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Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K St, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to you in relation to the DM&E coal train expansion and the 90 day public comment period in relation to the draft Environmental Impact Statement. I believe that the 90 day proposed comment period is inadequate. The government, with all its resources has had 2 1/2 years to study this proposal. The public given its general other responsibilities (family, work, school etc.) and given the timing of this comment period (November and December with public holiday concerns) should have a longer period to study and comment on this proposal. I am asking that you extend the public response period to a minimum of 180 days for this proposal. Thank You.

Sincerely,

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