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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Andrea Poole
Docket No. FD 36652
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Poole,

Thank you for your letter dated December 7, 2023 providing information on the construction and operation of a new railroad bridge across the Rio Grande River near El Paso, Maverick County, Texas. Building an international railroad and commercial road bridge that connects the United States and Mexico at this location will require a Coast Guard bridge permit. We request to be made a cooperating agency for the project.

Coast Guard bridge permitting requirements are contained in the Coast Guard Bridge Permit Application Guide which can be found at the following website. I also emailed you a copy of this guide today. <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Marine-Transportation-Systems-CG-5PW/Office-of-Bridge-Programs/Bridge-Permit-Application-Process/>.

Please call me if you need further information or would like to discuss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Blakemore".

Doug Blakemore
Bridge Administration Branch Chief
U.S. Coast Guard
By direction of the District Commander