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July 30, 2019

Joshua Wayland, Surface Transportation Board,  
c/o 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031,  
Attention: Environmental filing, Docket No. FD 36284

Subject: Request for extension of the public comment period for the Uinta Basin Railroad (UBRY)  
Environmental filing Docket No. FD 36284

Dear Mr Wayland & Members of the STB,

I am writing to request an extension of the public comment period for scoping of the Uinta Basin Railroad project.

I am a representative from No Coal in Oakland (NCiO), California to the Utah Clean Infrastructure Coalition (UCIC). This improbable relationship exists because the Utah Community Impact Board (CIB), which is funding the Uinta Basin Railroad project, has been part of an outrageous effort, now being litigated in both Federal & state courts, to use federal mitigation funds (intended to improve the lives of people in Utah) in order to help build a coal export terminal in Oakland. The argument is that this is to preserve coal-mining jobs in Utah. In reality it is a disguised subsidy to the Utah coal industry at the expense of the people who have suffered from the effects of coal-mining.

As a resident of Oakland, CA I am inclined to leave Utah matters to people who live there. (We already have enough problems in Oakland & don't need Utah's too.) However I suspect that closer examination of the UBRY will demonstrate that it also is a (thinly) disguised subsidy to the Utah fossil fuel interests. Kindly allow people the time to demonstrate that.

Is Surface Transportation not a national matter & is not your responsibility to the entire United States (which the last time that I looked also included Oakland, CA)? We all need to work together to keep this nation a livable place. Continuing unbridled production of coal, oil & natural gas will doom us.

Again, I urge you to issue an extension of the public comment period for scoping of the Uinta Basin Railroad project to provide the public time to understand the project.

Thank you VERY MUCH.

SINCERELY,

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