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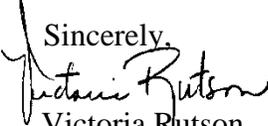
Re: Docket No. FD 35952, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. — Authority to Construct and Operate a Rail Line in Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin; Information Request #3

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 in preparing the Environmental Impact Statement in connection with the above-referenced proceeding.

1. Elaborate on your response to Information Request #1, Question #1, by providing and explaining the end-to-end travel time and corresponding rail line length above which the project would not be commercially feasible.
2. Elaborate on your response to Information Request #1, Question #6, by providing and explaining the dimensions of a reasonably foreseeable Railport that would accommodate the project purpose and be consistent with anticipated operations. Also explain the relevance of ready access to the Interstate Highway system to GLBT's purpose for the proposed project. Based on these characteristics (in addition to relatively flat and unobstructed, etc.), what locations in addition to the proposed location in Manteno would be feasible?
3. Provide GIS information for GLBT's new preferred route comparable to the information provided by GLBT for other routes in response to Information Request #1.
4. Provide further explanation of the relevance of (1) the Kingsbury Branch connection to South Shore Freight and (2) connection to the City of Rochelle Railroad (at approximately MP 163.5 of the new preferred route) as they relate to the purpose of the proposed project.
5. Identify whether there are any specific locations ("anchor points") along the preferred route that must be considered in the development of reasonable alternatives for the proposed rail line. If so, explain why the anchor points are necessary for the feasibility of the proposed project.

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.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, our independent third-party consultant. We look forward to receiving this information at your earliest convenience, but no later than November 30, 2016.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson,
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

cc: Kathryn Floyd