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Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Room 504
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

RE: Perry Rail Extension-Third Party Consultant

Dear Section Chief Rutson:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1105.10(d), the Taylor County Development Authority (TCDA) seeks the authority of the Surface Transportation Board (STB) for the retention of Golder as the third-party consultant to develop the appropriate environmental documentation for the proposed construction of an approximately 24-mile extension route to be constructed running generally east from the Taylor county mining area to the Georgia Florida Railroad (GFR) owned by OmniTRAX. From this intersection, approximately 16 miles of existing GFR railroad would need to be upgraded to interchange with the CSX in Greenville, Florida.

A description of the proposed construction is also included in the letter requesting waiver of the six month prefilng notice.

If approved, we propose to retain Golder as the consultant company to develop the necessary environmental documents on behalf of the Section on Environmental Analysis (SEA). The primary contact for the project will be Jon Shaw.

While Golder's fees would be paid by the Perry Rail Extension Project, Golder will work under SEA's direction and supervision. Any environmental documents and information collected would be forwarded to SEA and would be used by SEA, in conjunction with Golder, to develop the environmental document.

Golder has been previously approved by the STB to prepare third-party environmental documents. Therefore, we believe that Golder would be the appropriate third-party consultant and we request your approval to retain Golder.

If you have questions regarding the above information please do not hesitate to call me at (850) 584-5627

Sincerely,

Rick Breer, Director
Taylor County Development Authority