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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Brown,

Today I received a copy of a submission by Griswold LaSalle Cobb Dowd & Gin L.L.P. regarding STB Finance Docket No. 35724 (Sub-No. 1). After reading the document, I note that the California High Speed Rail Authority (CAHSRA) was directed by your Board to notify all parties who had participated in the original Petition filed March 19, 2013. You directed the CAHSRA to notify all parties by January 3, 2014.

I have not received any correspondence from the CAHRA regarding their second filing in September. More specifically, I have not received any notice from the CAHSRA as of today, January 22, 2014 for either the Petition for Exemption or a copy of the Board's December 20, 2013 decision. Apparently the CAHSR is not proceeding in good faith in this matter and has neglected to notify most of the parties who had participated in the original Petition. In light of this lack of required notification, these parties have missed the January 21, 2013 deadline to notify your Board of their intent to participate in the proceedings regarding this second filing.

I respectfully request to be allowed to participate in the proceedings. Additionally, I think it prudent to require that the CAHSRA properly notice the remainder of those parties who had participated in the original filing as soon as possible. Since the CAHSRA did not follow your requirement regarding noticing, it seems reasonable to adjust the comment period accordingly, once proper notice has been given.

I look forward to hearing your response on this matter.

Best Regards,



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