Appendix J: Agency and Tribal Consultation

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Section of Environmental Analysis

April 1, 2003

State Director
Bureau of Land Management
Utah State Office
P.O. Box 45155
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Re: Finance Docket No. 34075, Six County Association of Governments – Construction and Operation – Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah

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Provo, UT 84606-7317

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U.S. Department of Energy
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Grand Junction, CO 81503

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U.S. Geological Survey
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2329 Orton Circle
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On July 30, 2001, the Six County Association of Governments (SCAOG) comprising the Utah counties of Sevier, Juab, Sanpete, Millard, Piute, and Wayne applied to the Surface Transportation Board (Board) for authority to construct and operate a 43-mile line of new single-track rail line in Sanpete, Sevier, and Juab Counties, Utah.

The proposed rail line would begin at the connection with Union Pacific Railroad's (UP) mainline near Levan, Utah (see attached Figure 1). The connection at UP would be a wye between the Juab and Sharp Sidings. The alignment would go southward and east of Chicken Creek Reservoir, a man-made irrigation reservoir. The alignment would generally follow a path near an existing power transmission line that goes through the center of the Juab Plain, which consists of the valley between the South Hills to the west and the Skinner Peaks area to the east.

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The alignment continues southward along the western side of the Sevier Valley near areas where the foothills intersect with irrigated farmlands. The alignment continues southward on the valley's western side, passing on the west side of the town of Redmond. South of Redmond, the alignment bears east toward the center of the valley.

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SEA has retained HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) to assist SEA in preparing the environmental document for this proposal. We have assigned an environmental team member from HDR to provide any assistance you may need. The team member will contact you shortly to ensure your receipt of this letter and answer any questions you may have.

If you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact Phillis Johnson-Ball, SEA's Environmental Project Manager, at (202) 565-1530 (e-mail address: johnson-ballp@stb.dot.gov). If you have questions concerning agency coordination and responses, or need specific information about the proposed project, please contact Rick Black at (801) 281-8892.

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to working with you during the environmental review process for the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Chief
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We would value any information you could provide at these early stages of the environmental review process. We would also appreciate a response within 45 days of your receipt of this letter regarding your interest in acting as a consulting party for Section 106 purposes. Kiindly indicate on the enclosed postcard if you would like to act as a consulting party for this project and if you have an interest in receiving a review copy of the full cultural resources survey report. Please also inform us if you do not wish to receive additional information regarding the project.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that any tribal concerns about this project are included as part of the Section 106 and NEPA processes. If you have any questions regarding this letter or require further information, please do not hesitate to call Catherine Glidden at (202) 565-1542 (gliddenc@stb.dot.gov) of my staff. For additional information about the Board, please refer to our web site at http://www.stb.dot.gov

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Postcard for return

May 7, 2003

Wayne Norwall, Regional Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
P.O. Box 10
Phoenix, AZ 85001

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October 8, 2003

Wayne Norwall
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pheonix, AZ 85001

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Lora Tom
Paiute Tribe of Utah
Cedar City, UT 84720

Re: Finance Docket No. 34075, Six County Association of Governments – Construction and Operation – Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah

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Maxine Natchees
Uta Indian Tribe
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

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Amos Murphy
Goshute Indian Tribe
Ibapah, UT 84034

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Leon Bear
Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians
Salt Lake City, UT 84115

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Melvin Brewster
Cultural Resource Director
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Wayne Taylor
The Hopi Tribe
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Koosharem Band, Southern Paiute Tribe
Kanosh Band, Southern Paiute Tribe
440 North Paiute Drive
Cedar City, UT 84720

To: Ms. Dorena Martineau

From: Catherine Glidden, Surface Transportation Board

Date: November 20, 2006

Subject: Section 106 Consultations in Finance Docket No. 34075, Six County Association of Governments – Construction and Operation – Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah

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Section of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Project Map and Table of Resources
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P.O. Box 6104
Ibapah, UT 84034

To: Chairman Robert Steele

From: Catherine Glidden, Surface Transportation Board

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From: Catherine Glidden, Surface Transportation Board

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From: Catherine Glidden, Surface Transportation Board

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
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To:

From: Victoria Rutson, Surface Transportation Board

Date: March 7, 2006

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To: Ms. Dorena Martineau

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