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Re: Docket No. FD 34797 (Sub-No. 1), New England Transrail, LLC, d/b/a  
Wilmington & Woburn Terminal Railway—Construction, Acquisition &  
Operation Exemption—in Wilmington and Woburn, Mass.; First Information  
Request

Dear Mr. Heffner:

We have reviewed the Petition for Exemption submitted by New England Transrail, LLC, dated June 24, 2016 in connection with the above referenced proceeding. Consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 1506.5(a), we request the following information to assist the Office of Environmental Analysis in conducting the environmental review in this case.

1. Please provide specific details about what would be included in Phase II of the proposed project.
2. Please provide the anticipated number of round trip trains per day during both Phase I and Phase II of the proposed project. Also, indicate the anticipated number of locomotives and rail cars. What time would trains operate (during day or at night)?
3. The Petition for Exemption states that trains would enter the site from both the east and west sides of the property. Please describe in detail how operations would occur from the point of entry via train.
4. Identify how often and how long the crossing at Eames Street would be closed during operations.
5. Describe the average daily volume of truck traffic expected during Phase I and Phase II of the proposed project.
6. Describe the route(s) the trucks would take to access and leave the facility.

7. Provide details on the alternative sites that were examined as part of site selection. What criteria were used as part of this examination?
8. Please provide any additional information on commodities to be moved especially the liquid natural gas, biofuels, and glycols (de-icers). For example, provide details on the materials themselves, including quantities and how they would be handled, loaded/unloaded and stored.
9. Of the 10,838 feet of new and rehabilitated track stated in the Petition for Exemption, how much of this would be newly constructed track?
10. Please provide all electronic maps included in the June 24, 2016 filing.
11. Does NET plan to clear trees as part of the proposed project? If so, please provide details.

We look forward to receiving this information at your earliest convenience and no later than September 16, 2016. Please provide a copy of your response to Ms. Danielle Gosselin of my staff, 202-245-0300 (email address: [danielle.gosselin@stb.dot.gov](mailto:danielle.gosselin@stb.dot.gov)) and to Ms. Elizabeth Diller of ICF International, our independent third-party contractor, 561-429-6209 (email address: [elizabeth.diller@icfi.com](mailto:elizabeth.diller@icfi.com)). Please feel free to contact Ms. Gosselin if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Director  
Office of Environmental Analysis

cc: Robert Jones, New England Transrail, LLC  
Ron Klempner, New England Transrail, LLC