



***SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD***

***Washington, DC 20423***

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Office of Environmental Analysis

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Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Mont.; Information Request # 5

Dear Mr. Coburn:

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 1506.5(a), we are requesting the information listed below, which is necessary for the Office of Environmental Analysis' Environmental Impact Statement in connection with the above-referenced proceeding.

1. Please provide the typical consist – number of locomotives, number of cars, and approximate overall length – of through trains operated by BNSF. We realize that the consists vary based on a variety of factors. We are not requesting information specific to the commodity or the route. Rather, we are requesting that you provide consist information that is typical (e.g., average, median) of your overall operations in the Midwest and Pacific Northwest regions.
2. Does BNSF implement a fire prevention, minimization, and control plan for rail-induced fires in Montana? If so, will the same plan be implemented for TRRC operations? Please provide a copy of the plan.
3. Provide the estimated construction cost for the revised Colstrip Alternative in 2013 dollars.

We look forward to receiving this information at your earliest convenience and no later than May 19, 2014. Please provide a copy of your response to Mr. Ken Blodgett of my staff at 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20423, 202-245-0305 (email address: [Kenneth.Blodgett@stb.dot.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Blodgett@stb.dot.gov)) and to Mr. Alan Summerville of ICF International, our independent third-party contractor, at 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia, 22031, 703-

934-3616 (email address: [Alan.Summerville@icfi.com](mailto:Alan.Summerville@icfi.com)). Please feel free to contact Mr. Blodgett or me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and a long, sweeping underline.

Victoria Rutson  
Director  
Office of Environmental Analysis