

**CIRI**

March 14, 2011

Mr. Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Mr. Navecky:

Thank you for providing Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) with the draft Programmatic Agreement regarding the Alaska Railroad Construction and Operation of a Rail Line Extension to Port MacKenzie, Alaska, and STB Docket No. 35095. Based upon review of the draft agreement and likely CIRI interests affected by the project, CIRI has determined that its participation in the Programmatic Agreement as a Concurring Party is unnecessary.

While CIRI has decided that it will not be a party to the Programmatic Agreement, we do intend to monitor Railroad activities which may affect cultural resources in the project area. Accordingly, please keep CIRI on applicable mailing lists, with notices and materials sent to my attention unless otherwise directed.

Thank you for your continued consideration in this process.

Sincerely,

Cook Inlet Region, Inc.

Kim Cunningham
Senior Director, Land and Resources

cc: Knik Tribal Council (via e-mail)