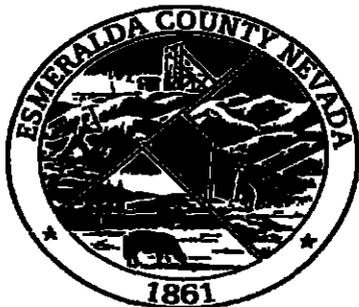


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Honorable Ann K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-001

May 7, 2008

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35106
*United States Department of Energy - Rail Construction and Operation
- Caliente Rail Line in Lincoln, Nye, and Esmeralda Counties, Nevada*
Notice of Intent to Participate

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

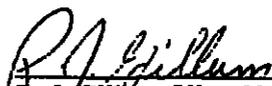
We are writing in response to the Surface Transportation Board, Notice of Construction and Operation Application and Adoption of Procedural Schedule, published in the Federal Register, on April 16, 2008.

Pursuant to the Board's Notice, we Esmeralda County Board of County Commissioners hereby provide notice of intent to participate in this proceeding as a party of record. We respectfully request that we receive copies of all filings, submissions, discovery requests and responses, notices, and decisions made in this proceeding.

We would prefer to provide and receive service of copies by email using the address above provided. Should you have any questions please contact Edwin Mueller, Esmeralda County Oversight Director *Yucca Mountain Project* at (702) 810-8988 or through the above return E-mail.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


R. J. Gillum, Vice Chairman

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