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VIA FACSIMILE

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Charles D. Nottingham, Chairman
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423

RE: FD35106; U.S. DOE/Caliente Rail Line

Dear Chairman Nottingham:

It is our understanding that the Department of Energy's application to construct and operate a new rail line, know as the "Caliente Rail Line," is in the review process under your jurisdiction.

Eureka County is an affected unit of local government under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, and participates with other AULGs to enhance public participation opportunities and activities for our citizens regarding the complex Yucca Mountain project.

It is our understanding that Clark County, Nevada, and other AULGs have requested that the Surface Transportation Board staff provide a workshop in Nevada for the Affected Units of Local Government regarding STB's process as the rail application moves forward under your jurisdiction.

We are writing to notify you that Eureka County fully supports the request for such a workshop, and will be an active participant when it is scheduled.

We encourage you to take the initiative to provide the AULGs and citizens of Nevada with the information they need to understand your process and participate.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Ronald Damele

cc: Affected Units of Local Government
Nevada Nuclear Waste Project Office