



GREAT LAKES BASIN TRANSPORTATION, INC.

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

Re: Finance Docket No. 35952, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.

Dear Ms. Rutson,

I am writing to request a temporary suspension of the environmental review process for GLBT's project. As you know, GLBT has responded to all outstanding requests for information from your office. GLBT believes that pausing the environmental review process at this point will allow it to finish preparing our application for authority to construct and operate its proposed rail line, which will provide the OEA with a more complete overview of the project's business and operating impacts.

I very much appreciate the careful attention your office has given this project. I look forward to being in touch soon and continuing to work with you as the project moves forward.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Patton".

Frank Patton