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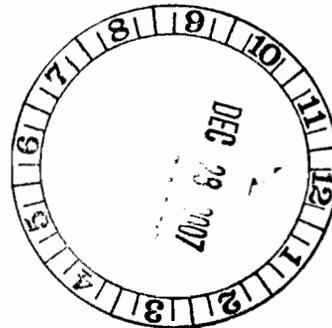
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Victoria Rutson
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Finance Docket No. 35095, The Alaska Railroad Corp. -- Petition For An Exemption From 49 U.S.C. §10901 To Construct and Operate a Rail Line Extension to Port MacKenzie, Alaska

Dear Ms. Rutson:

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §1105.10(d), The Alaska Railroad Corporation ("ARRC") hereby requests that the Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA") approve the use of a third-party consultant, to be selected by SEA, to work under the supervision of SEA in the preparation of the environmental documentation required under 49 C.F.R. Part 1105 in connection with the above-captioned matter.

ARRC wishes to inform SEA that it would have no objection if SEA were to select ICF International as the third-party consultant. ICF International is among the third-party consultants pre-approved by SEA for use in environmental studies.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kathryn Kusske Floyd in cursive.

Kathryn Kusske Floyd

cc: David C. Navecky
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