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Re: Finance Docket No. 35952
Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.
Authority to Construct and Operate a Rail Line in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin

Notice of Appearance and Request for Party of Record Status Request for Extensions of Time

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please record our Notice of Appearance on behalf of, and accord Party of Record Status to the Illinois Agricultural Association a/k/a the Illinois Farm Bureau® and the following County Farm Bureaus listed below.

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Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau
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We participated in the environmental phase of the above proceeding, by filing in F.D. No. 35952 extensive comments on the Draft Scope of Study for the Environmental Impact Statement and now desire to become parties of record to the proposed track construction, represented by undersigned counsel.

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To: Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Re: Finance Docket No. 35952, *Great Lakes Basin
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The Illinois Farm Bureau and these County Farm Bureaus represent business owners, active farmers, community leaders and landowners who will be negatively impacted if the new rail line and "railport" proposed by the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. ("GLBT") is approved as proposed through these counties. The Illinois Farm Bureau and these County Farm Bureaus intend to actively participate in further proceedings in this docket and request that they be added to the Official Service List as parties of Record.

The Illinois Farm Bureau and these County Farm Bureaus hereby join in and adopt the request for extensions of time e-filed on May 3, 2017 by Attorney Thomas F. McFarland, Law Offices of Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., on behalf of "Opposition Groups" listed therein and reasons stated therein, to-wit:

1. For written comments on GLBT's application as provided in 49 CFR § 1150.20(g), an extension of 55 days, so that written comments can be filed within 90 days of the filing of the application; and
2. An extension of 15 days to reply to GLBT's Motion for Protective Order, resulting in a total of 35 days to file that reply, i.e., 20 days under 49 CFR § 1104.13(a) plus the requested 15-day extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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