under the Proposed Transaction are 7,200 feet long? What
 > is the length of the existing 23 trains on the Indianapolis Line
 > Subdivision? Or shall we assume all of them to be 7,200 feet long?
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 > Train Numbers
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 > To be consistent with the Draft EA, we are using 2011 as the base year and

> 2014 as the forecast year for the Proposed Transaction. Unless we are
> instructed otherwise, we will assume that the existing train numbers on the
> Indianapolis Line Subdivision and other CSXT lines being addressed in the
> Supplemental EA are the same for 2011 and 2014.

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> Train Speed

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> Unless instructed otherwise, we will assume that average train speeds would
> not change under the Proposed Transaction on the Indianapolis Line
> Subdivision and other CSXT rail lines being addressed in the Supplemental
> EA.

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> Train Consist

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> We understand that CSXT is developing the consist information.

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> Floodway Impacts

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> On potential floodway impacts, the potential extension of the Elvin Siding
> would require several culverts to be lengthened to accommodate the siding
> plus the L&I main line. The culverts range in size from small pipes to a
> larger box culvert that conveys Young's Creek under the L&I line (see Photo
> 23 in HDR's Field Visit Memorandum). To respond to comments in EPA's
> October 31, 2013 letter on the Draft EA, HDR's engineers have made some
> assumptions about the lengthening of the culverts and have developed
> preliminary estimates of fill volumes within the floodway. OEA would like
> to know if CSXT intends (i.e., through voluntary mitigation) to design
> these lengthened culverts such that existing flood elevations would remain
> unchanged? If CSXT does not consider the maintenance of existing flood
> elevations at the lengthened culverts to be a reasonable requirement, OEA
> requests that CSXT explain why such a requirement would not be reasonable.
> Based on CSXT's response, OEA may consider recommending the maintenance of
> existing flood elevations with respect to culvert lengthening as an
> OEA-recommended condition.

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> Regarding the replacement of the Flatrock River bridge, OEA understands
> that the intent is to replace the superstructure but reuse the existing
> piers. Therefore, larger piers that might otherwise occupy more volume
> within the floodway, are not being proposed at this time. Additionally,
> the clearance under the replacement bridge would be increased to pass the
> current 100-year flood elevation and could assist in alleviating upstream
> flood risks. Are these correct understandings of what is proposed for the
> bridge replacement? If this is not the case, for example if additional
> piers or piers with larger footprints would be needed, OEA would need to
> estimate the proposed volume of additional fill within the floodway. OEA
> understands that the bridge replacement has not yet been designed, but any
> information that could assist OEA in making this calculation would be
> appreciated (e.g., number of potential new piers).

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> Climate Change

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> OEA recently received a letter from the U.S. Environmental Protection
> Agency (EPA) (see attached) in response to OEA's scoping letter on the
> Supplemental EA. In its letter, EPA requests specific information about
> CSXT's and L&I's plans for responding to global climate change. If either
> railroad has developed such plans, a summary of the scope and nature of the
> plans would be useful.

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> Whether or not any such plans exist, OEA would like to receive a summary of
> procedures that CSXT and L&I likely have in place to respond to extreme

> weather events that could occur in the present time. For example, in
> response to extreme rainfall and flood warnings, do the railroads survey
> the rail lines to ensure rails are not flooded or culverts washed out? Do
> the railroads impose heat orders/reduced travel speeds or survey the rail
> lines in response to high heat events when rails could kink? OEA can
> present response plans for these types of extreme weather events as being
> comparable to what could be expected during climate-change-related extreme
> weather events.
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> Please let me know if you have any questions.
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> Thanks,
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> (See attached file: EI_20453.pdf)
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> Dave - Attached is the current train count by segments and speed. Let me
> know if you have any questions. Lou
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> Thank you.
> [attachment "Average Trains per day in 2013.xlsx" deleted by David
> Navecky/STB]
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