

**ATTACHMENT:**

**Federal Authority Advice Record**

**Response due by October 15, 2020**

Great Sandhills Railway Switching Operation at North West Terminal Project

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1. Is it probable that your department or agency may be required to exercise a power or perform a duty or function related to the Project to enable it to proceed?

If yes, specify the Act of Parliament and that power, duty or function.

The railway spurs/loops are privately owned by the Proponent, Great Sandhills Railway (GSR) and therefore are not part of a federally regulated railway network. As such, this project does not require approval under section 98 of the Canada Transportation Act.

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2. Is your department or agency in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge that may be relevant to the conduct of an impact assessment of the Project?

Specify as appropriate.

John Woodward; Senior Environmental Officer; Contact information provided above.

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3. Has your department or agency considered the Project; exercised a power or performed a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project; or taken any course of action that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part?

Specify as appropriate.

The Canadian Transportation Agency does not have an interest in this project as it does not require approval under section 98 of the Canada Transportation Act, a company shall not construct a railway line without the approval of the Canadian Transportation Agency.

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4. Has your department or agency had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project? (for example, enquiry about methodology, guidance, or data; introduction to the project)

Provide an overview of the information or advice exchanged.

No previous contact or involvement.

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5. Does your department or agency have additional information or knowledge not specified, above?

Specify as appropriate.

No additional information or knowledge.

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6. From the perspective of the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your department or agency, what are the issues that should be addressed in the impact assessment of the Project, should the Agency determine that an impact assessment is required?

For each issue discussed, provide a concise, plain-language summary that is appropriate for inclusion in the Summary of Issues.

The proposed project description, which includes potential environmental effects from the construction and operation of railway spurs/loops from North West Terminal (NWT) to CN's and CP's mainline, characterizes environmental effects, however it is outside of the Canadian Transportation Agencies mandate.

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