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Mr. Alexander Dusenberry
Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Mr. Dusenberry:

We hereby request one copy each of the year __2021__ confidential Carload Waybill Sample of railroad traffic originating, terminating, or passing through the state of __Utah__. In addition, we ask that access to the requested data be granted to S&P Global, so that the firm can provide a database connected to the Utah Statewide Logistics Study being conducted by the Utah Inland Port Authority.

Project Purpose

The Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA) is a state corporation of Utah, established by the state legislature in 2018 under S.B.234 to maximize long-term economic benefits in Utah by developing and optimizing economic project areas and logistics-based infrastructure. In support of its mission, UIPA is currently developing the Utah Statewide Logistics Strategy, which will guide UIPA's partnerships and investments in logistics-related projects. The objectives of this strategy include documenting current commodity flows and logistics infrastructure assets in Utah, identifying logistics needs, issues, and opportunities, identifying potential partnerships, and developing a statewide logistics strategy as well as individualized strategies for select project areas within Utah.

To create this strategy, UIPA and its consultants (CPCS Transcom Inc. and WSP) need information on the movement of commodities into, out of, and through counties in Utah. This commodity flow information is foundational to understanding the current operation of Utah's freight and logistics system and provides context for strategic planning efforts such as commodity flow mapping, Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats analysis, and development of strategy recommendations.

Necessity of the Confidential Carload Waybill Sample

Access to the Confidential Carload Waybill Sample data is necessary because of the level of geographic detail it provides. UIPA will be developing tailored logistics strategies for specific regions of Utah, which include some individual Utah counties and select groups of Utah counties. In order for these county- and region-level strategies to be effective, they must be tailored to the unique logistics context of each area. Therefore, the Confidential Carload Waybill Sample is necessary because it provides the geographic detail required to create estimates of county-level railroad commodity flows into, through, and out of Utah's counties. Utah's counties vary in size and economic composition, therefore, the level of detail present in the public waybill sample is insufficient for this county-level commodity flow analysis.

How the Confidential Carload Waybill Sample will be Used

UIPA and its consultants have engaged with S&P to purchase S&P's Transearch commodity flow database product for the state of Utah. The Transearch product will provide the detailed Utah county-level commodity flow information necessary to inform this planning effort. As part of creation of the Transearch dataset for Utah, S&P will analyze the 2021 Confidential Carload Waybill Sample data in conjunction with the application of S&P's own proprietary commodity flow models and data to create an estimate the total railroad-borne commodity tonnage and commodity value originating and terminating in Utah's counties, as well as routing of commodities to origin and destination regions elsewhere in the United States. A finished commodity flow database including this synthesized county-level railroad commodity flow information will be provided to UIPA and CPCS for use in the strategy development process.

The specific confidential waybill information will remain confidential; any findings that use STB confidential waybill sample data will be presented in compliance with STB confidentiality rules and shared with STB for approval prior to publication.

The names and contact information of staff who will work directly with the data:

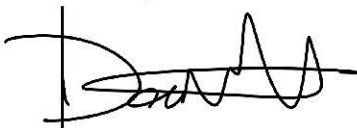
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Data years needed: Only 2021 data is needed for this application.

Geography requested: Utah

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Dain Maher. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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