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VIA EMAIL

Vicki Rutson
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Re: Finance Docket No. 35952, Great Lakes Basin Railroad Project

Dear Vicki:

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §1105.10(d), Great Lakes Basin, LLC requests that the Office of Environmental Analysis ("OEA") approve the use of a third-party consultant, to be selected by OEA, to work under the supervision of OEA in the preparation of the environmental documentation required under 49 C.F.R. Part 1105 in connection with the above-captioned matter.

Great Lakes Basin wishes to inform OEA that it would have no objection if OEA were to select ICF International as the third-party consultant. ICF International is among the third-party consultants pre-approved by OEA for use in the environmental studies.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Kusske Floyd

cc: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Dave Navecky
Frank Patton