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January 14, 2008

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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:

Enclosed for your information in the above-captioned proceeding, please find the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project -- Preliminary Environmental and Alternatives Report ("Report") dated January 2008. This Report was prepared for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Alaska Railroad Corporation by HDR Alaska, Inc. and TNH-Hanson, LLC.

The Report is contained in a four volume set as follows:

Volume 1 – Preliminary Environmental and Alternatives Report

Volume 2 – Appendices

Volume 3—Conceptual Plan Set

Volume 4 – Public Involvement Activities Summary

I am also enclosing the executed Disclosure Statement from ICF International, the firm selected by SEA to be the independent third-party contractor for this matter.

NOTE FROM SEA: The four-volume report referenced in this letter is available for review at the STB's offices in Washington, DC. Please contact Dave Navecky at 202-245-0294 to make an appointment to review the subject report.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Floyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "K" and "F".

Kathryn Kusske Floyd

cc: David C. Navecky (w/out encl.)
Alan Summerville, ICF (w/encl. 4 CDs)
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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

On behalf of ICF Incorporated, L.C.C. (ICF), I certify that ICF has no financial or other interests in the outcome of the prospective petition in STB Finance Docket No. 35095, The Alaska Railroad Corporation – Petition for Exemption to Construct and Operate a Rail Line Extension to Port MacKenzie, Alaska.

Signature: 

Printed Name: Laurence M. Rose

Title: Vice President, Director of Contracts

Date: 1/11/8