



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

February 24, 2020

Kathryn Floyd, Esq.
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600 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, District of Columbia 20001

Re: Docket No. FD 36284, Seven County Infrastructure Coalition–Construction & Operation Exemption–in Utah, Carbon, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties, Utah; Information Request #5

Dear Ms. Floyd:

Consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 1506.5(a), the Surface Transportation Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) requests the information listed below, which is necessary for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will be prepared for the above referenced proceeding. The Coalition’s contractor has indicated that information pertaining to many of these items has already been compiled. If so, please provide it as soon as possible. At the latest, please provide all the requested information by **March 9, 2020** in order to avoid unnecessary delays in the environmental review process.

1. Please provide complete Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data for the Whitmore Park Alternative, including all features and elements that have been previously provided for the Indian Canyon Alternative and the Wells Draw Alternative.
2. Please provide a final list of bridges and culverts for each alternative with accompanying GIS data and description information. This list should include bridges, culverts, and other drainage structures for all locations where a water feature was found during the Coalition’s fieldwork. The accompanying information should include all the parameters included in the now-outdated bridge and culvert list previously provided in response to Information Request #3. The accompanying GIS data should include all final bridge and crossing locations referenced in the final list. Please ensure that the final list and accompanying information and GIS identify a

bridge near milepost 14 on the Indian Canyon Alternative and Wells Draw Alternative, where the alignment would cross Willow Creek.

3. For all bridges identified in the final list of bridges and culverts, please indicate if pile driving would be required during installation.
4. Please provide any available information regarding the number of trains that would need to move over the finished portion of the proposed rail line during construction in order to transport construction supplies for each alternative.
5. Please confirm if hot journal and bearing detectors would be installed along the proposed rail line. If available, please identify the planned distance between hot journal and bearing detectors along the proposed rail line.
6. Please provide a corrected version of Table 1 that was submitted in response to Information Request #3. The previously submitted version of this table identifies some communications towers as being located within the proposed rail right-of-way, while the accompanying GIS data appears to show those towers as being located outside of the proposed rail right-of-way. The corrected table should provide accurate information regarding the locations of communication towers in relation to the proposed rail line.
7. Please provide GIS data showing the locations of the proposed permanent access roads described in the Coalition's response to Information Request #3 or confirm that those access roads would be located within the area delineated by the cut and fill lines included in the previously provided GIS data for each alternative.
8. If available, please identify the number or numbers identifying the water rights from which water would be obtained for construction and operation of the proposed rail line.
9. Please describe the method of tunnel construction that would be used to construct each of the proposed tunnels for each alternative.
10. Please provide the round-trip train travel distance in miles that was assumed in developing the diesel fuel consumption estimate provided in the Coalition's response to Information Request #1.
11. Please provide any available information regarding the two proposed grade-separated crossings near milepost 61.00 and milepost 61.06 on the Wells Draw Alternative, including the types of structures and their dimensions.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to receiving this information from you at your earliest convenience, but no later than the date specified above. In addition to Joshua Wayland of my staff, please provide a copy of your response to Debi Rogers of ICF, our independent third-party contractor at 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia, 22031. Please feel free to contact Dr. Wayland at 202-245-0330 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Rutson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and "R".

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis