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October 4, 2016

Victoria Ruston
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Re: Docket No. FD 35952 Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.

Dear Director Ruston,

I am writing to address the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. (GLBT) response to the STB's Information Request No.1 that was filed on September 20, 2016.

This response contained numerous, significant changes from the GLBT's initial filing with the STB. In their response, GLBT proposed a new Preferred Route that will impact communities and residents not previously affected by their initial proposal. Because of that, many residents along the new Preferred Route did not provide any public comments during the previous Scoping Process.

Since the recent disclosure of these changes, many citizens are expressing concerns that they will not have an opportunity to address potential environmental, social and economic impacts of the new Preferred Route if the STB does not allow a public comment period on the GLBT's response to the information Request No.1.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Surface Transportation Board allow a minimum 60-day public comment period on the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. response to Information Request No.1 to adequately address the new Preferred route and those landowners impacted by these changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Demmer".

Tom Demmer
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