

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Washington, DC 20423

*Office of Environmental Analysis*

September 9, 2016

Jay Johnson  
Venable LLP  
575 Seventh Street NW  
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Re: Docket No. FD 35952, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. —  
Authority to Construct and Operate a Rail Line in Indiana, Illinois, and  
Wisconsin; Information Request #2

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 1506.5(a), we request the information listed below to assist the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in connection with the above-referenced proceeding.

1. Provide the average number of trains per day forecasted for each segment for the first year of operations. Provide a forecast of that traffic for a reasonably foreseeable timeframe after the first year of operations and explain the basis for that timeframe. Define the segments based on points (mileposts) where the number of trains would change. For example, the interchanges with other railroads are likely segment end points.
2. Identify the anticipated average operating speed for trains on each segment.
3. Identify the anticipated average train length for each segment, including the number of locomotives.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to contact me or Ken Blodgett of my staff at 202-245-0305 or by email at [Kenneth.Blodgett@stb.dot.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Blodgett@stb.dot.gov), if you have any questions. I would appreciate two copies of your response, one sent to Ken Blodgett and one sent to Alan Summerville of ICF International, our independent third-party consultant. We look forward to receiving this information at your earliest convenience, but no later than November 10, 2016.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson,  
Director

Office of Environmental Analysis

cc: Kathryn Floyd