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To:	OPAGAC Staff - Email
Cc:	Gosselin, Danielle
Subject:	FW: Request for Guidance on STB Rules for Community Petition Drives – Puerto Verde Projects (STB Docket No. FD 36652)
Date:	Thursday, November 13, 2025 10:00:00 AM

Forwarding to your office for general public outreach information. Environmental decision (EIS) is complete. Timeline for transportation merits, and overall decision are unknown.

Many thanks,

Andrea
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Dear Andrea Poole,

I am writing to respectfully request detailed information regarding the **Surface Transportation Board's rules and procedures for community petition drives** related to projects under your jurisdiction. Specifically, I seek clarification on how community members who are **directly impacted by the Puerto Verde Projects (STB Docket No. FD 36652)** may formally submit a petition for consideration by the Board.

According to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process record, it was noted that approximately **680 notifications were sent to impacted community members** who may be affected by the Puerto Verde Projects. To ensure that our community's participation complies fully with STB standards, I would appreciate your guidance on the following:

1. **Signature Requirements**
    - Would a community petition require a similar number of signatures (approximately 680) to demonstrate that the project is not in the community's interest?
    - Is there a minimum number of signatures required for the petition to be formally accepted or considered?

- Must all signatures appear on **certified petition sheets**, or are other formats—such as digital petitions or written statements—acceptable?

2. **Signer Information and Format**

    - Should each signer **print and sign** their name, or is one method sufficient?
    - Must the signer provide their **home address**, **precinct**, or other identifying information?
    - Is a **phone number** or email address required for verification purposes?
    - What other information, if any, must be included by each signer or by the individual submitting the petition?

3. **Submission Procedures and Limitations**

    - Are there **limitations or quotas**, such as a required number of signatures per precinct, district, or geographic area?
    - What are the **deadlines** for returning completed petitions, and to **whom** should they be submitted?
    - Once petitions are submitted, what is the **review process**, and what steps occur next?

Any specific references to **STB rules, precedents, or procedural guidelines** regarding citizen-initiated petitions would be greatly appreciated. This information will help ensure that the community's participation is accurate, valid, and consistent with the Board's standards.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance. I look forward to your guidance on how impacted residents may properly organize and submit a petition related to this matter.

Sincerely,
Jose A. Corpus, EPBC Board Member