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Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
Attention: Kenneth Blodgett
Patriots Plaza
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Miles City Field Office has reviewed the Surface Transportation Board (STB) request for participation as a cooperating agency in the Tongue River Railroad Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Accept this letter as confirmation the Miles City Field Office, BLM, will participate with the STB as a cooperating agency.

Thank you and ICF International for coming to our office and introducing yourselves last Wednesday, October 24th. The Miles City Field Office fully understands the complexity and emotion this project has and will continue to generate. We look forward to working with you and meeting these challenges.

During our Wednesday meeting, you invited BLM to participate in the public scoping meetings. At this time, we are considering attendance only at the Miles City scoping meeting. The Miles City Field Office prefers to participate only in our attendance.

Dalice Landers, Realty Specialist, is your point of contact for the BLM-Miles City Field Office. Please feel free to contact Dalice at the above address or call (406) 233-2836.

Sincerely,

Todd D. Yeager
Field Manager