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Subject:

August 19th Meeting with Harriman City concerning the South Harriman R/R crossings

Ralph:

Please review and forward this e-mail to Nathan Burris if you concur.

Thanks,

Nathan:

Re: August 19th Meeting with Harriman City concerning the South Harriman R/R crossings.

As we discussed after our meeting Tuesday regarding the proposed coal receiving railroad, I called the Mayor's office to inquire about the City's meeting next Tuesday. The focus of the meeting will be the two existing at-grade crossings on Hwy 27 in South Harriman. There are two issues that are to be discussed. (1) Recent crossing maintenance by Norfolk Southern has resulted in the crossing being not as smooth as some people think it should be. (2) In recent months it is claimed that an ambulance bound for the hospital was delayed for thirty minutes due to a train in the crossing.

Apparently the hospital administrator contacted state senator Lincoln Davis regarding this matter. The senator in turn contacted Wayne Pew who works for the state (D.O.T. or Public Service Commission) regarding railroad issues. Since this crossing is on the portion of the access railroad that is owned by Norfolk Southern and is their maintenance responsibility, the meeting Tuesday is primarily between the state, City of Harriman, and Norfolk Southern. The Mayor said he thought TVA should be present at this meeting.

There is a strong possibility that related issues regarding the proposed new coal receiving railroad or road closures to support Norfolk Southern delivering PRB coal will come up. I will be at Kingston Fossil Plant by 9:30 am Tuesday and will be available to discuss this further before we attend the meeting at 11:00 am if you desire.

If you have any questions please call me.

Thanks,

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