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Ms. Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Rutson,

This letter responds to your December 13 letter regarding suspension of OEA's environmental review of the Great Lakes Basin Railroad project. Great Lakes Basin continues to prepare its application for authority to construct and operate a new line under 49 U.S.C. §10901(a) and 49 C.F.R. §1150.1. We are preparing the required application content for project overview, information on the proposal, operational data, and financial data. We are holding discussions with potential customers, shippers, and other parties who may file statements in support of the application. These discussions are ongoing and are expected to continue for several more weeks. Accordingly, we are not in a position to file the application at this time.

We suggest that OEA extend suspension of the environmental review process until April 30, 2017, at which time we will either file the application or provide another status report.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Frank Patton
Chairman
Great Lakes Transportation, Inc.