

**TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY**

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August 28, 2014

Ensafe, Inc.
Attention: Brian Yates
5724 Summer Trees Drive
Memphis, TN 38134

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35802, Northwest Tennessee Regional Port Authority – Rail
Construction and Operation – Lake County, Tennessee:
Response to Request for Information and Comments on Proposed 5.5 Mile Rail Line to
Serve the Port of Cates Landing

Dear Mr. Yates:

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has received and reviewed the information that was sent to us regarding the 5.5 Mile rail line to serve the Port of Cates Landing project proposed by the Northwest Tennessee Regional Port Authority in Lake County, Tennessee. Our concerns for this proposed rail line project are potential impacts to streams and wetlands. We request that if streams and/or wetlands are delineated within the project footprint that mitigation for these impacts occur in accordance with state and federal rules and regulations. We also request that the design of the rail line allow the migration of aquatic life through in-stream structures and that hydrology be maintained on both sides of the rail line, if wetlands are delineated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these projects. If you have further questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 615-781-6572 or at Rob.Todd@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert M. Todd".

Robert M. Todd
Fish and Wildlife Environmentalist

cc: Allen Pyburn, Region I Habitat Biologist
Alan Peterson, Region I Manager
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